



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 5 February 2026 — No. 33

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

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

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Mr. Lévesque (Chauveau) made a statement to pay tribute to the victims of the Burkina Faso attack of 15 January 2016.

Ms. Caron (La Pinière) made a statement to underline the work of the Com'femme women's centre.

Mr. Lemay (Masson) made a statement to underline the Mascouche a du talent competition.

Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) made a statement to pay tribute to popular education centres and InterCEP.

Ms. Picard (Soulanges) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. André Sauvé.

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Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) made a statement to underline International Development Week.

Mr. Girard (Lac-Saint-Jean) made a statement to underline Optimist Day.

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) made a statement to underline the importance of the fight against domestic violence.

Mr. Asselin (Vanier-Les Rivières) made a statement to underline the 10th anniversary of Intégration TSA.

Ms. Champagne Jourdain (Duplessis) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Manouchka Otis.

Ms. Abou-Khalil (Fabre) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. François Legault.

Mr. Provençal (Beauce-Nord) made a statement to congratulate Ms. Lori-Anne Berthiaume, winner of Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Program for the Québec region.

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At 9:55 a.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:07 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Poulin, Minister for the Economy and Small and Medium Entreprises moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

- 17 An Act mainly to amend the Act respecting natural gas storage and natural gas and oil pipelines in order to provide a framework for underground reservoirs and certain pipelines

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 17 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, tabled the following:

The 2025 annual report on the evolution of the gasoline and diesel fuel retail market of the Régie de l'énergie.

(Sessional Paper No. 510-20260205)

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Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Schneeberger (Drummond–Bois-Francis), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, which held public hearings on 3 and 4 February 2026 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.

(Sessional Paper No. 511-20260205)

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) tabled the following on behalf of Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine):

The abstract of a petition on access to continuous glucose monitoring systems for people with type 2 diabetes, signed by 360 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 512-20260205)

Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) tabled the abstracts of two petitions on a request to end the investment of public funds for the third link between the cities of Québec and Lévis:

— the first, being the abstract of a petition signed by 3,917 citizens of Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 513-20260205)

— the second, being the abstract of a petition signed by 334 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 514-20260205)

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Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the renovation of the Douglas Mental Health University Institute, signed by 600 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 515-20260205)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

Deferred Divisions

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 4 February 2026, on the motion moved by Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

This motion reads 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 and in the critical overcrowding of women's shelters and external services, whose capacity has been greatly exceeded;

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;

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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.

The motion was negated on the following vote:

(Division No. 97 in Appendix)

Yeas: **33** Nays: **68** Abstentions: **0**

Motions Without Notice

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), together with Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) and Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved a motion on the Société des alcools du Québec’s quick delivery service pilot project; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on funding for the Programme d’aide au développement du transport collectif; 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. Abou-Khalil (Fabre), together with Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Mr. Carmant (Taillon), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly affirm that, in case of conflict between the exercise of the right to equality of women and men and the exercise of freedom of religion, the former must prevail.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 98 in Appendix)

Yeas: 93 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 7

Mr. Fortin (Pontiac), together with Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on the number of Quebecers registered with a family physician; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Ms. LeBel, 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;

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- 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 Public Finance, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 111, An Act to modernize the Cooperatives Act and to amend other provisions;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 5, An Act to accelerate the granting of the authorizations required to carry out priority national-scale projects.

And, by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 143, she convened the following committee:

- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 15, An Act to amend the Professional Code and other provisions mainly to streamline the regulatory processes of the professional system and broaden certain professional practices in the field of health and social services.

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Institutions shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on the closure of a Québec government office in Tel Aviv.

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Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Friday, 13 February 2026, Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) would question Ms. Proulx, Minister Responsible for Housing, during an interpellation on a generation of lessees, the CAQ government's legacy with respect to housing.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

At 11:18 a.m., at the request of Ms. LeBel, Deputy Government House Leader, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until the expiry of the time limit for receiving notices for debates upon adjournment.

The proceedings resumed at 11:35 a.m.

At 11:35 a.m., at the request of Ms. LeBel, Deputy Government House Leader, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 1:00 p.m.

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Debates upon Adjournment

At 1:01 p.m., the Assembly held two debates upon adjournment:

- 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.

Ms. Bélanger, Minister of Health, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 1:27 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin):

(Division No. 97)

YEAS - 33

Arseneau (PQ)	Ciccone (QLP)	Garceau (QLP)	McGraw (QLP)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Morin (QLP)
Bérubé (PQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Grandmont (QS)	Nichols (QLP)
Blanchette Vézina (IND)	Dufour (IND)	Kelley (QLP)	Paradis (PQ)
Boissonneault (PQ)	(Abitibi-Est)	Labrie (QS)	Prass (QLP)
Bouazzi (QS)	Dufour (QLP)	Lakhoyan Olivier (IND)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Cadet (QLP)	(Mille-Îles)	Leduc (QS)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Caron (QLP) (La Pinière)	Fontecilla (QS)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tanguay (QLP)
	Fortin (QLP)	Massé (QS)	Zaga Mendez (QS)

NAYS - 68

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Charest (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Charette (CAQ)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Orford)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Prévost)	Drainville (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bernard (CAQ)	Dubé (IND)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	(Les Plaines)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Bourassa (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Carmant (IND)	(Groulx)	Lemieux (CAQ)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Caron (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
(Portneuf)	Guillemette (CAQ)	(Chapleau)	Thouin (CAQ)
Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	
	Hébert (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	
	Jacques (CAQ)	Mallette (CAQ)	

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On the motion moved by Ms. Abou-Khalil (Fabre), together with Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Mr. Carmant (Taillon), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey):

(Division No. 98)

YEAS - 93

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Charest (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)
Arseneau (PQ)	Charette (CAQ)	Jacques (CAQ)	Nichols (QLP)
Asselin (CAQ)	Ciccone (QLP)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Paradis (PQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Déry (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Orford)	Dionne (CAQ)	Kelley (QLP)	Prass (QLP)
Bélanger (CAQ) (Prévost)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Bernard (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	Dubé (IND)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Dufour (IND) (Abitibi-Est)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Dufour (QLP) (Mille-Îles)	Lakhoyan Olivier (IND)	Roberge (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (IND)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Boissonneault (PQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Lecours (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	(Les Plaines)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	Garceau (QLP)	Lecours (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Bourassa (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
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Caron (QLP) (La Pinière)	Girard (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	Tanguay (QLP)
Caron (CAQ) (Portneuf)	(Groulx)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
	Guilbault (CAQ)	(Chapleau)	Thouin (CAQ)
	Guillemette (CAQ)	Maccarone (QLP)	
		Malette (CAQ)	
		McGraw (QLP)	

ABSTENTIONS - 7

Bouazzi (QS)	Grandmont (QS)	Massé (QS)
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Labrie (QS)	
Fontecilla (QS)	Leduc (QS)	