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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 6 May 2026 — No. 2

**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. Asselin (Vanier-Les Rivières) made a statement to underline the success of the youth conference on mental health.

Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the Club des personnes handicapées du lac Saint-Louis.

Mr. Schneeberger (Drummond-Bois-Francis) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Sandrine Vanhoutte and Ms. Nathalie Benoit.

Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) made a statement to underline the 65th anniversary of the National Theatre School of Canada.

Ms. Duranceau (Bertrand) made a statement to encourage local purchasing in the Bertrand riding.

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Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) made a statement to underline the 75th anniversary of the Laval Lions Club.

Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to underline La Sainte Flanelle, an immersive experience being held at Saint-Jean-l'Évangéliste Cathedral.

Mr. Rivest (Côte-du-Sud) made a statement to underline the 175th anniversary of Municipalité de Saint-Pacôme.

Mr. Carmant (Taillon) made a statement to underline Mental Health Week.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 54.1, Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 150th anniversary of the Pointe-Gatineau neighbourhood.

Mr. Jolin-Barrette (Borduas) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of the organization Grain d'Sel.

At 9:54 a.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 10:09 a.m.

At the request of the President, the Assembly observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Claude Morin, former Member for Louis-Hébert.

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

- 2 An Act to enable the Parliament of Québec to preserve the principle of parliamentary sovereignty with respect to the Charter of the French language and the Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 2 was introduced in the Assembly.

Ms. Poulet (Laporte) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

- 191 An Act to put in place measures concerning complementary and integrative approaches to health

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 191 was introduced in the Assembly.

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Presenting Papers

Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, tabled the following:

The 2025 annual report of La Caisse, accompanied by supplementary information.
(Sessional Paper No. 8-20260506)

Mr. Poulin, Minister of Municipal Affairs, tabled the following:

The 2023–2024 annual report of the James Bay Regional Administration;
(Sessional Paper No. 9-20260506)

The financial statements of the James Bay Regional Administration for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2024.
(Sessional Paper No. 10-20260506)

Mr. Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, tabled the following:

The agreement between the Government of Québec and the NATO Climate Change and Security Centre of Excellence entitled “Entente entre le gouvernement du Québec et le Centre d’excellence OTAN pour le changement climatique et la sécurité concernant les exemptions, les exonérations et les prérogatives de courtoisie consenties au Centre et aux membres de son personnel”, signed in Montréal on 9 April 2026, accompanied by a note explaining its contents and effects.

(Sessional Paper No. 11-20260506)

He then tabled the following motion:

THAT the National Assembly approve the “Entente entre le gouvernement du Québec et le Centre d’excellence OTAN pour le changement climatique et la sécurité concernant les exemptions, les exonérations et les prérogatives de courtoisie consenties au Centre et aux membres de son personnel”, signed in Montréal on 9 April 2026.

(Sessional Paper No. 12-20260506)

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Mr. Simard, Minister Responsible for the Capitale-Nationale Region, tabled the following:

The 2025–2029 strategic plan of the Commission de la capitale nationale du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 13-20260506)

Mr. Bonnardel, Government House Leader, tabled the following:

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 24 February 2026 by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on maintaining coordination activities for organ donations and transplants under the independent management of Transplant Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 14-20260506)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 26 February 2026 by Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) on compliance with the recommendations of professional evaluations respecting handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities;

(Sessional Paper No. 15-20260506)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 17 March 2026 by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on withdrawing Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act;

(Sessional Paper No. 16-20260506)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 17 March 2026 by Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) on a request to ensure adequate funding for the CALACS Longueuil;

(Sessional Paper No. 17-20260506)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 17 March 2026 by Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) on amending the *Election Act* to lower the voting age to 16;

(Sessional Paper No. 18-20260506)

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The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 17 March 2026 by Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin) on maintaining the budgets allocated to the Culture in the Schools program and school outings in the cultural sector;
(Sessional Paper No. 19-20260506)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 17 March 2026 by Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) on fully restoring the Residential Adaptation Assistance Program;
(Sessional Paper No. 20-20260506)

The Government's reply to the petitions tabled on 25 March 2026 by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) on a request to improve and stabilize funding for independent community organizations and non-profit organizations in Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 21-20260506)

The President tabled the following decisions of the Office of the National Assembly, dated 16 April 2026:

