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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 24 February 2026 — No. 40

**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. Rivest (Côte-du-Sud) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Frédéric Jean.

Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline International Women's Day.

Ms. Blouin (Bonaventure) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Mariette Thibodeau.

Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Thomas De Koninck.

Mr. Caron (Portneuf) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Ibrahima Nguirane.

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Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) made a statement to highlight the housing issues experienced by women in the context of International Women's Day.

Ms. Tardif (Laviolette-Saint-Maurice) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Liliane Gagnon.

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) made a statement to applaud the achievement of the project Le Phare des Îles.

Mr. Provençal (Beauce-Nord) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the organization Lien-Partage.

Ms. Poulet (Laporte) made a statement to ask the Government to better support the community sector.

Ms. Bourassa (Charlevoix-Côte-de-Beaupré) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Isabelle Lemieux.

Ms. Tremblay (Hull) made a statement to underline the relocation and reopening of La Clinique des femmes de l'Outaouais.

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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 2:06 p.m.

Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

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

The 2020–2024 report on the application of the provisions of Chapter VI.1 of the *Cultural Heritage Act* – Ville de Montréal;

(Sessional Paper No. 547-20260224)

The 2019–2023 report on the application of the provisions of Chapter VI.1 of the *Cultural Heritage Act* – Ville de Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 548-20260224)

He then tabled the following:

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 2 December 2025 by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) on the support for and deployment of an organized colorectal cancer screening program;

(Sessional Paper No. 549-20260224)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 5 February 2026 by Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) on access to continuous glucose monitoring systems for people with type 2 diabetes.

(Sessional Paper No. 550-20260224)

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The President tabled the following:

A letter, dated 19 February 2026, she had received from Mr. André Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, informing her of the appointment of Ms. Linda Caron, Member for La Pinière, as a substitute member of the Office of the National Assembly to replace Mr. Enrico Ciccone, Member for Marquette.

(Sessional Paper No. 551-20260224)

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, moved that this modification to the composition of the Office of the National Assembly be adopted.

The motion was carried.

The President then tabled the following:

A letter, dated 20 February 2026, she had received from Ms. Nadine Koussa, President of the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse, about the resignation of Ms. Lizette Gauvreau as part-time member of the Commission;

(Sessional Paper No. 552-20260224)

A copy of the notice of motion by Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) to be placed on the *Order Paper and Notices* of Wednesday, 25 February 2026 under Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

(Sessional Paper No. 553-20260224)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Bachand (Richmond), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Institutions, which held public hearings on 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12 December 2025; and on 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18 February 2026 within the framework of a general consultation on Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 554-20260224)

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Presenting Petitions

Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on withdrawing section 29 on abortion from Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, signed by 63,002 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 555-20260224)

Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on obtaining a crossing-guard for high schools that meet the criteria, signed by 3,490 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).
(Sessional Paper No. 556-20260224)

Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on maintaining coordination activities for organ donations and transplants under the independent management of Transplant Québec, signed by 4,198 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 557-20260224)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

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Motions Without Notice

Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce), together with Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), 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 the joint review of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) moved a motion on the freedom of speech of parliamentarians; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge that the *Police Act* provides that the Minister of Public Security must establish a Québec Police Services Council;

THAT it acknowledge that the Police Services Council has been inactive since 2013;

THAT it recall that the Council advises the Government on all matters relating to police services in Québec;

THAT, accordingly, the National Assembly ask the Minister of Public Security to commit to reinstating the Québec Police Services Council as soon as possible.

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. **111** in Appendix)

Yeas: **98** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Ms. Bourassa (Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré), together with Mr. Tanguay, Official Opposition House Leader, Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on the parliamentary work environment; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

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

- the Committee on Culture and Education, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 10, An Act to protect consumers against abusive practices in ticket reselling and online subscription renewal.

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, 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 maintaining access to obstetrics and gynecological care in the Québec region.

Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Wednesday, 25 February 2026, during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition, a debate would be held on the motion moved by Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé).

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge the need to hold a national forum on the education system in Québec.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Report Stage

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Health and Social Services on 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.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

Ms. Grondin (Argenteuil) moved that Bill 496, An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec, do now pass in principle.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried, and Bill 496 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 496 be referred to the Committee on Culture and Education for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

At 3:59 p.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 6:30 p.m.

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Debates upon Adjournment

At 6:31 p.m., the Assembly held a debate upon adjournment on a question from Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) to Mr. Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, about the lack of leadership of the CAQ government, which has yet to appoint a chief negotiator for Québec.

At 6:44 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 25 February 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

ROYAL ASSENT

On Tuesday, 24 February 2026 at 3:40 p.m. in the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the presence of Mr. Girard, Minister for Regional Economic Development, Delegate of the Premier, and of Ms. Beauregard, Director of Sittings and Parliamentary Procedure and Delegate of the Secretary General, the Honourable Manon Jeannotte, Lieutenant-Governor of Québec, was pleased to assent to the following bill:

111 An Act to modernize the Cooperatives Act and to amend other provisions

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

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

(Division No. 111)

YEAS - 98

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