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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Wednesday, 26 November 2025 — No. 21**

**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 underline the 50th anniversary of Les Serres Roger Lagacé.

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Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) made a statement to underline Mr. François Gagnon's induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

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Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Guy Boulanger.

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Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) made a statement to underline the 12 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women.

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Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Fernand Croisetière.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 54.1, Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) made a statement to underline the 45th anniversary of Bonjour Aujourd'hui et Après.

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Mr. Reid (Beauharnois) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Denis Touchette.

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Mr. Bussière (Gatineau) made a statement to underline the presence of members of Talking. Advocating. Living in Québec, who were visiting the National Assembly.

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Mr. Gagnon (Jonquière) made a statement to underline the success of the first coaches' conference in the Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean region.

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Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Nicole Bergeron.

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Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of Club Amitié Gatineau.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 54.1, Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) made a statement to underline the work of Operation Red Nose volunteers in Saint-Jérôme—Mirabel.

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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

### **Introduction of Bills**

Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

393     An Act to amend the Auditor General Act as regards the Auditor General's appointment

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **69** in Appendix)

Yeas: **103**   Nays: **0**   Abstentions: **0**

Accordingly, Bill 393 was introduced in the Assembly.

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### Presenting Papers

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 7 October 2025 by Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) on a request for better access to speech therapist services in the Côte-Nord region;

(Sessional Paper No. 368-20251126)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 8 October 2025 by Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) on implementing more equitable measures to support deaf-blind people;

(Sessional Paper No. 369-20251126)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 23 October 2025 by Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) on opposition to the budget cuts imposed on the Cégep network;

(Sessional Paper No. 370-20251126)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) on access to pre-exposure prophylaxis for young people under the age of 25 – Question No. 49, *Order Paper and Notices* of 21 October 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 371-20251126)

### Presenting Petitions

Mr. Morin (Acadie) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to speed up applications to the Québec Investor Program, signed by 1,293 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 372-20251126)

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Ms. Caron (La Pinière) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to ensure the sustainability of intermediate resources, signed by 2,482 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 373-20251126)

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Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon (Camille-Laurin) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on implementing measures to address the risks associated with drug use among youth, signed by 2,245 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 374-20251126)

### **Oral Questions and Answers**

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

### **Motions Without Notice**

Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin), together with Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved a motion on the amounts allocated to youth food aid; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska), together with Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, and Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), moved a motion on the granting of the right to vote to new Canadians in the context of the 1995 referendum; 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, Ms. Proulx, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, together with Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski) and Ms. Poulet (Laporte), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark the 12 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women, held from 25 November to 6 December;

THAT it recall the importance of defending women's right to live in a society free of violence;

THAT it applaud the work of the Conseil du statut de la femme in highlighting coercive control, a form of violence that is still not sufficiently known;

THAT, lastly, it encourage awareness-raising, prevention and access to resources to support victims and their families and friends.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles), together with Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark Radon Action Month, held in November each year;

THAT it recall that radon is a naturally occurring carcinogenic, odourless, colourless and radioactive gas that can accumulate in basements and constitutes a health hazard;

THAT it recall that, in Québec, one in six lung cancer deaths are radon-related and that it is the second leading cause of lung cancer and the leading cause among non-smokers;

THAT, lastly, it invite the population to make use of the options available to conduct radon measurement tests in their homes and to make the necessary changes.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 70 in Appendix)

Yeas: **103** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

### **Notices of Proceedings in Committees**

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

- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 3, An Act to improve the transparency, governance and democratic process of various associations in the workplace;
- the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on the consultation paper on Québec’s target for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions entitled “Consultation sur la cible de réduction des émissions de gaz à effet de serre du Québec”;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 7, An Act to reduce bureaucracy, increase state efficiency and reinforce the accountability of senior public servants;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to hear the interested parties and undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Private Bill 202, An Act respecting the merger of Beneva Mutual and Gore Mutual Insurance Company.

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### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **Government Bills**

##### *Passage in Principle*

Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, moved that Bill 6, An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 25 March 2025 and to certain other measures, do now pass in principle.

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A debate arose thereon.

At the request of Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

The debate continued.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried on division, and Bill 6 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 6 be referred to the Committee on Public Finance for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

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At 11:23 a.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, 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. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) moved:

THAT the National Assembly note that Québec is experiencing the worst housing crisis in over 30 years, as rents have increased by 47% since 2018;

THAT it underline that the review of the Tribunal administratif du logement's method of calculation, together with tighter regulations respecting lease transfers, may further accelerate rent increases;

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THAT it note that too many tenants and families are already living in a state of unsustainable housing insecurity;

THAT, lastly, it ask the Québec government to immediately intervene to ensure there are no rent increases above the inflation rate, unless they are expressly authorized by the Tribunal administratif du logement.