Decision 2398 concerning the Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur la rémunération et les conditions de travail du personnel d'un député et d'autres dispositions réglementaires (regulation to amend the regulation respecting the remuneration and conditions of employment of the staff of Members and other regulatory provisions);
(Sessional Paper No. 22-20260506)

Decision 2399 concerning the Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur l'autorisation de conclure des contrats d'approvisionnement de matériel et logiciels informatiques à des conditions différentes de celles applicables en vertu du Règlement sur les contrats de l'Assemblée nationale (regulation to amend the regulation respecting the authorization to enter into computer hardware and software supply contracts whose terms differ from those applicable under the regulation respecting National Assembly contracts);
(Sessional Paper No. 23-20260506)

Decision 2400 concerning the Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur le Plan d'organisation administrative de l'Assemblée nationale (regulation to amend the regulation respecting the administrative organization plan of the National Assembly);
(Sessional Paper No. 24-20260506)

Decision 2401 concerning the Règlement concernant la promotion et l'attribution de la rémunération de la directrice du Secrétariat général et du secrétariat du Bureau (regulation respecting the promotion and granting of remuneration to the Director of the General Secretariat and the Office Secretariat).
(Sessional Paper No. 25-20260506)

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She then tabled the following:

The list of papers required by law to be tabled in the Assembly (French and English versions);

(Sessional Paper No. 26-20260506)

The report on the expenses respecting electoral boundaries – 2026 electoral map of the Commission de la représentation électorale du Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 27-20260506)

The new seating plan of the National Assembly, dated 6 May 2026.

(Sessional Paper No. 28-20260506)

The President then tabled the following, pursuant to section 91 of the *Act respecting the National Assembly*:

The list of Coalition avenir Québec Members designated as members and substitute members of the Office of the National Assembly:

Mr. Jacques (Mégantic), Mr. Montigny (René-Lévesque), Mr. Bussière (Gatineau), Ms. Roy (Verchères) and Ms. Lachance (Bellechasse) as members;

Mr. Reid (Beauharnois), Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines), Ms. Hébert (Saint-François), Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay) and Ms. Guillemette (Roberval) as substitute members.

(Sessional Paper No. 29-20260506)

The list of Quebec Liberal Party Members designated as members and substitute members of the Office of the National Assembly:

Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) and Ms. Prass (D’Arcy-McGee) as members;

Ms. Caron (La Pinière), Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) and Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger) as substitute members.

(Sessional paper No. 30-20260506)

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The list of Québec solidaire Members designated as members and substitute members of the Office of the National Assembly:

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) as member;

Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) as substitute member.

(Sessional Paper No. 31-20260506)

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, moved that this list of members and substitute members of the Office of the National Assembly be adopted.

The motion was carried.

Presenting Reports from Committees

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 23 April 2026 to discuss a request from the Member for Arthabaska to become a member of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources;

(Sessional Paper No. 32-20260506)

The report from the steering committee of the Committee on the National Assembly, which met on 5 May 2026 to discuss a request from the parliamentary group forming the Government concerning the appointment of the vice-chairs of the parliamentary committees, changes to their membership and the modification of the list of temporary chairs.

(Sessional Paper No. 33-20260506)

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 129 and 134, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, moved:

THAT the changes in the membership of the standing committees as provided for in the reports from the steering committee of the Committee on the National Assembly be adopted.

The motion was carried.

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Presenting Petitions

Mr. Morin (Acadie) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the establishment of an alternative high school in Saint-Laurent, signed by 782 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 34-20260506)

Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the implementation of measures enabling access to appropriate care for patients suffering from craniocervical instability, signed by 1,358 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 35-20260506)

Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on imposing a moratorium to protect the trees along the route of the tramway in the city of Québec, signed by 12,284 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 36-20260506)

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

The abstract of a petition on prohibiting the sale and distribution of caffeinated energy drinks to minors, signed by 35,604 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 37-20260506)

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 63, Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on establishing a grandfather clause in the Programme de l'expérience québécoise (Québec Experience Program) for immigrant workers working in seniors' residences, signed by 110 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 38-20260506)

Oral Questions and Answers

The President gave a directive on modifications in the distribution of certain measures and speaking times for limited debates having become necessary following the return of the Member for Taillon to the parliamentary group forming the Government and the Member for Orford leaving that same parliamentary group to sit as an independent Member.

