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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 28 October 2025 — No. 11

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

The Assembly was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Mr. Lévesque (Chauveau) made a statement to underline the 125th anniversary of Mouvement Desjardins.

Mr. Émond (Richelieu) made a statement to underline the presentation of the Bourse du député de Richelieu grants for the next generation of farmers.

Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Chantal Comtois.

Ms. Dorismond (Marie-Victorin) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of Maison La Virevolte.

Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) made a statement to underline the victory of the Spartiates from École secondaire Calixa-Lavallée at the Robotique FIRST Québec's robotics tournament.

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Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour) made a statement to underline the work of the organization Entraide Bécancour.

Ms. Jeannotte (Labelle) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of Fiducie du Domaine Saint-Bernard.

Ms. Tremblay (Hull) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Pierre Phillion.

Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Club FADOQ Mont-Saint-Grégoire.

Ms. Guilbault (Louis-Hébert) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Sabrina Duchesne.

Mr. Jacques (Mégantic) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the childcare centre Le Ballon Rouge.

Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline the 35th anniversary of Fondation du Collège Beaubois.

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At 1:55 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 2:06 p.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

- 4 An Act respecting the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 25 March 2025 and amending other provisions

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 4 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

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

The third actuarial report amending the Actuarial Valuation of the Québec Pension Plan as of 31 December 2021.

(Sessional Paper No. 233-20251028)

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

The report on the implementation of the provisions of the *Youth Protection Act* regarding the stability of relationships and living conditions for children entrusted to alternative living environments until they have reached the age of majority: overview of jurisprudence.

(Sessional Paper No. 234-20251028)

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, tabled the following on behalf of Mr. Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie:

The Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women, signed in Brazil on 9 June 1994, accompanied by a note explaining its contents and effects.

(Sessional Paper No. 235-20251028)

He then tabled the following motion:

THAT the National Assembly approve the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women of the Organization of American States.

(Sessional Paper No. 236-20251028)

He then tabled the following on behalf of Mr. Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie:

The complementary agreement between the Gouvernement du Québec and the International Civil Aviation Organization concerning the organization's premises located at 1001, Boulevard Robert-Bourassa in Montréal, signed in Montréal on 23 September 2025, accompanied by a note explaining its contents and effects.

(Sessional Paper No. 237-20251028)

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He then moved the following motion:

THAT the National Assembly approve the complementary agreement between the Gouvernement du Québec and the International Civil Aviation Organization concerning the organization's premises located at 1001, Boulevard Robert-Bourassa in Montréal, signed on 23 September 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 238-20251028)

Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services, tabled the following:

The impact assessment on the *Youth Protection Act* for the 2003–2020 cohorts – June 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 239-20251028)

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, tabled the following:

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 20 May 2025 by Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) on reviewing the social sciences program in elementary schools;

(Sessional Paper No. 240-20251028)

The Government's reply to the petitions tabled on 21 May 2025 by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) on opposition to the sale of the heritage building and the permanent relocation of FACE public school to Montréal;

(Sessional Paper No. 241-20251028)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 21 May 2025 by Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) on withdrawing Bill 89 and committing to respect the right to strike;

(Sessional Paper No. 242-20251028)

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The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 28 May 2025 by Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) on preventing racism in Québec school environments;
(Sessional Paper No. 243-20251028)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 28 May 2025 by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) on the construction of an elementary school in the Peter-McGill neighbourhood;
(Sessional Paper No. 244-20251028)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 28 May 2025 by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) on a request to prevent the closure of Centennial Academy by providing funding to support the French-speaking sector;
(Sessional Paper No. 245-20251028)

The Government's reply to the petitions tabled on 4 June 2025 by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on implementing a moratorium on SAQ store closures until the adoption of a territorial responsibility policy;
(Sessional Paper No. 246-20251028)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 4 June 2025 by Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) on the classification of the Saint-Vincent-de-Paul church in Laval as heritage property;
(Sessional Paper No. 247-20251028)

The Government's reply to the petitions tabled on 5 June 2025 by Mr. Bussière (Gatineau) on the need to prioritize repairs to route 366 in the Sainte-Cécile-de-Masham sector to ensure user safety;
(Sessional Paper No. 248-20251028)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 5 June 2025 by Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) on the construction of an elementary school in Montréal's Triangle district;
(Sessional Paper No. 249-20251028)

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The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 6 June 2025 by Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) on the suspension of the clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 69, An Act to ensure the responsible governance of energy resources and to amend various legislative provisions;

(Sessional Paper No. 250-20251028)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 1 October 2025 by Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) on a request to include the Optune device in the public coverage of the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 251-20251028)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 1 October 2025 by Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) on a request to reinstate the expert software MediRad at the radiology department of Hôpital de Granby to replace the DCI Ariane platform;

(Sessional Paper No. 252-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) on the role of chiropractors in the health care system – Question No. 5, *Order Paper and Notices* of 30 September 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 253-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) on the implementation of a helicopter emergency medical service – Question No. 8, *Order Paper and Notices* of 30 September 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 254-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) on the establishment of the Vaudreuil GMF-U – Question No. 9, *Order Paper and Notices* of 30 September 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 255-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) on pharmaceutical care – Question No. 10, *Order Paper and Notices* of 30 September 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 256-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) on drug management – Question No. 12, *Order Paper and Notices* of 30 September 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 257-20251028)

