



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 23 October 2025 — No. 9

**President of the National Assembly:
Madam Nathalie Roy**

The Assembly was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Ms. Bourassa (Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré) made a statement to underline the heroic action of Mr. Jean-Philippe Noël.

Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) made a statement to underline National Autonomous Community Action Week.

Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon) made a statement to underline the work of the team behind the newspaper *The Gleaner*.

Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) made a statement to underline the contribution of the community sector to the well-being of Quebecers.

Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) made a statement to congratulate Mr. Samuel Bolduc, gold medallist at the Skills Canada National Competition.

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Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) made a statement to ask the Government to begin the work necessary to make Chemin Manawan safe.

Mr. Provençal (Beauce-Nord) made a statement to congratulate the award recipients at the Gala des Perséides of the Chambre de commerce et d'industrie Nouvelle-Beauce.

Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) made a statement to pay tribute to the memory of Ms. Gabie Renaud and to the courage of her sister, Ms. Rachel Renaud.

Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines) made a statement to pay tribute to the volunteers and partners of Commanderie de l'Érable.

Mr. Lafrenière (Vachon) made a statement to congratulate the Société historique et culturelle du Marigot for the launch of the book *Longueuil, un avenir prometteur*.

Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 45th anniversary of the organization Option Femmes.

Ms. Dionne (Rivière-du-Loup-Témiscouata) made a statement to congratulate the Association des riverains du lac Saint-Hubert, recipient of the Anselme Gagné award.

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At 9:54 a.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:05 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, tabled the following:

The report on the implementation of the *Act respecting the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec*, dated October 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 226-20251023)

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, tabled the following:

The 2025–2029 strategic plan of the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse.

(Sessional Paper No. 227-20251023)

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The President tabled the following:

A letter, dated 23 October 2025, she had received from Mr. Legault, Premier, asking that the President take the necessary measures for the National Assembly to meet for extraordinary sittings on Friday, 24 October 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m., according to the calendar and timetable established by the Assembly, to permit the introduction of a bill mainly to establish collective responsibility with respect to the improvement of access to medical services and to ensure the continued provision of these services, and to carry out all stages of its consideration;

(Sessional Paper No. 228-20251023)

The 2024–2025 activity and management report of the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse.

(Sessional Paper No. 229-20251023)

Presenting Petitions

Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on opposition to the budget cuts imposed on the Cégep network, signed by 11,102 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 230-20251023)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) withdrew certain comments deemed unparliamentary.

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Deferred Divisions

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 22 October 2025, on the motion moved by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge that, after seven years in government, the Coalition Avenir Québec is still unable to deliver on its promise to reform the forestry regime;

THAT it recall that, in the context of U.S. tariffs, reforming the forestry regime is more than ever necessary to provide greater predictability for the industry and ensure that Québec remains competitive in attracting investment, and to safeguard the economic impact of this sector;

THAT it recall that the forest industry represents tens of thousands of jobs in various regions of Québec, and that many forestry workers are currently unemployed following the closure of factories in their regions;

THAT, lastly, it condemn the current Government's lack of courage and denounce its outright abandonment of our regions, our forest communities and, above all, our forest workers.

The motion was negated on the following vote:

(Division No. **43** in Appendix)

Yeas: **30** Nays: **70** Abstentions: **0**

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Motions Without Notice

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) and Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, moved a motion on fighting homelessness; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, together with Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved:

THAT the National Assembly recall that the role of professional orders is to protect the public;

THAT it affirm that when a professional order questions actions that may jeopardize this protection, it has a duty to act and report them;

THAT it recall that professional orders are independent from political power;

THAT it affirm its trust in the Collège des médecins and its president.

The question was put on this motion, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 44 in Appendix)

Yeas: **99** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **1**

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Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine), together with Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved a motion on negotiations with physicians; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), moved a motion on children from immigrant backgrounds receiving educational childcare services; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, convened the following committees:

- the Committee on Culture and Education, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 94, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 104, An Act to amend various provisions in particular to follow up on certain requests from the municipal sector;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 112, An Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada;
- the Committee on Culture and Education, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 109, An Act to affirm the cultural sovereignty of Québec and to enact the Act respecting the discoverability of French-language cultural content in the digital environment.

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And, by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 143, he convened the following committee:

- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to continue its public hearings within the framework of a general consultation on the consultation paper entitled “Planning of Immigration to Québec for the 2026–2029 Period”.