RULING FROM THE CHAIR

As regards Statements by Members, the Member for Orford will be granted one statement per cycle of 10 sittings, in 8th place, at the 7th sitting of the cycle, to replace the statement which the Member for Taillon was entitled to as an independent Member. The speaking times for limited debates shall also be adjusted to reflect the changes made to the composition of the Assembly.

Lastly, as regards Question Period, the modifications shall come into force at the end of the current period of two 12-sitting cycles. House leaders and independent Members shall be notified of the allocation of questions to independent Members for the remaining sittings of the legislature.

She then tabled the following:

Tables indicating the distribution of measures and allocation of speaking times for Question Period, Statements by Members, limited debates and debates on Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

(Sessional Paper No. 39-20260506)

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The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon), together with Mr. Ciccone (Marquette), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly strongly condemn the violent simulation targeting the Minister of Labour during a demonstration in Montréal on 2 May 2026;

THAT it reaffirm that such violent and intimidating acts are unacceptable and contrary to the fundamental values of our society;

THAT it deplore the trivialization of this violent act by Alliance ouvrière, which described it as a mere carnival performance;

THAT it call on all elected officials and on union leaders who have not yet done so, to unequivocally denounce and strongly condemn such acts of violence.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 1 in Appendix)

Yeas: **105** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

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Mr. Tanguay, Official Opposition House Leader, together with Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) and Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne), moved a motion on house prices; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Ms. Bélanger, Minister of Health, Mr. Ciccone (Marquette), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge the exceptional citizen mobilization, in particular the petition signed by more than 35,000 people, but also families, educational institution administrations, sports industry representatives and public health stakeholders, requesting better regulation of the sale of caffeinated energy drinks to young people under 16 years of age;

THAT it underline that those products pose real, documented health risks to all young people, including tachycardia, high blood pressure and neurological effects, while being easily accessible;

THAT it recall the tragic death of 15-year-old Zachary Miron in January 2024, which indelibly marked Québec;

THAT it acknowledge the fact that, according to a recent survey, 86% of Quebecers are in favour of implementing measures to better protect young people under the age of 16;

THAT, accordingly, it ask the Québec government to quickly take concrete measures to better protect young people under the age of 16, in particular by regulating the sale and distribution of energy drinks.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **2** in Appendix)

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

Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne), together with Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) and Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved a motion on the cost of living; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), together with Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved:

THAT the National Assembly recall that freedom of expression constitutes an essential pillar of our democracy;

THAT it note the rise of a climate of intolerance fueled by certain radical ideologies aimed at silencing divergent opinions;

THAT it reaffirm that cultural institutions and businesses, including independent bookstores and cinemas, are vital forums for the exchange, debate and plurality of ideas;

THAT it underline the importance of protecting diversity of opinion in the public sphere in Québec;

THAT it denounce all forms of intimidation, discrimination or undue pressure targeting companies, institutions or individuals due to the ideas they may permit to spread;

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THAT it reaffirm that the debate of ideas must be conducted in a manner respectful of individuals, without discrimination or recourse to censorship or coercion, as set out in Québec's Charter of human rights and freedoms and current laws;

THAT, lastly, it clearly condemn any attempt to muzzle freedom of expression.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

Ms. Lachance, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT all of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure tabled on 18 March 2026, save those of the National Assembly, be referred for consideration to the standing committees.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, tabled the following:

The calendar for consideration of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure.
(Sessional Paper No. 40-20260506)

By leave of the Assembly, Ms. Lachance, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the question be put on the following motion, without reading it beforehand:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 48, the consideration of the following bills, introduced before the prorogation of the Second Session of the 43rd Legislature, may be continued in the Third Session of the 43rd Legislature at the stage at which it was interrupted:

