



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 19 February 2026 — No. 39

**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. Mallette (Huntingdon) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Elizabeth Casingena.

Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline Tamil Heritage Month.

Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay) made a statement to invite citizens to participate in the Balades aux flambeaux at the Centre écologique Fernand-Seguin.

Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin) made a statement to underline Hooked on School Days.

Mr. Rivest (Côte-du-Sud) made a statement to underline the mobilization of citizens and various stakeholders in the context of the renovation project for the Cégep de La Pocatière swimming pool.

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Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) made a statement to underline the work of the Marie-Vincent Foundation.

Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) made a statement to underline the participation of Mr. Logan Poisson and Ms. Charlie Véronneau at the WorldSkills Competition.

Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) made a statement to pay tribute to eight women from the Saint-Jérôme riding in the context of International Women's Day.

Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou-Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline Hooked on School Days.

Ms. Dorismond (Marie-Victorin) made a statement to underline the work of the organization Partage Saint-Robert.

Mr. Roberge (Chambly) made a statement to underline the 55th anniversary of the Club FADOQ de Richelieu.

Mr. Montigny (René-Lévesque) made a statement to underline Hooked on School Days.

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At 9:54 a.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:05 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, tabled the following:

The implementation report of the *Act respecting labour standards*.
(Sessional Paper No. 541-20260219)

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 2 December 2025 by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri-Sainte-Anne) on releasing Ahmed Souab;
(Sessional Paper No. 542-20260219)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 10 December 2025 by Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) on a request to repeal the *Act mainly to establish collective responsibility with respect to improvement of access to medical services and to ensure continuity of provision of those services*;
(Sessional Paper No. 543-20260219)

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The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 12 December 2025 by Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska) on the implementation of measures by Santé Québec to ensure compliance with the seniority rules set out in collective agreements.

(Sessional Paper No. 544-20260219)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Provençal (Beauce-Nord), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Health and Social Services, which met on 12, 17 and 18 February 2026 for 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 report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 545-20260219)

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on reinstating services for asylum seekers in the Capitale-Nationale region, signed by 652 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 546-20260219)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

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Deferred Divisions

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 18 February 2026, on the motion moved by Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

This motion reads as follows:

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

The motion was negated on the following vote:

(Division No. **109** in Appendix)

Yeas: **14** Nays: **80** Abstentions: **0**

Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel), together with Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly underline that the 43rd Legislature has the highest number of elected women in history;

THAT it ask all political parties to maintain their efforts to avoid any regression in this regard and to advance the representation of women in this Assembly.

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

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The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 110 in Appendix)

Yeas: **93** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, together with Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on the coordination of organ donations; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke), together with Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on section 29 of Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Mr. Derraji (Nelligan), Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on negotiations with paramedics; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Poulet (Laporte), 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), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on the educational success of boys; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

Ms. LeBel, Deputy Government House Leader, convened the following committees:

- 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 Planning and the Public Domain, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 13, An Act to promote the population's safety and sense of security and to amend various provisions;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 11, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden;
- 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.

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

- 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.

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

- the Committee on Institutions shall hold a deliberative meeting to establish the Committee's observations, conclusions and recommendations following the general consultation and public hearings on Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage in Principle

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, moved that 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, do now pass in principle.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried, and Bill 15 was accordingly passed in principle.

Ms. LeBel, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 15 be referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

At 12:10 p.m., at the request of Ms. LeBel, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 1:00 p.m.

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Debates upon Adjournment

At 1:00 p.m., the Assembly held two debates upon adjournment:

- the first, on a question from Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) to Mr. Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, about the steep increase in the costs of selective collection for businesses;
- the second, on a question from Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) to Mr. Bélanger, Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology, about the CAQ government's lack of oversight with regard to State digital transformation projects.

Mr. Bélanger, Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Tuesday, 24 February 2026 at 1:40 p.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 1:26 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 24 February 2026 at 1:40 p.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau):

(Division No. 109)

YEAS - 14

Arseneau (<i>PQ</i>)	Gentilcore (<i>PQ</i>)	Massé (<i>QS</i>)
Bérubé (<i>PQ</i>)	Grandmont (<i>QS</i>)	Nadeau-Dubois (<i>QS</i>)
Boissonneault (<i>PQ</i>)	Labrie (<i>QS</i>)	Paradis (<i>PQ</i>)
Cliche-Rivard (<i>QS</i>)	Leduc (<i>QS</i>)	Zanetti (<i>QS</i>)
Fontecilla (<i>QS</i>)	Marissal (<i>IND</i>)	

