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SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 11 February 2026 — No. 35

**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. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to announce the granting of financial assistance for the creation of the Centre d'excellence en systèmes intégrés de défense.

Mr. Benjamin (Viau) made a statement to underline the work of the Fonds 1804 for school perseverance.

Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to pay tribute to the women who work in the construction sector.

Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) made a statement to applaud the mobilization of Estrie citizens for the reinstatement of the Programme de l'expérience québécoise (Québec Experience Program).

Ms. Charest (Brome-Missisquoi) made a statement to underline the 150th anniversary of Ville de Cowansville and Ville de Farnham.

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Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

Mr. Provençal (Beauce-Nord) made a statement to underline the fifth anniversary of the Centre d'aide aux personnes immigrantes et leurs familles.

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Bernard Rousseau.

Ms. Haytayan (Laval-des-Rapides) made a statement to underline the 75th anniversary of Loisirs Bon-Pasteur.

Ms. Grondin (Argenteuil) made a statement to underline the creation of the Table québécoise d'expertise sur les lacs.

Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Janet St-Hilaire.

At 9:53 a.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 10:09 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Ms. Proulx, Minister Responsible for Housing, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

20 An Act to enact the Act to facilitate access to housing and amending various provisions with respect to housing

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 20 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

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

The 2024–2025 annual activity report of the National Student Ombudsman.
(Sessional Paper No. 528-20260211)

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Ms. Rouleau, Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual report of the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board (French, English and Cree versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 529-20260211)

Presenting Petitions

Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on maintaining access to obstetrics and gynecological care in the Québec region, signed by 135 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 530-20260211)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

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Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean), together with Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski) and Mr. Carmant (Taillon), moved:

THAT the National Assembly recall that, to be appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Québec or the Québec Court of Appeal, it is a legal requirement to be a member of the Barreau du Québec for at least 10 years;

THAT, in this regard, the Assembly ask the Québec government to commit to always defending this fundamental requirement for the recognition of Québec's distinct legal character.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 99 in Appendix)

Yeas: **101** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Mr. Morin (Acadie), together with Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on abolishing the Programme de l'expérience québécoise (Québec Experience Program); this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), together with Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved a motion on protecting tenants; 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. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) and Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved:

THAT the National Assembly express its grave concern over the spectacular 149% increase in violent crimes in the Côte-Nord region over the last five years, a situation worsened by the conflicts related to organized crime and drug trafficking;

THAT it recognize that the city of Sept-Îles currently has the fastest growing violent crime rate in Québec, which greatly affects the sense of security and quality of life of citizens, including the nearby Indigenous communities of Uashat mak Mani-utenam;

THAT, lastly, it ask the Government to reinforce prevention and intervention measures with youth to combat recruitment by criminal organizations and to bolster support for regional social services and community organizations to address the drug addiction issues that are fueling the criminal market.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **100** 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 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 12, An Act to establish the provision of educational childcare by recognized persons responsible for a community educational childcare service;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to continue its 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;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 19, An Act to, in particular, improve access to medical services and provide for the medical taking in charge of the population;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to continue its 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;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 13, An Act to promote the population's safety and sense of security and to amend various provisions.

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

- the Committee on Culture and Education shall hold deliberative meetings to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on the restoration and protection of the mission of universities in Québec, and to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on a suspension of the obligation for people with autism to wear school uniforms if the available options are inadequate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage in Principle

Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Laicity, moved that Bill 9, An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec, do now pass in principle.

A debate arose thereon.

At 1:00 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 3:00 p.m.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 97, the debate on the motion moved by Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Laicity, was adjourned in the name of Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont).

The proceedings resumed at 3:00 p.m.

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Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) moved:

THAT the National Assembly denounce the CAQ government's poor record for the Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean region after two terms of office.

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; 45 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 22 minutes 37 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 13 minutes 49 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 18 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.

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.

Government Bills

Passage in Principle

The Assembly resumed the debate, which had been adjourned earlier in the sitting, on the motion moved by Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Laicity, that Bill 9, An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec, do now pass in principle.

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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Report Stage

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Public Finance on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 111, An Act to modernize the Cooperatives Act and to amend other provisions.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

Passage in Principle

Mr. Poulin, Minister for the Economy and Small and Medium Entreprises moved that Bill 11, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden, do now pass in principle.

A debate arose thereon.

The debate was adjourned in the name of Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier).

At 6:29 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 12 February 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean), together with Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski) and Mr. Carmant (Taillon):

(Division No. 99)

YEAS - 101

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

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On the motion moved by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) and Mr. Marissal (Rosemont):

(Division No. 100)

YEAS - 99

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Charette (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Chassin (IND)	Jacques (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)
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