Passage in Principle

- Bill 17, An Act mainly to amend the Act respecting natural gas storage and natural gas and oil pipelines in order to provide a framework for underground reservoirs and certain pipelines;
- Bill 20, An Act to enact the Act to facilitate access to housing and amending various provisions with respect to housing;
- Bill 22, An Act to broaden the intervention powers of municipalities and to amend other legislative provisions;
- Bill 23, An Act mainly to provide better support to persons whose mental state could present a risk for their own safety or that of others;
- Bill 24, An Act to protect consumers against the misleading or fraudulent use of a person's identity or image;
- Bill 25, An Act to increase public trust in the justice system by modernizing judicial ethics and to implement certain recommendations of the committee on the remuneration of judges and justices of the peace for the 2023–2027 period;
- Bill 27, An Act to amend various provisions concerning collective agreement decrees and the construction industry;
- Bill 190, An Act respecting the establishment in the workplace of parity committees for a just transition towards an environmentally sustainable economy;
- Bill 192, An Act to ensure student health and safety in the classroom by regulating ambient air quality in schools;
- Bill 193, An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms to recognize the right to a healthful environment as a fundamental right;
- Bill 195, An Act limiting the use of personnel placement agencies' services and independent labour in the educational childcare sector;

- Bill 196, An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to guarantee the right to receive childcare services;
- Bill 197, An Act to improve the quality of care through the setting of ratios in certain institutions governed by the Act respecting health services and social services;
- Bill 198, An Act to proclaim National Homelessness Awareness Day;
- Bill 199, An Act to establish a new electoral system;
- Bill 390, An Act to promote taking gender equality and diversity in an intersectional perspective into account in the budgetary process;
- Bill 391, An Act to amend the Education Act to enshrine the right to free special school projects offered in schools providing preschool or elementary and secondary education and to limit the distance between immovables of a school with a special project;
- Bill 392, An Act to combat food waste;
- Bill 393, An Act to amend the Auditor General Act as regards the Auditor General's appointment;
- Bill 394, An Act respecting the implementation of study-family-work balance policies in particular in higher education institutions;
- Bill 395, An Act to amend the Act respecting the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec and other legislative provisions concerning rights granted on a vehicle;
- Bill 396, An Act to amend the Act to reduce the debt and establish the Generations Fund to provide for the achievement of a capitalization of one hundred billion dollars;
- Bill 397, An Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in educational institutions that provide preschool education services, elementary school instructional services or secondary school instructional services in general or vocational education, including adult education services;

- Bill 398, An Act to amend the Education Act to enshrine the right of handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities to receive educational services equivalent to those provided by the school;
- Bill 399, An Act to amend the Act respecting the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec to require the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec to make and to report on investments with sustainable social and environmental impacts;
- Bill 490, An Act to reinforce the qualified majority required for the appointment and removal of persons appointed by the National Assembly;
- Bill 491, An Act amending the Public Infrastructure Act to submit projects included in the Québec infrastructure plan to a climate test;
- Bill 493, An Act to amend the Québec Immigration Act to take temporary residents into account for immigration planning purposes;
- Bill 494, An Act to amend the Civil Code to render without effect the clauses of a lease of a dwelling tending to prohibit companion animals;
- Bill 495, An Act to amend the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system to guarantee access to subsidies granted to community organizations for organizations with a social economy project;
- Bill 497, An Act to ensure air quality;
- Bill 498, An Act to remove obstacles to efficiency in the health system;
- Bill 590, An Act to amend the Act respecting the flag and emblems of Québec to recognize the Québec tartan;
- Bill 591, An Act mainly to reinforce Members' oversight of government action by recognizing their right to visit administrative institutions;
- Bill 593, An Act to amend the Civil Code to prohibit evictions carried out with a view to converting a dwelling into short-term tourist accommodation;

- Bill 595, An Act respecting self-managed personal assistance for persons with disabilities;
- Bill 597, An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act to establish a right of citizen initiative in environmental matters and reinforce the powers and independence of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement;
- Bill 598, An Act to protect children and parents who are victims of family violence;
- Bill 693, An Act to foster the active contribution to society of recipients under the Social Solidarity Program;
- Bill 694, An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to more effectively fight drinking and driving;
- Bill 695, Parliamentary Budget Officer Act;
- Bill 697, An Act to combat waste;
- Bill 699, An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms to enshrine the right to decent housing;
- Bill 790, An Act to extend to users sheltered in a continuous assistance residence the application of the Regulation respecting the terms governing the use of monitoring mechanisms by a user sheltered in a facility maintained by an institution operating a residential and long-term care centre;
- Bill 792, An Act to enhance the presence of the flag of Québec;
- Bill 793, An Act respecting the process for publishing the documents from the inquiry conducted by Bernard Grenier concerning the activities of Option Canada in the referendum held in Québec in October 1995;
- Bill 794, An Act to declare Québec's commitment to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050;
- Bill 894, An Act to extend health insurance plan and basic prescription drug insurance plan eligibility to all women or persons who are pregnant and living in Québec regardless of their migratory status;

