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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Wednesday, 12 November 2025 — No. 18**

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

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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 pay tribute to Mr. Gérald Gourde.

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Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the Centre d'action bénévole de Montréal-Nord.

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Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) made a statement to underline the need to renovate the Douglas Mental Health University Institute.

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Mr. Laframboise (Blainville) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Serge Paquette.

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Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) made a statement to underline Ms. Tania Murphy's determination in her fight for the recognition of lipedema.

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Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to announce that the Haut-Richelieu region is ready for action in the defence sector.

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Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska) made a statement to underline the 60th anniversary of Association coopérative d'économie familiale des Bois-Francis.

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Ms. Dorismond (Marie-Victorin) made a statement to underline the talent of the designer of the École Claude-Lafortune logo.

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Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the Comité d'allaitement maternel.

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Ms. LeBel (Champlain) made a statement to congratulate Ville de Trois-Rivières, recipient of a Canadian Award for Planning Excellence.

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Mr. Rivest (Côte-du-Sud) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. André Therrien.

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Mr. Lamontagne (Johnson) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Jean-Marie Laplante.

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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 10:06 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

### **Introduction of Bills**

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

8        An Act concerning the coming into force of the Act to give greater consideration to the needs of the population in the event of a strike or a lock-out

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 8 was introduced in the Assembly.

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Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

199      An Act to establish a new electoral system

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

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The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 63 in Appendix)

Yeas: **105** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Accordingly, Bill 199 was introduced in the Assembly.

### Presenting Papers

Mr. Lafrenière, Minister of Public Security, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the École nationale des pompiers du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 321-20251112)

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

The reply to a written question from Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) on college centres for technology transfer – Question No. 50, *Order Paper and Notices* of 21 October 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 322-20251112)

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The President tabled the following:

The report of the French Language Commissioner on integration into the Québec nation entitled “Intégration à la nation québécoise – De la rencontre à l’adhésion”;

(Sessional Paper No. 323-20251112)

Tables indicating the distribution of measures and the allocation of speaking times for Statements by Members, limited debates and debates on Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

(Sessional paper No. 324-20251112)

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### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the extension of Autoroute 20 between Rimouski and Notre-Dame-des-Neiges, signed by 2,725 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 325-20251112)

### **Oral Questions and Answers**

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

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### **Motions Without Notice**

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Mr. Derraji (Nelligan) and Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), moved a motion on long processing times at the Commission des transports; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications, together with Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) and Mr. Carmant (Taillon), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the 2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, a fundamental international instrument for the recognition of the sovereign right of States and governments to support their culture;

THAT it applaud Québec's pioneering role in the development, adoption and implementation of the Convention, in particular the leadership demonstrated by Louise Beaudoin in the UNESCO's work from 2000 to 2003, and by Line Beauchamp from 2003 to 2005;

THAT it recall that the National Assembly of Québec was the first parliament in the world to declare itself bound by the 2005 Convention, on 10 November 2005;

THAT it reaffirm Québec's commitment to the 2005 Convention as an essential element for promoting creativity, protecting cultural expressions, and reinforcing cultural diversity;

THAT, lastly, it invite Québec institutions, creators and cultural partners to continue their mobilization to apply the Convention's principles, by ensuring the discoverability, language diversity and cultural sovereignty of nations in the digital environment.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Ciccone (Marquette), together with Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Mr. Carmant (Taillon) and Ms. Poulet (Laporte), moved:

THAT the National Assembly recognize that every year, an average of 6,500 Quebecers, or approximately 18 per day, will be diagnosed with prostate cancer;

THAT it recognize that nearly 1,000 will die from this disease each year;

THAT it recognize that PROCURE is the only charitable organization in Québec fully dedicated to fighting prostate cancer through research, awareness, information and support and that the funds raised are reinvested in Québec;

THAT it note the importance of raising public awareness about prostate cancer screening;

THAT it recall that, since 2014, PROCURE's Bowvember fundraising campaign has encouraged people to wear their bow tie throughout the month of November, and more specifically on 19 November;

THAT it recognize that, since 2014, the Bowvember campaign has raised over \$7 million to fund prostate cancer research and support Quebecers affected by this cancer;

THAT, lastly, the National Assembly mark Québec Prostate Cancer Awareness Day, to be held on 19 November 2025.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) and Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), moved:

THAT the National Assembly applaud the suspension of pressure tactics by the maintenance employees of the Société de transport de Montréal, which is a welcome relief for public transportation users;

THAT it recall that a negotiated agreement is always better than imposing an end to the labour dispute;

THAT, lastly, it invite all parties to continue negotiations in order to reach an agreement that satisfies all sides.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 64 in Appendix)

Yeas: 91 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

### Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- the Committee on Culture and Education, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 108, An Act to amend the Act respecting the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles to modernize the Société's financial service offer and to recognize the digital creativity industry;
- the Committee on Culture and Education, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of 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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- the Committee on Public Finance, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 111, An Act to modernize the Cooperatives Act and to amend other provisions;
- the Committee on Institutions, to hear the interested parties and undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Private Bill 220, An Act respecting Joseph Paul-Émile Daniel Michel Marcil.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills

#### *Passage*

Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, moved the passage of Bill 4, An Act respecting the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 25 March 2025 and amending other provisions.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried on division and, accordingly, Bill 4 was passed.