Ms. Soucy, First 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; 46 minutes 15 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 23 minutes 51 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 25 minutes 14 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 7 minutes 9 seconds to the Third Opposition Group; and 7 minutes 30 seconds to the independent Members, subject to a maximum of 1 minute 30 seconds each. 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. Bogemans (Iberville) moved:

THAT the motion moved by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) be amended as follows:

By replacing the fourth paragraph with the following paragraph:

“THAT it recognize that the Tribunal administratif du logement has begun work to regulate the fixing of annual rent increases.”

The motion, as amended, would read as follows:

THAT the National Assembly note that Québec is experiencing the worst housing crisis in over 30 years, as rents have increased by 47% since 2018;

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THAT it underline that the review of the Tribunal administratif du logement's method of calculation, together with tighter regulations respecting lease transfers, may further accelerate rent increases;

THAT it note that too many tenants and families are already living in a state of unsustainable housing insecurity;

THAT it recognize that the Tribunal administratif du logement has begun work to regulate the fixing of annual rent increases.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) and on the amendment motion moved by Ms. Bogemans (Iberville), subject to the permission of its author.

Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) refused the amendment proposed by Ms. Bogemans (Iberville).

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, 27 November 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

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Accordingly, at 5:01 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 27 November 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*

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## APPENDIX

### Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) that leave be granted to introduce Bill 393, An Act to amend the Auditor General Act as regards the Auditor General's appointment:

#### (Division No. 69)

#### YEAS - 103

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| Abou-Khalil (CAQ)        | Ciccione (QLP)     | Hébert (CAQ)           | Montigny (CAQ)     |
| Allaire (CAQ)            | Cliche-Rivard (QS) | Jacques (CAQ)          | Morin (QLP)        |
| Asselin (CAQ)            | Derraji (QLP)      | Jeannotte (CAQ)        | Nadeau-Dubois (QS) |
| Bachand (CAQ)            | Déry (CAQ)         | Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)   | Nichols (QLP)      |
| Beauchemin (QLP)         | Dionne (CAQ)       | Julien (CAQ)           | Picard (CAQ)       |
| Bélanger (CAQ)           | Dorismond (CAQ)    | Labrie (QS)            | Poulet (IND)       |
| (Prévost)                | Drainville (CAQ)   | Lachance (CAQ)         | Poulin (CAQ)       |
| Bélanger (CAQ)           | Dubé (CAQ)         | Lacombe (CAQ)          | Proulx (CAQ)       |
| (Orford)                 | Dufour (IND)       | Laframboise (CAQ)      | Provençal (CAQ)    |
| Bérubé (PQ)              | (Abitibi-Est)      | Lafrenière (CAQ)       | Reid (CAQ)         |
| Biron (CAQ)              | Dufour (QLP)       | Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP) | Roberge (CAQ)      |
| Blais (CAQ)              | (Mille-Îles)       | Lamontagne (CAQ)       | Rotiroti (QLP)     |
| Blouin (CAQ)             | Duranceau (CAQ)    | LeBel (CAQ)            | Rouleau (CAQ)      |
| Bogemans (CAQ)           | Émond (CAQ)        | Lecours (CAQ)          | Sainte-Croix (CAQ) |
| Boissonneault (PQ)       | Fontecilla (QS)    | (Les Plaines)          | Schmaltz (CAQ)     |
| Boivin Roy (CAQ)         | Fortin (QLP)       | Lecours (CAQ)          | Setlakwe (QLP)     |
| Bonnardel (CAQ)          | Fréchette (CAQ)    | (Lotbinière-Frontenac) | Simard (CAQ)       |
| Boulet (CAQ)             | Gagnon (CAQ)       | Leduc (QS)             | St-Louis (CAQ)     |
| Bourassa (CAQ)           | Garceau (QLP)      | Legault (CAQ)          | Tanguay (QLP)      |
| Bussière (CAQ)           | Gendron (CAQ)      | Lemay (CAQ)            | Tardif (CAQ)       |
| Cadet (QLP)              | Gentilcore (PQ)    | Lemieux (CAQ)          | Thouin (CAQ)       |
| Caire (CAQ)              | Ghazal (QS)        | Lévesque (CAQ)         | Tremblay (CAQ)     |
| Caron (CAQ)              | Girard (CAQ)       | (Chapleau)             | (Dubuc)            |
| (Portneuf)               | (Groulx)           | Lévesque (CAQ)         | Tremblay (CAQ)     |
| Caron (QLP)              | Girard (CAQ)       | (Chauveau)             | (Hull)             |
| (La Pinière)             | (Lac-Saint-Jean)   | Maccarone (QLP)        | Zaga Mendez (QS)   |
| Champagne Jourdain (CAQ) | Grandmont (QS)     | Mallette (CAQ)         | Zanetti (QS)       |
| Charest (CAQ)            | Grondin (CAQ)      | Martel (CAQ)           |                    |
| Charette (CAQ)           | Guilbault (CAQ)    | Massé (QS)             |                    |
| Chassin (IND)            | Guillemette (CAQ)  | McGraw (QLP)           |                    |

