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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 4 February 2026 — No. 32

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

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

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Centraide Estrie.

Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of the Société d'histoire et de généalogie de Montréal-Nord.

Ms. Lachance (Bellechasse) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of Moulin Lacoste.

Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the Union des travailleuses et travailleurs accidentés ou malades.

Ms. Déry (Repentigny) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Thomas Fafard.

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Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) made a statement to underline Suicide Prevention Week.

Ms. Bourassa (Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré) made a statement to pay tribute to the members of Mr. Conrad Lajoie's family and to the members of his community for saving his life.

Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) made a statement to congratulate Mr. Damien Agliata, winner of the best brioche award in the Coupe du monde de la viennoiserie.

Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to underline Teacher Appreciation Week.

Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the creation of 30 modular housing units with support services in the Ahuntsic-Cartierville borough.

Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of Radiojeunesse.ca.

Mr. Poulin (Beauce-Sud) made a statement to underline the 95th anniversary of La Chambre de commerce de Saint-Georges.

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

The proceedings resumed at 10:09 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Ms. Bélanger, Minister of Health, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

19 An Act to, in particular, improve access to medical services and provide for the medical taking in charge of the population

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 19 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

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

The 2024–2025 annual management report of Revenu Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 499-20260204)

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Ms. LeBel, Minister of Education, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual activity report of the Commission consultative de l'enseignement privé.

(Sessional Paper No. 500-20260204)

Ms. Bélanger, Minister of Health, tabled the following:

The 2023–2024, 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 health and social services accounts.

(Sessional Paper No. 501-20260204)

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

The reply to a written question from Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) on the management of the Lac Saint-Pierre ecosystem – Question No. 71, *Order Paper and Notices* of 25 November 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 502-20260204)

The President tabled the following:

The new seating plan of the National Assembly, dated 4 February 2026.

(Sessional Paper No. 503-20260204)

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Presenting Petitions

Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) tabled the following on behalf of Mr. Fortin (Pontiac):

The abstract of a petition on the restoration and protection of the mission of universities in Québec, signed by 1,564 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 504-20260204)

Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) tabled the abstracts of two petitions on a request to allow shroud burials:

- the first, being the abstract of a petition signed by 5,154 citizens of Québec;
(Sessional Paper No. 505-20260204)
 - the second, being the abstract of a petition signed by 16 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 506-20260204)
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Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on abolishing the Québec Sales Tax on used children's clothing, signed by 5,788 citizens of Québec;
(Sessional Paper No. 507-20260204)

The abstract of a petition on a request to remove the time limit for residential pool owners to comply with current safety standards, signed by 97 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 508-20260204)

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Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a suspension of the obligation for people with autism to wear school uniforms if the available options are inadequate, signed by 96 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 509-20260204)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Ms. Bélanger, Minister of Health, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

At the request of the President, Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

Motions Without Notice

Mr. Morin (Acadie), together with Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on the abolition of the Québec Experience Program; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin), together with Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on funding for the program La culture à l'école; 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. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Ms. Bélanger, Minister of Health, Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee), Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), Mr. Carmant (Taillon), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark the 36th annual Suicide Prevention Week organized by the Association québécoise de prévention du suicide under the theme "Reach out, support hope";

THAT it acknowledge the fact that three people take their own lives every day and that suicide attempts reach particularly high levels in females aged 15 and 19, while those behaviours have increased significantly for girls aged 10 to 14 in the last decade, now reaching nearly three times the levels of 2011;

THAT it underline that suicide is a major public health issue in Québec;

THAT it recognize the crucial role played by health and social services network employees, by suicide prevention centres and by community organizations who support people in distress, concerned friends and family members and bereaved people;

THAT it recall the importance of working together in order to raise awareness and mobilize the entire population around the issues related to suicide;

THAT it recognize the national strategy and all suicide prevention initiatives as essential in the fight against this scourge;

THAT, lastly, it commit to continuing and strengthening actions to prevent suicide and support the renewal of the suicide prevention national strategy.