NAYS - 80

Abou-Khalil (<i>CAQ</i>)	Ciccone (<i>QLP</i>)	Lachance (<i>CAQ</i>)	Picard (<i>CAQ</i>)
Allaire (<i>CAQ</i>)	Derraji (<i>QLP</i>)	Laframboise (<i>CAQ</i>)	Poulet (<i>IND</i>)
Asselin (<i>CAQ</i>)	Déry (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lafrenière (<i>CAQ</i>)	Poulin (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bachand (<i>CAQ</i>)	Dionne (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lakhoyan Olivier (<i>IND</i>)	Prass (<i>QLP</i>)
Beauchemin (<i>QLP</i>)	Dorismond (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lamothe (<i>CAQ</i>)	Provençal (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bélanger (<i>CAQ</i>) (<i>Prévost</i>)	Drainville (<i>CAQ</i>)	LeBel (<i>CAQ</i>)	Reid (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bélanger (<i>CAQ</i>) (<i>Orford</i>)	Dufour (<i>QLP</i>) (<i>Mille-Îles</i>)	Lecours (<i>CAQ</i>) (<i>Les Plaines</i>)	Rivest (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bernard (<i>CAQ</i>)	Duranceau (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lecours (<i>CAQ</i>) (<i>Lotbinière-Frontenac</i>)	Roberge (<i>CAQ</i>)
Blais (<i>CAQ</i>)	Fortin (<i>QLP</i>)	Lemay (<i>CAQ</i>)	Rotiroti (<i>QLP</i>)
Bogemans (<i>CAQ</i>)	Garceau (<i>QLP</i>)	Lemieux (<i>CAQ</i>)	Rouleau (<i>CAQ</i>)
Boivin Roy (<i>CAQ</i>)	Gendron (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lèvesque (<i>CAQ</i>) (<i>Chauveau</i>)	Roy (<i>CAQ</i>)
Boulet (<i>CAQ</i>)	Girard (<i>CAQ</i>) (<i>Lac-Saint-Jean</i>)	Lèvesque (<i>CAQ</i>) (<i>Chapleau</i>)	Sainte-Croix (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bussière (<i>CAQ</i>)	Girard (<i>CAQ</i>) (<i>Groulx</i>)	Maccarone (<i>QLP</i>)	Schmaltz (<i>CAQ</i>)
Cadet (<i>QLP</i>)	Grondin (<i>CAQ</i>)	Mallette (<i>CAQ</i>)	Schneeberger (<i>CAQ</i>)
Carmant (<i>IND</i>)	Guilbault (<i>CAQ</i>)	Martel (<i>CAQ</i>)	Setlakwe (<i>QLP</i>)
Caron (<i>QLP</i>) (<i>La Pinière</i>)	Guillemette (<i>CAQ</i>)	McGraw (<i>QLP</i>)	Simard (<i>CAQ</i>)
Champagne Jourdain (<i>CAQ</i>)	Jacques (<i>CAQ</i>)		Skeete (<i>CAQ</i>)
Charest (<i>CAQ</i>)	Jeannotte (<i>CAQ</i>)	Montigny (<i>CAQ</i>)	St-Louis (<i>CAQ</i>)
Charette (<i>CAQ</i>)	Jolin-Barrette (<i>CAQ</i>)	Morin (<i>QLP</i>)	Tanguay (<i>QLP</i>)
Chassin (<i>IND</i>)	Kelley (<i>QLP</i>)	Nichols (<i>QLP</i>)	Tardif (<i>CAQ</i>)
			Thouin (<i>CAQ</i>)

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YEAS - 93

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Poulet (IND)
Arseneau (PQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lakhoyan Olivier (IND)	Poulin (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
Bachand (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	LeBel (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Dufour (QLP)	Lecours (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	(Mille-Îles)	(Les Plaines)	Rivest (CAQ)
(Orford)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Fontecilla (QS)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Rotiroti (QLP)
(Prévost)	Fortin (QLP)	Leduc (QS)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Bernard (CAQ)	Garceau (QLP)	Lemay (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Boissonneault (PQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	(Chapleau)	Simard (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	(Groulx)	Maccarone (QLP)	Skeete (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Grandmont (QS)	Malette (CAQ)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Cadet (QLP)	Groncin (CAQ)	Marissal (IND)	Tanguay (QLP)
Carmant (IND)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
Caron (QLP)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Massé (QS)	Thouin (CAQ)
(La Pinière)	Jacques (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	Zanetti (QS)
Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	
Charest (CAQ)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	
Charette (CAQ)	Kelley (QLP)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)	
Chassin (IND)	Labrie (QS)	Nichols (QLP)	
Ciccone (QLP)	Lachance (CAQ)	Paradis (PQ)	