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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 9 December 2025 — No. 27

**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 pay tribute to Ms. Caroline Bergeron, also known as ARO.

Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Claude Ménard.

Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines) made a statement to underline the work of the organization Le Phare des Lucioles.

Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) made a statement to underline the success of the FUSÉ project.

Ms. Grondin (Argenteuil) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Marcel.

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Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) made a statement to underline the 100th anniversary of the Sainte-Madeleine d'Outremont church.

Ms. Haytayan (Laval-des-Rapides) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Club de l'âge d'or Saint-Urbain.

Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska) made a statement to underline the 150th anniversary of Ville de Lyster.

Mr. Caron (Portneuf) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Xavier Bichotte.

Ms. Soucy (Saint-Hyacinthe) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Jean-Claude Ladouceur.

Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 45th anniversary of Carrefour de la Miséricorde.

Ms. Charest (Brome-Missisquoi) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Claire Pouliot and Ms. Louise Bilodeau.

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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.

At the request of the President, the Assembly observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Claude Boucher, former Member for Johnson.

Introduction of Bills

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

5 An Act to accelerate the granting of the authorizations required to carry out priority national-scale projects

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 5 was introduced in the Assembly.

The President communicated to the Assembly, and then tabled, the Law Clerk's report on the following private bill:

203 An Act to grant certain temporary powers to Ville de Rivière-du-Loup

The report states that the notice was drafted and published in accordance with the Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings governing private bills.

(Sessional Paper No. 428-20251209)

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Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) moved that leave be granted to introduce Private Bill 203, An Act to grant certain temporary powers to Ville de Rivière-du-Loup.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, moved that Private Bill 203 be referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain for consultation and clause-by-clause consideration and that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

The motion was carried.

Presenting Papers

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

The reply to a written question from Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on funding for Christmas markets – Question No. 83, *Order Paper and Notices* of 25 November 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 429-20251209)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) on support for workers who lost their jobs – Question No. 84, *Order Paper and Notices* of 26 November 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 430-20251209)

The President tabled the following:

The new seating plan of the National Assembly, dated 9 December 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 431-20251209)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Derraji (Nelligan), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Public Administration, which met on 2 December 2025 to hear the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales on Chapter 2 of the Auditor General's November 2024 report entitled "Acquisitions regroupées gouvernementales" (Government group purchasing). The report contains observations, conclusions and two recommendations.

(Sessional Paper No. 432-20251209)

Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Culture and Education, which met on 12 November and on 3 and 5 December 2025 for 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. The report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 433-20251209)

Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, which held public hearings on 25, 26 and 27 November and on 2 and 3 December 2025 within the framework of special consultations on the document 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 report contains observations and eight recommendations.

(Sessional Paper No. 434-20251209)

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside section 4.4 of the Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings, the President tabled the following:

The report from the steering committee of the Committee on the National Assembly, which met on 5 December 2025 to discuss a request from the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition concerning changes to the vice-chairs and the membership of the parliamentary committees.

(Sessional Paper No. 435-20251209)

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 129 and 134, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, moved:

THAT the changes in the membership of the standing committees as provided for in the report from the steering committee of the Committee on the National Assembly be adopted.

The motion was carried.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on implementing concrete actions to ensure a reliable and safe electricity network in the Outaouais region, signed by 313 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 436-20251209)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

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Motions Without Notice

Mr. Drainville, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, together with Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Mr. Carmant (Taillon) and Ms. Poulet (Laporte), moved a motion on processing times for environmental impact assessments and reviews; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Derraji (Nelligan), together with Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) and Ms. Poulet (Laporte), moved a motion on updating the costs related to Hydro-Québec's 2035 action plan; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska), moved a motion on the increasing cost of groceries; 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 Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) and Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri-Sainte-Anne), moved:

THAT the National Assembly recall that the Premier promised to add the construction of a new hospital to the Québec Infrastructure Plan, to replace the Hôpital Sainte-Croix in Drummondville, before the end of the current mandate;

THAT it note that a major flood on 8 December 2025 led to considerable service disruptions and the cancellation or postponement of 17 surgeries, and forced authorities to ask the population to avoid using emergency services;

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THAT it express its concerns about the increase, in recent months, of incidents that further compromise the capacity to provide quality care and services;

THAT, accordingly, the National Assembly ask the Government to formally place this project “under study” in the Québec Infrastructure Plan.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **86** in Appendix)

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

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- the Committee on Public Finance, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 7, An Act to reduce bureaucracy, increase state efficiency and reinforce the accountability of senior public servants;
- the Committee on Institutions, to continue its public hearings within the framework of a general consultation on Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025.

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

- the Committee on Citizen Relations shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on a request to speed up applications to the Québec Investor Program.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Statutory Debates

Pursuant to section 28 of the *Election Act*, the Assembly resumed the debate, which had been adjourned on 5 December 2025, on the report from the Commission de la représentation électorale on the electoral boundaries of Québec, tabled on 2 December 2025.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 53 and 59, Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) tabled the following:

A copy of a letter, dated 9 December 2025, he had received from Ms. Rosemarie Pereira, executive director of the Carrefour jeunesse-emploi Rivière-des-Prairies, concerning the LaFontaine riding.

(Sessional Paper No. 437-20251209)

The debate continued.

At 5:59 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 7:30 p.m.

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The proceedings resumed at 7:31 p.m.

The Assembly continued the debate on the report from the Commission de la représentation électorale du Québec.

The debate expired and no question was put.

Private Bills

Passage in Principle

Ms. Bourassa (Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré) moved that Private Bill 202, An Act respecting the merger of Beneva Mutual and Gore Mutual Insurance Company, do now pass in principle.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried, and Private Bill 202 was accordingly passed in principle.

Passage

Ms. Bourassa (Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré) moved the passage of Private Bill 202, An Act respecting the merger of Beneva Mutual and Gore Mutual Insurance Company.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried and, accordingly, Private Bill 202 was passed.

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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 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.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Public Finance on its clause-by-clause consideration of 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.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in on division.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Wednesday, 10 December 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 8:42 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 10 December 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

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President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) and Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri-Sainte-Anne):

(Division No. 86)

YEAS - 99

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Chassin (IND)	Hébert (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Ciccone (QLP)	Jacques (CAQ)	Poulet (IND)
Arseneau (PQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
Bachand (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Orford)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Prévost)	Drainville (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	Dubé (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Dufour (IND)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Blanchette Vézina (IND)	(Abitibi-Est)	Lecours (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Dufour (QLP)	(Les Plaines)	Roy (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	(Mille-Îles)	Lecours (CAQ)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Boissonneault (PQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	Leduc (QS)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Bouazzi (QS)	Fontecilla (QS)	Lemay (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Boulet (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Bourassa (CAQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tanguay (QLP)
Cadet (QLP)	Garceau (QLP)	(Chapleau)	Tardif (CAQ)
Caron (QLP)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Maccarone (QLP)	Thouin (CAQ)
(La Pinière)	Ghazal (QS)	Malette (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Caron (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	(Hull)
(Portneuf)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Massé (QS)	Zanetti (QS)
Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Grandmont (QS)	McGraw (QLP)	
Charest (CAQ)	Gronbin (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	
Charette (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	
	Guillemette (CAQ)	Nichols (QLP)	
	Haytayan (CAQ)	Paradis (PQ)	