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On the motion moved by Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles), together with Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme):

**(Division No. 70)**

**YEAS - 103**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Abou-Khalil (CAQ)           | Champagne Jourdain (CAQ) | Guilbault (CAQ)        | Massé (QS)         |
| Allaire (CAQ)               | Charest (CAQ)            | Guillemette (CAQ)      | McGraw (QLP)       |
| Arseneau (PQ)               | Charette (CAQ)           | Hébert (CAQ)           | Montigny (CAQ)     |
| Asselin (CAQ)               | Chassin (IND)            | Jacques (CAQ)          | Morin (QLP)        |
| Bachand (CAQ)               | Cicccone (QLP)           | Jeannotte (CAQ)        | Nadeau-Dubois (QS) |
| Beauchemin (QLP)            | Cliche-Rivard (QS)       | Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)   | Nichols (QLP)      |
| Bélanger (CAQ)<br>(Prévost) | Derraji (QLP)            | Julien (CAQ)           | Paradis (PQ)       |
| Bélanger (CAQ)<br>(Orford)  | Déry (CAQ)               | Labrie (QS)            | Picard (CAQ)       |
| Bérubé (PQ)                 | Dionne (CAQ)             | Lachance (CAQ)         | Poulet (IND)       |
| Biron (CAQ)                 | Dorismond (CAQ)          | Lacombe (CAQ)          | Poulin (CAQ)       |
| Blais (CAQ)                 | Drainville (CAQ)         | Laframboise (CAQ)      | Proulx (CAQ)       |
|                             | Dubé (CAQ)               | Lafrenière (CAQ)       | Provençal (CAQ)    |
|                             | Dufour (IND)             | Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP) | Reid (CAQ)         |
| Blanchette Vézina (IND)     | (Abitibi-Est)            | Lamontagne (CAQ)       | Roberge (CAQ)      |
| Blouin (CAQ)                | Dufour (QLP)             | LeBel (CAQ)            | Rouleau (CAQ)      |
| Bogemans (CAQ)              | (Mille-Îles)             | Lecours (CAQ)          | Sainte-Croix (CAQ) |
| Boissonneault (PQ)          | Duranceau (CAQ)          | (Les Plaines)          | Schmaltz (CAQ)     |
| Boivin Roy (CAQ)            | Émond (CAQ)              | Lecours (CAQ)          | Setlakwe (QLP)     |
| Bonnardel (CAQ)             | Fontecilla (QS)          | (Lotbinière-Frontenac) | Simard (CAQ)       |
| Bouazzi (QS)                | Fortin (QLP)             | Leduc (QS)             | St-Louis (CAQ)     |
| Boulet (CAQ)                | Fréchette (CAQ)          | Lemay (CAQ)            | Tanguay (QLP)      |
| Bourassa (CAQ)              | Gagnon (CAQ)             | Lemieux (CAQ)          | Tardif (CAQ)       |
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| Cadet (QLP)                 | Gendron (CAQ)            | (Chauveau)             | Tremblay (CAQ)     |
| Caire (CAQ)                 | Gentilcore (PQ)          | Lévesque (CAQ)         | (Dubuc)            |
| Caron (CAQ)<br>(Portneuf)   | Girard (CAQ)             | (Chapleau)             | Tremblay (CAQ)     |
| Caron (QLP)<br>(La Pinière) | (Lac-Saint-Jean)         | Maccarone (QLP)        | (Hull)             |
|                             | Grandmont (QS)           | Mallette (CAQ)         | Zaga Mendez (QS)   |
|                             | Grondin (CAQ)            | Martel (CAQ)           | Zanetti (QS)       |