- Bill 895, An Act to establish a common school network to guarantee equal opportunities;
- Bill 896, An Act to indemnify local municipalities when land intended for building or enlarging schools is transferred;
- Bill 897, An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to provide for the mandatory issue of notices of payment to owners of registered road vehicles and to holders of certain licences;
- Bill 898, An Act to reinforce the regulation of rent increases for a lease of a dwelling;
- Bill 899, An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to require the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec to enter into agreements with government departments or bodies for the application of certain Acts;
- Bill 990, An Act to amend the Act respecting labour standards in order to regulate telework;
- Bill 991, An Act respecting the procedure for selecting, appointing and reappointing independent administrative decision-makers;
- Bill 992, An Act to create a committee responsible for making recommendations concerning the criteria for the fixing or adjustment of rent;
- Bill 993, An Act to amend the Labour Code to ensure transparent and democratic union practices;
- Bill 994, An Act to foster sexual and reproductive health through improved access to contraception;
- Bill 995, An Act to establish a framework for monitoring and regulating forever chemicals.

Committee Stage

- Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025;
- Bill 5, An Act to accelerate the granting of the authorizations required to carry out priority national-scale projects;

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- Bill 10, An Act to protect consumers against abusive practices in ticket reselling and online subscription renewal;
- Bill 11, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden;
- Bill 194, An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death;
- Bill 496, An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec.

Report Stage

- Bill 12, An Act to establish the provision of educational childcare by recognized persons responsible for a community educational childcare service.

Private Bills:

- Bill 201, An Act respecting the Monastère des Ursulines de Québec.

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

- Bill 203, An Act to grant certain temporary powers to Ville de Rivière-du-Loup;
- Bill 204, An Act respecting Ville de Gatineau;
- Bill 205, An Act concerning an immovable situated in the territory of Ville de Québec.

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- Bill 200, An Act respecting Le Country Club de Montréal.

The motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1, Ms. Lachance, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT the title of the sponsor of Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025, be replaced by “Minister of Justice and Minister Responsible for Constitutional Affairs”;

THAT the name of Mr. Daniel Bernard replace that of Mr. Samuel Poulin as sponsor of Bill 11, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden;

THAT the name of Ms. Catherine Blouin replace that of Ms. Kateri Champagne Jourdain as sponsor of Bill 12, An Act to establish the provision of educational childcare by recognized persons responsible for a community educational childcare service;

THAT the name of Mr. Daniel Bernard replace that of Mr. Samuel Poulin as sponsor of Bill 17, An Act mainly to amend the Act respecting natural gas storage and natural gas and oil pipelines in order to provide a framework for underground reservoirs and certain pipelines;

THAT the name of Ms. Karine Boivin-Roy replace that of Ms. Caroline Proulx as sponsor of Bill 20, An Act to enact the Act to facilitate access to housing and amending various provisions with respect to housing;

THAT the name of Mr. Samuel Poulin replace that of Ms. Geneviève Guilbault as sponsor of Bill 22, An Act to broaden the intervention powers of municipalities and to amend other legislative provisions;

THAT the title of the sponsor of Bill 23, An Act mainly to provide better support to persons whose mental state could present a risk for their own safety or that of others, be replaced by “Minister of Health”;

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THAT the name of Ms. Suzanne Tremblay, Member for Hull, replace that of Mr. Mathieu Lévesque, Member for Chapleau, as sponsor of Private Bill 204, An Act respecting Ville de Gatineau.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and section 4 of the Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings, Ms. Lachance, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT the Assembly establish a steering committee, composed of the chair, the vice-chairs and the clerk, for each sectoral committee and the Committee on Public Administration for the duration of the Third Session of the 43rd Legislature.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Ms. Lachance, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the question be put on the following motion, without reading it beforehand:

THAT the National Assembly give effect to the order of reference given to the Committee on Citizen Relations within the framework of the consideration of Bill 24, An Act to protect consumers against the misleading or fraudulent use of a person's identity or image, to hold special consultations and public hearings on Wednesday, 6 May 2026 from 4:40 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and on Thursday, 7 May 2026 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.;

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THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following individuals and organizations:

