



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 17 February 2026 — No. 37

**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. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Audrey McManiman.

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

Ms. Schmaltz (Vimont) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Frédéric Paris.

Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the Corporation de développement communautaire Solidarité Saint-Henri.

Ms. Blouin (Bonaventure) made a statement to underline the success of the École Bourg's Auto D project.

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Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) made a statement to underline the 100th anniversary of Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur de Montréal.

Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Claude Lefebvre.

Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Yvan Carrier.

Ms. Dionne (Rivière-du-Loup-Témiscouata) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Bertin Denis.

Mr. Lafrenière (Vachon) made a statement to underline Hooked on School Days.

Mr. Poulin (Beauce-Sud) made a statement to underline Scout-Guide Week.

Mr. Jacques (Mégantic) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Jeannine Bolduc and Ms. Rose-Hélène Lessard.

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At 1:55 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 2:05 p.m.

Moment of reflection

The President tabled the following:

A letter, dated 14 February 2026, she had received from Mr. André Fortin, Member for Pontiac, informing her of his designation as Leader of the Official Opposition, and of the appointments of Mr. Marc Tanguay, Member for LaFontaine, as Official Opposition House Leader, of Ms. Jennifer Maccarone, Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis, as Chief Whip of the Official Opposition, and of Mr. Frédéric Beauchemin, Member for Marguerite-Bourgeoys, as Deputy House Leader of the Official Opposition.

(Sessional Paper No. 535-20260217)

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

498 An Act to remove obstacles to efficiency in the health system

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 498 was introduced in the Assembly.

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Presenting Papers

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, tabled the following on behalf of Mr. Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications:

The 2024–2025 annual report of the Société du Grand Théâtre de Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 536-20260217)

The President tabled the following:

The new seating plan of the National Assembly, dated 17 February 2026;
(Sessional Paper No. 537-20260217)

A copy of the notice of motion by Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) to be placed on the *Order Paper and Notices* of Wednesday, 18 February 2026 under Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.
(Sessional Paper No. 538-20260217)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Citizen Relations, which held public hearings on 10, 11 and 12 February 2026 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.
(Sessional Paper No. 539-20260217)

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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 16 February 2026 to discuss a request from the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition concerning changes to the chairs and the membership of the parliamentary committees.

(Sessional Paper No. 540-20260217)

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 129 and 134, Ms. Soucy, First 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.

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

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

At the request of the President, Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

Motions Without Notice

Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), together with Mr. Derraji (Nelligan), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on the conclusions of the report of the Gallant Commission; 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. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge Radio-Canada's recent revelations underscoring the extent of the CAQ government's reliance on McKinsey & Company, in particular with respect to strategic issues concerning the Québec State;

THAT it take note of the Lobbyist Commissioner's conclusion that McKinsey had communicated with the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation several times with regard to the granting of a contract;

THAT it take note of the Lobbyists Commissioner's findings regarding his inability to continue with his investigation due to the inapplicability of the *Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act* to certain forms of lobbying carried out by enterprise lobbyists;

THAT, lastly, it take note of the recommendations made in the 16 February 2026 report by the Commission d'enquête sur la gestion de la modernisation des systèmes informatiques de la Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec that a major overhaul of the *Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act* be undertaken;

THAT, accordingly, it ask the Government to legislate reforms to the *Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act*, in particular to address its shortcomings by eliminating the minimal activity threshold for enterprise lobbyists.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **105** in Appendix)

Yeas: **100** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. LeBel, Minister of Education, together with Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark Hooked on School Days, which takes place from 16 to 20 February this year under the theme “Perseverance will take you far”, a unifying moment to encourage our youth to remain steadfast in their educational path;

THAT it pay tribute to students who persevere despite the challenges by recalling that behind every successful educational path there are sustained efforts, time and constant commitment on the part of Québec students;

THAT it applaud the commitment of stakeholders involved in educational success, including school teams, school organizations, parents and community organizations that contribute daily to supporting students in their educational path;

THAT it reiterate that perseverance in school is based on the commitment of the entire community and that it invite the Québec population to express its support for students and educational success.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

Mr. Derraji (Nelligan), together with Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on continuing the Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont reconstruction project; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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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 clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 9, An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of 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 Labour and the Economy, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 3, An Act to improve the transparency, governance and democratic process of various associations in the workplace.

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Public Finance shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on abolishing the Québec Sales Tax on used children's clothing.

Then, by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 64.3, she gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Health and Social Services shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on the support for and deployment of an organized colorectal cancer screening program.

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Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Wednesday, 18 February 2026, during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition, a debate would be held on the motion moved by Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau).

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly affirm its opposition to Marinvest Energy's gas pipeline and liquefied natural gas plant project.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage in Principle

The Assembly resumed the debate, which had been adjourned on 11 February 2026, on the motion moved by Mr. Poulin, Minister for the Economy and Small and Medium Enterprises, that Bill 11, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden, do now pass in principle.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried, and Bill 11 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 11 be referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

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Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, moved that Bill 5, An Act to accelerate the granting of the authorizations required to carry out priority national-scale projects, do now pass in principle.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried, and Bill 5 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 5 be referred to the Committee on Public Finance for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

Passage

Mr. Girard, Minister for Regional Economic Development, moved the passage of Bill 111, An Act to modernize the Cooperatives Act and to amend other provisions.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried and, accordingly, Bill 111 was passed.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Wednesday, 18 February 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 4:45 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 18 February 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

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President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey):

(Division No. 105)

YEAS - 100

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Kelley (QLP)	Poulin (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Labrie (QS)	Proulx (CAQ)
Arseneau (PQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Dubé (IND)	Lakhoyan Olivier (IND)	Rizqy (IND)
(Prévost)	Dufour (IND)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	(Abitibi-Est)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
(Orford)	Dufour (QLP)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Bernard (CAQ)	(Mille-Îles)	Lecours (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	(Les Plaines)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Leduc (QS)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Blanchette Vézina (IND)	Garceau (QLP)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	(Chauveau)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Boissonneault (PQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	St-Pierre Plamondon (PQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	(Chapleau)	Tanguay (QLP)
Bouazzi (QS)	Girard (CAQ)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tardif (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	(Groulx)	Malette (CAQ)	Thouin (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Grandmont (QS)	Martel (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Cadet (QLP)	Grondin (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	(Hull)
Carmant (IND)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Caron (QLP)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	Zanetti (QS)
(La Pinière)	Hébert (CAQ)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)	
Charest (CAQ)	Jacques (CAQ)	Nichols (QLP)	
Charette (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Paradis (PQ)	
Chassin (IND)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)	
Ciccone (QLP)	Julien (CAQ)	Poulet (IND)	