Ms. D’Amours, Second Vice-President, gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Health and Social Services shall hold deliberative meetings to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on a request for better access to speech therapist services in the Côte-Nord region and to discuss the possibility of examining petitions on a request to ensure equitable access to social care and services in remote regions.

Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Ms. D’Amours, Second Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Friday, 31 October 2025, Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) would question Ms. Proulx, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, during an interpellation on the CAQ government’s broken promises: women are not adequately protected.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, moved the passage of Bill 101, An Act to improve certain labour laws.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried on division and, accordingly, Bill 101 was passed.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Friday, 24 October 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 12:32 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Friday, 24 October 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in order that, at the request of the Premier, an extraordinary sitting could be held.

NATHALIE ROY

President

APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac):

(Division No. 43)

YEAS - 30

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| Arseneau (<i>PQ</i>) | Fontecilla (<i>QS</i>) | McGraw (<i>QLP</i>) | Tanguay (<i>QLP</i>) |
| Bérubé (<i>PQ</i>) | Fortin (<i>QLP</i>) | Morin (<i>QLP</i>) | Zaga Mendez (<i>QS</i>) |
| Boissonneault (<i>PQ</i>) | Gentilcore (<i>PQ</i>) | Nichols (<i>QLP</i>) | Zanetti (<i>QS</i>) |
| Bouazzi (<i>QS</i>) | Grandmont (<i>QS</i>) | Paradis (<i>PQ</i>) | |
| Cadet (<i>QLP</i>) | Labrie (<i>QS</i>) | Prass (<i>QLP</i>) | |
| Cicccone (<i>QLP</i>) | Lakhoyan Olivier (<i>QLP</i>) | Rizqy (<i>QLP</i>) | |
| Cliche-Rivard (<i>QS</i>) | Leduc (<i>QS</i>) | Rotiroti (<i>QLP</i>) | |
| Derraji (<i>QLP</i>) | Maccarone (<i>QLP</i>) | Setlakwe (<i>QLP</i>) | |
| Dufour (<i>QLP</i>) | Marissal (<i>QS</i>) | St-Pierre Plamondon (<i>PQ</i>) | |

(*Mille-Îles*)

NAYS - 70

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| Abou-Khalil (<i>CAQ</i>) | Dionne (<i>CAQ</i>) | Jeannotte (<i>CAQ</i>) | Martel (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Allaire (<i>CAQ</i>) | Dorismond (<i>CAQ</i>) | Jolin-Barrette (<i>CAQ</i>) | Montigny (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Asselin (<i>CAQ</i>) | Drainville (<i>CAQ</i>) | Julien (<i>CAQ</i>) | Picard (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Bachand (<i>CAQ</i>) | Dubé (<i>CAQ</i>) | Lachance (<i>CAQ</i>) | Poulet (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Bélangier (<i>CAQ</i>) | Dufour (<i>IND</i>) | Lacombe (<i>CAQ</i>) | Poulin (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| (<i>Prévost</i>) | (<i>Abitibi-Est</i>) | Laframboise (<i>CAQ</i>) | Provençal (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Blais (<i>CAQ</i>) | Duranceau (<i>CAQ</i>) | Lafrenière (<i>CAQ</i>) | Reid (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Boivin Roy (<i>CAQ</i>) | Émond (<i>CAQ</i>) | Lamothe (<i>CAQ</i>) | Rivest (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Boulet (<i>CAQ</i>) | Fréchette (<i>CAQ</i>) | LeBel (<i>CAQ</i>) | Roberge (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Bourassa (<i>CAQ</i>) | Gagnon (<i>CAQ</i>) | Lecours (<i>CAQ</i>) | Rouleau (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Bussière (<i>CAQ</i>) | Gendron (<i>CAQ</i>) | (<i>Les Plaines</i>) | Roy (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Caire (<i>CAQ</i>) | Girard (<i>CAQ</i>) | Lecours (<i>CAQ</i>) | Sainte-Croix (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Carmant (<i>CAQ</i>) | (<i>Lac-Saint-Jean</i>) | (<i>Lotbinière-Frontenac</i>) | Schmaltz (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Caron (<i>CAQ</i>) | Girard (<i>CAQ</i>) | Lemay (<i>CAQ</i>) | Schneeberger (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| (<i>Portneuf</i>) | (<i>Groulx</i>) | Lemieux (<i>CAQ</i>) | Simard (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Champagne Jourdain (<i>CAQ</i>) | Grondin (<i>CAQ</i>) | Lévesque (<i>CAQ</i>) | Skeete (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Charest (<i>CAQ</i>) | Guilbault (<i>CAQ</i>) | (<i>Chauveau</i>) | St-Louis (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Charette (<i>CAQ</i>) | Haytayan (<i>CAQ</i>) | Lévesque (<i>CAQ</i>) | Tardif (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Chassin (<i>IND</i>) | Hébert (<i>CAQ</i>) | (<i>Chapleau</i>) | Tremblay (<i>CAQ</i>) |
| Déry (<i>CAQ</i>) | Jacques (<i>CAQ</i>) | Mallette (<i>CAQ</i>) | (<i>Dubuc</i>) |