Marie-Claude Barrette and Sylvain Paquette, together
Option consommateurs
Union des artistes
Commission des droits de la personne et de la jeunesse
Réseau FADOQ
Sébastien Gambs, Professor, Department of Computer
Science, Université du Québec à Montréal, and Canada
Research Chair in Privacy-preserving and Ethical
Analysis of Big Data
Conseil de l'innovation du Québec;

THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 6 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 3 minutes 36 seconds to the Official Opposition, 1 minute 12 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 1 minute 12 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT the presentation by each organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows: 17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 10 minutes 30 seconds to the Official Opposition, 3 minutes 30 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 3 minutes 30 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT a 5-minute interval be scheduled between discussions with each individual or organization;

THAT the Minister of Justice be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Ms. Lachance, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT the National Assembly give effect to the order of reference given to the Committee on Health and Social Services within the framework of the consideration of Bill 23, An Act mainly to provide better support to persons whose mental state could present a risk for their own safety or that of others, to hold special consultations and public hearings on Wednesday, 6 May 2026 from 4:40 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; on Thursday, 7 May 2026 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.; on Tuesday, 2 June 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. and after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 3:15 p.m. to 5:40 p.m. and from 6:40 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 3 June 2026 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.;

THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following individuals and organizations:

Luc Vigneault, public speaker and instructor on mental health
Association des médecins psychiatres du Québec
Public Protector (Québec Ombudsman)
CAP Santé mentale
Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec
Association des policières et policiers provinciaux du Québec
Anne-Marie Savard, Antoine-Turmel Research Chair on Legal Protection of the Elderly
Institut national de psychiatrie légale Philippe-Pinel
Me Isabelle Cournoyer, Lawyer
Chief Coroner of Québec
Commission des droits de la personne et de la jeunesse
Institut québécois de réforme du droit et de la justice
Regroupement provincial des comités des usagers
Association des groupes d'intervention en défense des droits en santé mentale du Québec
Regroupement des ressources alternatives en santé mentale du Québec
Clinique juridique itinérante
Association des spécialistes en médecine d'urgence du Québec;

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THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 6 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 3 minutes 36 seconds to the Official Opposition, 1 minute 12 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 1 minute 12 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT the presentation by each organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows: 17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 10 minutes 30 seconds to the Official Opposition, 3 minutes 30 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 3 minutes 30 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT a 5-minute interval be scheduled between discussions with each individual or organization;

THAT the Minister of Health be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Ms. Lachance, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the question be put on the following motion, without reading it beforehand:

THAT the National Assembly give effect to the order of reference given to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment within the framework of the consideration of Bill 22, An Act to broaden the intervention powers of municipalities and to amend other legislative provisions, to hold special consultations and public hearings on Wednesday, 6 May 2026 from 4:40 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and on Thursday, 7 May 2026 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.;

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THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following individuals and organizations:

Fédération québécoise des municipalités
Union des municipalités du Québec
Association des directeurs généraux des municipalités du Québec
Ville de Montréal
Borough of Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce
Association des vérificateurs généraux municipaux du Québec
Association des directeurs municipaux du Québec;

THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 6 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 3 minutes 36 seconds to the Official Opposition, 1 minute 12 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 1 minute 12 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT the presentation by each organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows: 17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 10 minutes 30 seconds to the Official Opposition, 3 minutes 30 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 3 minutes 30 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT a 5-minute interval be scheduled between discussions with each individual or organization;

THAT the Minister of Municipal Affairs be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- 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 Transportation and the Environment, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 22, An Act to broaden the intervention powers of municipalities and to amend other legislative provisions;
- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 24, An Act to protect consumers against the misleading or fraudulent use of a person's identity or image;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 23, An Act mainly to provide better support to persons whose mental state could present a risk for their own safety or that of others.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Business Having Precedence

Opening Speech Debate

Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, opened the debate on the Opening Speech of the Session and on the motion moved by Ms. Fréchette, Premier, that the Assembly approve the Government's general policy presented at the sitting of Tuesday, 5 May 2026.

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At the end of his address, Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its lack of concrete results, the weakening of its commitments to Quebecers, and a stale vision that is ill-suited to the challenges of today.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Ms. Fréchette, Premier, and on the motion stating a grievance moved by Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, subject to the receivability of this motion.

At 1:00 p.m., the President suspended the proceedings until 3:00 p.m.