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. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Laicity, together with Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Mr. Carmant (Taillon), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent), moved:

THAT the National Assembly recall that no accommodation may justify the refusal, when accessing public services, to be served by a woman and that it reaffirm that gender equality is a fundamental, non-negotiable principle in Québec;

THAT it recall that Bill 9 contains provisions to enable government officials to refuse any such request for accommodation.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 96 in Appendix)

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

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT, within the framework of the consideration of Bill 10, An Act to protect consumers against abusive practices in ticket reselling and online subscription renewal, the Committee on Culture and Education hold special consultations and public hearings on Tuesday, 24 February 2026 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 3:15 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.;

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THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following individuals and organizations:

Association québécoise de l'industrie du disque, du spectacle et de la vidéo
Union des artistes
Association professionnelle des diffuseurs de spectacles – RIDEAU
The Point of Sale
Groupe iCible – Tuxedo
Evenko
BleuFeu
Option consommateurs
Coalition des associations des consommateurs du Québec
Union des consommateurs
Les scènes de musique alternatives du Québec;

THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 6 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 3 minutes 36 seconds to the Official Opposition, 1 minute 12 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 1 minute 12 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT the presentation by each organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows: 17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 10 minutes 30 seconds to the Official Opposition, 3 minutes 30 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 3 minutes 30 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT a 5-minute interval be scheduled between discussions with each individual or organization;

THAT the Minister of Justice be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- the Committee on Institutions, to continue its public hearings within the framework of a general consultation on Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025;
- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 9, An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 11, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 13, An Act to promote the population's safety and sense of security and to amend various provisions;
- 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.

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 equitable access to childcare services and tax credits for children placed in mixed bank foster care.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

At 11:36 a.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 3:00 p.m.

The proceedings resumed at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, informed the Assembly that he had received two requests for a debate upon adjournment to be held on Thursday, 5 February 2026:

- the first, on a question from Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) to Ms. Bélanger, Minister of Health, about the CAQ government's inaction with regard to the rising suicide rate among our young people;
- the second, on a question from Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) to Ms. Bélanger, Minister of Health, about the case of Lisette Perron.

Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition

Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) moved:

THAT the National Assembly take note of the alarming increase in violence against women in Québec, in particular domestic violence, which is reflected, among other things, in the many femicides committed since the beginning of 2026 and in the critical overcrowding of women's shelters and external services, whose capacity has been greatly exceeded;

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THAT it be alarmed that, last year, SOS violence conjugale received more than 19,000 requests for shelter and that more than one in two women were turned away due to a lack of space and resources and that, in some regions, the refusal rate was nearly 67%;

THAT it note that the actions taken by the Government in recent years have not curbed the increase in violence against women, that this violence continues to increase, and that it is appropriate and necessary to enhance the policy framework in this regard;

THAT, lastly, it demand that the Government urgently table an update to the 2022–2027 government strategy to fight against sexual violence and domestic violence and to rebuild trust, which is based in particular on the predictability of funding for women’s shelters, increased shelter capacity and improved prevention, early detection and support services, including for women experiencing homelessness.

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 her reply; 50 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 25 minutes 43 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 15 minutes 43 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 8 minutes 34 seconds to the Third Opposition Group; and 10 minutes 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.

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At the beginning of her address, Ms. Lecours (Lotbinière-Frontenac) moved:

THAT the motion moved by the Member for Robert-Baldwin be amended as follows:

1. By striking out, in the first paragraph, the words “and in the critical overcrowding of women’s shelters and external services, whose capacity has been greatly exceeded”;
2. By replacing, in the second paragraph, the words “be alarmed” by “recognize”;
3. By replacing, in the third paragraph, the words “have not curbed the increase in violence against women, that this violence continues to increase, and that it is appropriate and necessary to enhance the policy framework in this regard” by “have helped many victims of domestic violence, but that there is still more work to do to curb this phenomenon”;
4. By replacing the fourth paragraph with the following: “THAT, lastly, it ask the Government to continue its actions to fight against sexual violence and domestic violence, in particular funding for women’s shelters, increased shelter capacity and improved prevention, early detection and support services, including for women experiencing homelessness.”.

The motion, as amended, would read as follows:

THAT the National Assembly take note of the alarming increase in violence against women in Québec, in particular domestic violence, which is reflected, among other things, in the many femicides committed since the beginning of 2026;

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THAT it recognize that, last year, SOS violence conjugale received more than 19,000 requests for shelter and that more than one in two women were turned away due to a lack of space and resources and that, in some regions, the refusal rate was nearly 67%;

THAT it note that the actions taken by the Government in recent years have helped many victims of domestic violence, but that there is still more work to do to curb this phenomenon;

THAT, lastly, it ask the Government to continue its actions to fight against sexual violence and domestic violence, in particular funding for women's shelters, increased shelter capacity and improved prevention, early detection and support services, including for women experiencing homelessness.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) and on the amendment motion moved by Ms. Lecours (Lotbinière-Frontenac), subject to the permission of its author.

Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) refused the amendment proposed by Ms. Lecours (Lotbinière-Frontenac).

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, 5 February 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

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Accordingly, at 5:02 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 5 February 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Laicity, together with Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Mr. Carmant (Taillon), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent):

(Division No. 96)

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