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On the motion moved by Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, together with Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est):

(Division No. 44)

YEAS - 99

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| Abou-Khalil (CAQ) | Drainville (CAQ) | Lacombe (CAQ) | Prass (QLP) |
| Allaire (CAQ) | Dubé (CAQ) | Laframboise (CAQ) | Provençal (CAQ) |
| Arseneau (PQ) | Dufour (IND) | Lafrenière (CAQ) | Reid (CAQ) |
| Asselin (CAQ) | (Abitibi-Est) | Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP) | Rivest (CAQ) |
| Bachand (CAQ) | Dufour (QLP) | Lamothe (CAQ) | Rizqy (QLP) |
| Bélanger (CAQ) | (Mille-Îles) | LeBel (CAQ) | Roberge (CAQ) |
| (Prévost) | Duranceau (CAQ) | Lecours (CAQ) | Rotiroti (QLP) |
| Bérubé (PQ) | Émond (CAQ) | (Les Plaines) | Rouleau (CAQ) |
| Blais (CAQ) | Fontecilla (QS) | Lecours (CAQ) | Roy (CAQ) |
| Boissonneault (PQ) | Fortin (QLP) | (Lotbinière-Frontenac) | Sainte-Croix (CAQ) |
| Boivin Roy (CAQ) | Fréchette (CAQ) | Leduc (QS) | Schmaltz (CAQ) |
| Bouazzi (QS) | Gagnon (CAQ) | Lemay (CAQ) | Schneeberger (CAQ) |
| Boulet (CAQ) | Gendron (CAQ) | Lemieux (CAQ) | Setlakwe (QLP) |
| Bourassa (CAQ) | Gentilcore (PQ) | Lévesque (CAQ) | Simard (CAQ) |
| Bussière (CAQ) | Girard (CAQ) | (Chauveau) | Skeete (CAQ) |
| Cadet (QLP) | (Lac-Saint-Jean) | Lévesque (CAQ) | St-Louis (CAQ) |
| Caire (CAQ) | Girard (CAQ) | (Chapleau) | St-Pierre Plamondon (PQ) |
| Carmant (CAQ) | (Groulx) | Maccarone (QLP) | Tanguay (QLP) |
| Caron (CAQ) | Grandmont (QS) | Malette (CAQ) | Tardif (CAQ) |
| (Portneuf) | Grondin (CAQ) | Marissal (QS) | Tremblay (CAQ) |
| Champagne Jourdain (CAQ) | Guilbault (CAQ) | Martel (CAQ) | (Dubuc) |
| Charest (CAQ) | Haytayan (CAQ) | McGraw (QLP) | Zaga Mendez (QS) |
| Charette (CAQ) | Hébert (CAQ) | Montigny (CAQ) | Zanetti (QS) |
| Ciccone (QLP) | Jacques (CAQ) | Morin (QLP) | |
| Cliche-Rivard (QS) | Jeannotte (CAQ) | Nichols (QLP) | |
| Derraji (QLP) | Jolin-Barrette (CAQ) | Paradis (PQ) | |
| Déry (CAQ) | Julien (CAQ) | Picard (CAQ) | |
| Dionne (CAQ) | Labrie (QS) | Poulet (CAQ) | |
| Dorismond (CAQ) | Lachance (CAQ) | Poulin (CAQ) | |

ABSTENTIONS - 1

Chassin (IND)