The proceedings resumed at 3:00 p.m.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Ms. Fréchette, Premier, and on the motion stating a grievance moved by Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, subject to the receivability of this motion.

At the end of her address, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for its negligence regarding the maintenance of our public infrastructure, its lack of ambition in carrying out an economic and ecological transition that addresses current issues, and its marked disinterest for the difficulties experienced by Québec tenants.

The debate continued on the motion moved by Ms. Fréchette, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, subject to the receivability of these motions.

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The President informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time for the proceedings with respect to this debate: 60 minutes to the Government representative for his reply; 10 hours 50 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, including the Premier's speech; 5 hours 40 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition, including its leader's speech; 3 hours 30 minutes to the Second Opposition Group, including its leader's speech; 2 hours 20 minutes to the Third Opposition Group, including its leader's speech; and 10 minutes to each independent Member. 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.

The debate continued on the motion moved by Ms. Fréchette, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the end of his address, Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its lack of measures to address the rising cost of living, in a context where food banks face a substantial increase in demands and more and more Quebecers have to go into debt to eat, as well as for ignoring that reality in the Opening Speech.

The debate continued on the motion moved by Ms. Fréchette, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, and Mr. Ciccone (Marquette), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the end of her address, Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its inability to curb the sharp rise in the cost of groceries and to protect Québec households with regard to the excessive profits of large grocery chains.

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The debate continued on the motion moved by Ms. Fréchette, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) and Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the end of her address, Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its lack of vision and ambition in education, its lone guideline being to avoid slashing, this time, the already strained budgets for services to students.

The debate continued on the motion moved by Ms. Fréchette, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. Ciccone (Marquette), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) and Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), subject to the receivability of these motions.

The debate was adjourned.

At 6:29 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 7 May 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon), together with Mr. Ciccone (Marquette), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey):

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YEAS - 105

Allaire (CAQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Lachance (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Arseneau (PQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
Asselin (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Laflamme (PQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dufour (IND)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	(Abitibi-Est)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	Lakhoyan Olivier (IND)	Rivest (CAQ)
(Prévost)	Fontecilla (QS)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Rizqy (IND)
Bernard (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Blais (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (IND)	Garceau (QLP)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Roy (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	Leduc (QS)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Boissonneault (PQ)	Ghazal (QS)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lèvesque (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	(Chapleau)	Simard (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lèvesque (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Bourassa (CAQ)	(Groulx)	(Chauveau)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Grandmont (QS)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tanguay (QLP)
Cadet (QLP)	Grondin (CAQ)	Mallette (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
Caire (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Marissal (IND)	Thouin (CAQ)
Carmant (CAQ)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Caron (CAQ)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Massé (QS)	(Hull)
(Portneuf)	Hébert (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Caron (QLP)	Jacques (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	Zanetti (QS)
(La Pinière)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	
Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)	
Charest (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Nichols (QLP)	
Charette (CAQ)	Kelley (QLP)	Paradis (PQ)	
Ciccone (QLP)	Labrie (QS)	Poulet (IND)	

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On the motion moved by Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Ms. Bélanger, Minister of Health, Mr. Ciccone (Marquette), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey):

(Division No. 2)

YEAS - 101

Allaire (CAQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Lachance (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Arseneau (PQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
Asselin (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Laflamme (PQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dufour (IND)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	(Abitibi-Est)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	Lakhoyan Olivier (IND)	Rivest (CAQ)
(Prévost)	Fontecilla (QS)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Bernard (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Blais (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (IND)	Garceau (QLP)	Lecours (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Boissonneault (PQ)	Ghazal (QS)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	(Chapleau)	Simard (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Bourassa (CAQ)	(Groulx)	(Chauveau)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Grandmont (QS)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tanguay (QLP)
Cadet (QLP)	Grondin (CAQ)	Mallette (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
Caire (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Marissal (IND)	Thouin (CAQ)
Carmant (CAQ)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Caron (CAQ)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Massé (QS)	(Hull)
(Portneuf)	Hébert (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Caron (QLP)	Jacques (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	Zanetti (QS)
(La Pinière)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	
Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)	
Charest (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Nichols (QLP)	
Charette (CAQ)	Kelley (QLP)	Paradis (PQ)	
Ciccone (QLP)	Labrie (QS)	Poulet (IND)	