NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 29 October 2025 — No. 12

President of the National Assembly:
Madam Nathalie Roy

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

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Ms. Lachance (Bellechasse) made a statement to underline the importance of the mandate given to Ms. Catherine Morin as fire services coordinator.

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Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of the Conseil québécois des ressources humaines en tourisme.

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Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of École de karaté Sankudo in Sainte-Julie.

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Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) made a statement to pay tribute to Dr. Élise Sasseville.

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Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 15th anniversary of Conseil emploi métropole.

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Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) made a statement to recall the priorities of the citizens of the Jacques-Cartier riding.

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Ms. Duranceau (Bertrand) made a statement to underline the economic and cultural contribution of Cinéma Pine in Sainte-Adèle.

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Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska) made a statement to underline the success of the fundraising campaign for the renovation of Cégep de Victoriaville sports centre.

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Mr. Drainville (Lévis) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the organization La Chaudronnée.

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Ms. Bélanger (Prévost) made a statement to underline the 35th anniversary of Maison des jeunes Saint-Sauveur–Piedmont.

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Mr. Sainte-Croix (Gaspé) made a statement to underline the 100th anniversary of the Sainte-Anne-des-Monts church.

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Ms. LeBel (Champlain) made a statement to pay tribute to the volunteers of the community service Courrier des enfants.

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At 9:55 a.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 10:05 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

The President tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Auditor General of Québec;
(Sessional Paper No. 265-20251029)

The 2024–2025 follow-up report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Auditor General of Québec and of the Sustainable Development Commissioner.
(Sessional Paper No. 266-20251029)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), together with Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) and Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly acknowledge the CAQ government's request to the Sûreté du Québec to reduce its annual expenditures by $120 million;
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> THAT it declare that this must not have a detrimental effect on the fight against crime or reduce the provision of services to the population, particularly in the regions.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **50** in Appendix)

Yeas: **111** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), together with Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved a motion on the food situation in Québec; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) and Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly ask the Government to commit to not closing any police stations in the regions and not abolishing the financial crime division.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **51** in Appendix)

Yeas: **111** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

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Mr. Lévesque (Chauveau), together with Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) and Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), moved a motion on the use of union dues; 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 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 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 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;

— the Committee on Health and Social Services, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 103, An Act mainly to regulate supervised consumption sites in order to promote their harmonious cohabitation with the community.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage

Ms. LeBel, Minister of Education, moved the passage of Bill 94, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions.

A debate arose thereon.

At the request of Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

The debate continued.

The debate being concluded, the question was put on this motion, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

At the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, the division was deferred until Routine Proceedings on the next sitting day.

Mr. Poulin, Minister for the Economy and Small and Medium Enterprises, moved the passage 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 motion was carried and, accordingly, Bill 112 was passed.

At 12:29 p.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, and by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 20, Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 3:00 p.m.

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The proceedings resumed at 3:00 p.m.

Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition

Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, moved:

> 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;
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> 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;
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> 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.

Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time for the proceedings with respect to this limited debate: 10 minutes to the mover of the motion for his reply; 47 minutes 45 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 24 minutes 38 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 14 minutes 47 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 18 minutes 20 seconds to the Third Opposition Group; and 1 minute 30 seconds to each independent Member. Within this framework, any time not used by the independent Members or by a parliamentary group shall be redistributed among the parliamentary groups in the proportions established above. Lastly, individual addresses shall not be limited.

A debate arose thereon.

At the end of her address, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, moved:

THAT the motion moved by the Leader of the Third Opposition Group be amended as follows:

By adding the following paragraph after the sixth paragraph:

"THAT it underline that a draft constitution for an independent Québec must be the result of a public consultation in which the people of Québec can directly express their opinions on its content, and must be ratified by referendum;"

The motion, as amended, would read 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 it underline that a draft constitution for an independent Québec must be the result of a public consultation in which the people of Québec can directly express their opinions on its content, and must be ratified by referendum;
>
> THAT, accordingly, the National Assembly reaffirm that the Québec people are free to assume their destiny and determine their political status.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, and on the amendment motion moved by Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, subject to the permission of its author.