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The reply to a written question from Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) on the achievement of hepatitis C elimination goals – Question No. 13, *Order Paper and Notices* of 30 September 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 258-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) on colorectal cancer screening – Question No. 14, *Order Paper and Notices* of 30 September 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 259-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) on the implementation of measures related to radon – Question No. 15, *Order Paper and Notices* of 30 September 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 260-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) on the situation of self-employed workers who must deal with the impact of generative artificial intelligence – Question No. 27, *Order Paper and Notices* of 1 October 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 261-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) on the sale and consumption of caffeine pouches – Question No. 30, *Order Paper and Notices* of 2 October 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 262-20251028)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) on the regulation of bulk trucking – Question No. 21, *Order Paper and Notices* of 1 October 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 263-20251028)

The President tabled the following:

A copy of the notice of motion by Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, to be placed on the *Order Paper and Notices* of Wednesday, 29 October 2025 under Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

(Sessional Paper No. 264-20251028)

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Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Drainville, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, together with Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved:

THAT the National Assembly commemorate the 125th anniversary of Mouvement Desjardins, the origins of which date back to the founding of the Caisse populaire de Lévis on 6 December 1900;

THAT it pay tribute to Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins, founders of the largest financial cooperative in North America;

THAT it recognize Desjardins's historic and structuring role in Québec's economic, social and community growth, in particular through the democratization of access to financial services, its unwavering support to communities, and its critical contribution to the expansion of the cooperative movement;

THAT it applaud not only the exemplary devotion of its founders, but also that of the men and women who, from generation to generation, have worked to develop our communities and assist members and clients on the path to financial autonomy;

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THAT, lastly, the National Assembly underline Mouvement Desjardins's ongoing commitment to tackling the challenges of the present and the future, from financial innovation and sustainable development to cooperative and civic engagement, for the purpose of reinforcing its economic contribution, increasing the vitality of our communities, and fully contributing to Québec's prosperity.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried.

Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) moved a motion on the consequences of the passage of Bill 2, An Act mainly to establish collective responsibility with respect to improvement of access to medical services and to ensure continuity of provision of those services; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, moved a motion on the State of Palestine; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), together with Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved a motion on the disbursement of funds allocated to Québec schools; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), together with Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved a motion on the transmission of notices on Bill 2, An Act mainly to establish collective responsibility with respect to improvement of access to medical services and to ensure continuity of provision of those services; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 143, Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, convened the following committees:

- 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”;
- the Committee on Culture and Education, to continue its 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.

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Health and Social Services shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on implementing more equitable measures to support deaf-blind people.

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Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Wednesday, 29 October 2025, during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition, a debate would be held on the motion moved by Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group.

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly underline that, 30 years after the 1995 referendum on Québec's accession to sovereignty, Québec's political status has yet to be fully resolved;

THAT it recall that important information on manoeuvres made by the "No" camp are still unavailable to parliamentarians;

THAT it note that, within the Canadian regime, Québec's political and demographic weight has decreased over the past 30 years;

THAT it note that, within the Canadian regime, the use of French in Québec has declined over the past 30 years;

THAT it note that, within the Canadian regime, the encroachment on Québec's legislative powers has increased over the past 30 years;

THAT it acknowledge that, within the Canadian regime, Québec's social and political development is subject to the supremacy of the Constitution of Canada;

THAT, accordingly, the National Assembly reaffirm that the Québec people are free to assume their destiny and determine their political status.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Report Stage

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Culture and Education on 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, together with the amendment transmitted by Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage).

The amendment was declared in order.

After debate thereon, the amendment was negatived.

The report was concurred in on division.

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Public Finance on its 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.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

At 4:16 p.m., at the request of Ms. LeBel, Deputy Government House Leader, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 6:30 p.m.

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Debates upon Adjournment

At 6:28 p.m., the Assembly held a debate upon adjournment on a question from Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) to Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, about the negative impacts that Bill 2 will have on women physicians.

At 6:41 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 29 October 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

ROYAL ASSENT

On Saturday, 25 October 2025 at 4:20 a.m. in the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the presence of Ms. Beauregard, Director of Sittings and Parliamentary Procedure and Delegate of the Secretary General, the Honourable Suzanne Gagné, Administrator of the Government of Québec, was pleased to assent to the following bill:

- 2 An Act mainly to establish collective responsibility with respect to improvement of access to medical services and to ensure continuity of provision of those services

On Tuesday, 28 October 2025 at 3:40 p.m. in the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the presence of Mr. Bélanger, Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology, Delegate of the Premier, and of Ms. Aubé, Sittings and Parliamentary Procedure Advisory and Delegate of the Secretary General, the Honourable Manon Jeannotte, Lieutenant-Governor of Québec, was pleased to assent to the following bills:

- 82 An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions
- 99 An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Update on Québec's Economic and Financial Situation presented on 21 November 2024 and in the Budget Speech delivered on 25 March 2025 and to certain other measures
- 101 An Act to improve certain labour laws

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President