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SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 1 April 2026 — No. 50

**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. Caire (La Peltrie) made a statement to underline Mr. Gilles Caron's perseverance throughout his adoption process.

Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Casper Bloom.

Mr. Laframboise (Blainville) made a statement to underline the success of the Québec Games held in Blainville.

Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) made a statement to underline the fifth anniversary of the newspaper *Mon Plateau*.

Ms. Duranceau (Bertrand) made a statement to urge the community to support the Chambre de commerce de Rawdon in the implementation of its new strategic plan.

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Mr. Derraji (Nelligan) made a statement to underline Daffodil Month.

Ms. Dionne (Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata) made a statement to underline the vitality of Québec’s hotel and tourism industry.

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) made a statement to support the organizations involved in the Le communautaire à boutte movement.

Ms. LeBel (Champlain) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Nicole Poirier.

Ms. Poulet (Laporte) made a statement to underline the 45th anniversary of Maison Tournesols.

Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 10th anniversary of the Héma-Québec Donation Centre in Gatineau.

Ms. Lachance (Bellechasse) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Josée Therrien.

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At 9:55 a.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:14 a.m.

Moment of reflection

The President tabled the following:

A letter, dated 1 April 2026, she had received from Mr. Jacques, Chief Government Whip, informing her that Mr. Lionel Carmant, Member for Taillon, had rejoined the Government Caucus.

(Sessional Paper No. 701-20260401)

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

27 An Act to amend various provisions concerning collective agreement decrees and the construction industry

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 27 was introduced in the Assembly.

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Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

595 An Act respecting self-managed personal assistance for persons with disabilities

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 595 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

The President tabled the following:

The new seating plan of the National Assembly, dated 1 April 2026.
(Sessional Paper No. 702-20260401)

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 26 and 31 March 2026 within the framework of special consultations on Bill 20, An Act to enact the Act to facilitate access to housing and amending various provisions with respect to housing.
(Sessional Paper No. 703-20260401)

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

The report from the Committee on Citizen Relations, which met on 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 and 31 March 2026 for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 12, An Act to establish the provision of educational childcare by recognized persons responsible for a community educational childcare service. The report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 704-20260401)

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on maintaining the legal framework regarding collective agreement decrees, signed by 3,552 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 705-20260401)

He then tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to improve the conditions of employment of paramedics and ensure the next generation of pre-hospital emergency care workers, signed by 2,324 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 706-20260401)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

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Deferred Divisions

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 31 March 2026, on the motion moved by Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice and Minister Responsible for Canadian Relations, that Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025, do now pass in principle.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **139** in Appendix)

Yeas: **68** Nays: **31** Abstentions: **1**

Accordingly, Bill 1 was passed in principle.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 1 be referred to the Committee on Institutions for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

Motions Without Notice

After consultation with the opposition parties and the independent Members, Mr. Legault, Premier, moved the following:

THAT, pursuant to sections 26 and 121 of the *Act respecting the National Assembly* (chapter A-23.1), Ms. Christina Turcot, Director of the General Secretariat and of the Secretariat of the Office of the National Assembly, be appointed Associate Secretary General of the National Assembly, with the rank and privileges of an assistant deputy minister, for a seven-year term, effective 1 April 2026, and that her remuneration and other conditions of employment be those contained in the document tabled herewith.

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He then tabled the following:

Ms. Christina Turcot's remuneration and other conditions of employment as Associate Secretary General of the National Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 707-20260401)

The motion was carried.

Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska), together with Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) and Ms. Poulet (Laporte), moved a motion on immigration; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Bourassa (Charlevoix-Côte-de-Beaupré) moved a motion on Québec's economic performance; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), together with Ms. Poulet (Laporte) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on Québec's net debt; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on immigration; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), together with Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), moved a motion on collective agreement decrees; 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 Public Finance, to continue the debate on the Budget Speech;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 5, An Act to accelerate the granting of the authorizations required to carry out priority national-scale projects;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to continue its 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 Institutions, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025.

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

- the Committee on Public Administration shall hold a deliberative meeting to examine the annual management reports.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage

Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Laicity, moved the passage of Bill 9, An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec.

After debate thereon, 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.

Ms. Duranceau, Minister Responsible for Government Administration and State Efficiency and Chair of the Conseil du trésor, moved the passage of Bill 7, An Act to reduce bureaucracy, increase state efficiency and reinforce the accountability of senior public servants.

A debate arose thereon.

At the request of Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

The debate continued.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried on division and, accordingly, Bill 7 was passed.

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Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, moved the passage of Bill 3, An Act to improve the transparency, governance and democratic process of various associations in the workplace.

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. Boulet, Minister of Labour, was adjourned.

The proceedings resumed at 3:00 p.m.

Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition

Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) moved:

THAT the National Assembly recognize that, in the context of the housing crisis, many tenants do not exercise their rights out of fear that the public nature of the Tribunal administratif du logement records will hinder their search for housing;

THAT it note that this situation jeopardizes access to housing, favours excessive rent increases and contributes to the perpetuation of unhealthy or unsafe housing conditions;

THAT it acknowledge the fact that other provinces, notably British Columbia, Alberta, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, do not make public the names of tenants who exercise their rights;

THAT, lastly, it ask the Québec government to act immediately to anonymize records of tenants found not at fault by the Tribunal administratif du logement.

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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; 21 minutes 24 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 25 minutes 17 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 8 minutes 19 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

Report Stage

The Assembly resumed the debate, which had been adjourned on 31 March 2026, on the consideration of the report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain on 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 debate being concluded, the report was concurred in.

Passage

The Assembly resumed the debate, which had been adjourned earlier in the sitting, on the motion moved by Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, for the passage of Bill 3, An Act to improve the transparency, governance and democratic process of various associations in the workplace.

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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.

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 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, together with the amendments transmitted by Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour.

The amendments were declared in order.

After debate thereon, the amendments were carried.

The report, as amended, was concurred in.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Thursday, 2 April 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 6:28 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 2 April 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the Motion moved by Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice and Minister Responsible for Canadian Relations, that Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025, do now pass in principle:

(Division No. 139)

YEAS - 68

Allaire (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Dubé (IND)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
(Prévost)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (IND)	Gagnon (CAQ)	LeBel (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	(Les Plaines)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Legault (CAQ)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	(Groulx)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Bourassa (CAQ)	Grondin (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	(Chapleau)	Tardif (CAQ)
Caire (CAQ)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Malette (CAQ)	Thouin (CAQ)
Carmant (CAQ)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Charest (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	(Hull)
Charette (CAQ)	Jacques (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)	
Chassin (IND)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)	

NAYS - 31

Arseneau (PQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Kelley (QLP)	Paradis (PQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Derraji (QLP)	Labrie (QS)	Poulet (IND)
Bérubé (PQ)	Dufour (QLP)	Laflamme (PQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Boissonneault (PQ)	(Mille-Îles)	Lakhoyan Olivier (IND)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Bouazzi (QS)	Fontecilla (QS)	Leduc (QS)	Tanguay (QLP)
Cadet (QLP)	Fortin (QLP)	Maccarone (QLP)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Caron (QLP)	Garceau (QLP)	McGraw (QLP)	
(La Pinière)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Morin (QLP)	
Ciccone (QLP)	Grandmont (QS)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)	

ABSTENTIONS - 1

Dufour (IND)
(Abitibi-Est)