During his address, Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) moved:

> THAT the motion moved by the Leader of the Third Opposition Group be amended as follows:
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> By replacing the words "subject to the supremacy of the Constitution of Canada" in the sixth paragraph by the words "influenced by Canadian legislation and the centralizing actions of the federal government, though Québec maintains sovereignty in its areas of jurisdiction".

The motion, as amended, would read 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;
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> THAT it note that, within the Canadian regime, Québec's political and demographic weight has decreased over the past 30 years;
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> THAT it note that, within the Canadian regime, the use of French in Québec has declined over the past 30 years;
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> 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 influenced by Canadian legislation and the centralizing actions of the federal government, though Québec maintains sovereignty in its areas of jurisdiction;
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> THAT, accordingly, the National Assembly reaffirm that the Québec people are free to assume their destiny and determine their political status.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, and on the amendment motions moved by Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Group, and Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean), subject to the permission of its author.

Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, refused the amendments proposed by Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, and Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean).

The debate being concluded, the question was put on this motion, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

At the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, the division was deferred until Routine Proceedings on the next sitting day.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Thursday, 30 October 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 5:04 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 30 October 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), together with Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) and Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski):

(Division No. 50)

YEAS - 111

Abou-Khalil (*CAQ*)
Allaire (*CAQ*)
Arseneau (*PQ*)
Asselin (*CAQ*)
Bachand (*CAQ*)
Beauchemin (*QLP*)
Bélanger (*CAQ*) (*Prévost*)
Bélanger (*CAQ*) (*Orford*)
Bernard (*CAQ*)
Bérubé (*PQ*)
Biron (*CAQ*)
Blais (*CAQ*)
Blanchette Vézina (*IND*)
Blouin (*CAQ*)
Bogemans (*CAQ*)
Boissonneault (*PQ*)
Boivin Roy (*CAQ*)
Bonnardel (*CAQ*)
Boulet (*CAQ*)
Bourassa (*CAQ*)
Bussière (*CAQ*)
Cadet (*QLP*)
Caire (*CAQ*)
Carmant (*CAQ*)
Caron (*CAQ*) (*Portneuf*)
Caron (*QLP*) (*La Pinière*)
Champagne Jourdain (*CAQ*)
Charest (*CAQ*)
Charette (*CAQ*)
Ciccone (*QLP*)
Cliche-Rivard (*QS*)
Derraji (*QLP*)
Déry (*CAQ*)
Dionne (*CAQ*)
Dorismond (*CAQ*)
Drainville (*CAQ*)
Dubé (*CAQ*)
Dufour (*IND*) (*Abitibi-Est*)
Dufour (*QLP*) (*Mille-Îles*)
Duranceau (*CAQ*)
Émond (*CAQ*)
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Fréchette (*CAQ*)
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Girard (*CAQ*) (*Lac-Saint-Jean*)
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Lamontagne (*CAQ*)
Lamothe (*CAQ*)
LeBel (*CAQ*)
Lecours (*CAQ*) (*Les Plaines*)
Lecours (*CAQ*) (*Lotbinière-Frontenac*)
Leduc (*QS*)
Lemay (*CAQ*)
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Lévesque (*CAQ*) (*Chapleau*)
Lévesque (*CAQ*) (*Chauveau*)
Maccarone (*QLP*)
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Marissal (*QS*)
Martel (*CAQ*)
Massé (*QS*)
McGraw (*QLP*)
Montigny (*CAQ*)
Morin (*QLP*)
Nadeau-Dubois (*QS*)
Nichols (*QLP*)
Paradis (*PQ*)
Picard (*CAQ*)
Poulet (*CAQ*)
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Prass (*QLP*)
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Setlakwe (*QLP*)
Simard (*CAQ*)
St-Louis (*CAQ*)
Tanguay (*QLP*)
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Thouin (*CAQ*)
Tremblay (*CAQ*) (*Dubuc*)
Tremblay (*CAQ*) (*Hull*)
Zaga Mendez (*QS*)
Zanetti (*QS*)

On the motion moved by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) and Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski):

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