#### *Report Stage*

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Health and Social Services on its 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.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

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At 12:03 p.m., at the request of Ms. LeBel, Deputy Government House Leader, and by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 20, Ms. D'Amours, Second 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. Tanguay (LaFontaine) moved:

THAT the National Assembly note that the passage of Bill 2 has contributed to creating a demoralizing climate in the health network;

THAT, in the interest of patients, the National Assembly ask the Government to suspend the implementation of the *Act mainly to establish collective responsibility with respect to improvement of access to medical services and to ensure continuity of provision of those services*, for the time needed to restart dialogue and find a way forward.

Mr. Benjamin, Third 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; 51 minutes 15 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 26 minutes 58 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 16 minutes 11 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 8 minutes 6 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.

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At the end of his address, Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) moved:

THAT the motion moved by Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) be amended as follows:

By replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“THAT, in the interest of patients, the National Assembly ask the Government to suspend the implementation of the most problematic elements of the *Act mainly to establish collective responsibility with respect to improvement of access to medical services and to ensure continuity of provision of those services*, for the time needed to restart dialogue and find a way forward, notably:

- Quantitative targets;
- Sections restricting individual freedoms;
- The denunciation, supervision and sanction system; and
- The assessment of vulnerability levels by the RAMQ.”

The motion, as amended, would read as follows:

“THAT the National Assembly note that the passage of Bill 2 has contributed to creating a demoralizing climate in the health network;

THAT, in the interest of patients, the National Assembly ask the Government to suspend the implementation of the most problematic elements of the *Act mainly to establish collective responsibility with respect to improvement of access to medical services and to ensure continuity of provision of those services*, for the time needed to restart dialogue and find a way forward, notably:

- Quantitative targets;
- Sections restricting individual freedoms;
- The denunciation, supervision and sanction system; and
- The assessment of vulnerability levels by the RAMQ.”

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) and on the amendment motion moved by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), subject to the permission of its author.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) refused the amendment proposed by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine).

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.

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Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Thursday, 13 November 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

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Accordingly, at 5:01 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 13 November 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

#### ROYAL ASSENT

On Wednesday, 12 November 2025 at 3:05 p.m. at the Palais de justice de Québec, in the presence of Ms. Beauregard, Director of Sittings and Parliamentary Procedure and Delegate of the Secretary General, the Honourable Simon Ruel, Administrator of the Government of Québec, was pleased to assent to the following bills:

- 4 An Act respecting the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 25 March 2025 and amending other provisions
- 104 An Act to amend various provisions in particular to follow up on certain requests from the municipal sector

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*

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**APPENDIX**

**Electronic Divisions**

On the motion moved by Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) that leave be granted to introduce Bill 199, An Act to establish a new electoral system:

**(Division No. 63)**

**YEAS - 105**

Allaire (CAQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Julien (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Arseneau (PQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Lachance (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
Asselin (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Orford)	Drainville (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
	Dubé (CAQ)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Rivest (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Prévost)	Dufour (IND) (Abitibi-Est)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Rizqy (QLP)
Bernard (CAQ)	Dufour (QLP) (Mille-Îles)	LeBel (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ) (Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Roy (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Fontecilla (QS)	Leduc (QS)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (IND)			Schmaltz (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Legault (CAQ)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Boissonneault (PQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ) (Chapleau)	Simard (CAQ)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	Garceau (QLP)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Bouazzi (QS)	Gentilcore (PQ)		St-Louis (CAQ)
			St-Pierre Plamondon (PQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	Ghazal (QS)	(Chauveau)	Tanguay (QLP)
Bourassa (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ) (Groulx)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tardif (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ) (Lac-Saint-Jean)	Malette (CAQ)	Thouin (CAQ)
Cadet (QLP)	Grandmont (QS)	Marissal (QS)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Caire (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	(Dubuc)
Caron (CAQ) (Portneuf)	Guillemette (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Caron (QLP) (La Pinière)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	(Hull)
Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
		Nadeau-Dubois (QS)	
Charest (CAQ)	Jacques (CAQ)	Nichols (QLP)	
Charette (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Paradis (PQ)	
Ciccone (QLP)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)	
		Poulet (IND)	

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On the motion moved by Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) and Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon):

**(Division No. 64)**

**YEAS - 91**

Allaire (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Arseneau (PQ)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
Asselin (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dubé (CAQ)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Provençal (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Orford)	Dufour (IND) (Abitibi-Est)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Prévost)	Dufour (QLP) (Mille-Îles)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rizqy (QLP)
Bernard (CAQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ) (Les Plaines)	Roberge (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ) (Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Fontecilla (QS)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Lévesque (CAQ) (Chauveau)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
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Bouazzi (QS)	Garceau (QLP)	Mallette (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Bourassa (CAQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Marissal (QS)	Simard (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ) (Lac-Saint-Jean)	Martel (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Cadet (QLP)	Girard (CAQ) (Groulx)	Massé (QS)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Caron (QLP) (La Pinière)	Grandmont (QS)	McGraw (QLP)	Tanguay (QLP)
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Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
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