NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF QUÉBEC

THIRD SESSION FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 7 May 2026 — No. 3

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. Provençal (Beauce-Nord) made a statement to congratulate the winners of the Élitas awards at the Gala du Mérite Sportif Beauceron.

Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of Maison de la famille de Saint-Léonard.

Ms. Schmaltz (Vimont) made a statement to underline the fourth edition of Tree Day in the Vimont riding in the context of Tree and Forest Month.

Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) made a statement to present the homelessness scarf.

Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay) made a statement to underline the success of the Bougeons pour la maison fundraising campaign.

Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) made a statement to underline Heart Failure Awareness Week.

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Mr. Lafrenière (Vachon) made a statement to underline the 70th anniversary of Symphonie vocale de la Fraternité des policiers et policières de Montréal.

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Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska) made a statement to underline the 80th anniversary of Buropro Citation.

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Ms. Grondin (Argenteuil) made a statement to thank Argenteuil electors for their trust in their Member.

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Ms. Blais (Abitibi-Ouest) made a statement to underline Mother's Day.

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Mr. Poulin (Beauce-Sud) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Mario Thiboutot.

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At 9:54 a.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 10:05 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

3 An Act to ensure effective representation of electors

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 3 was introduced in the Assembly.

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Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

596 An Act to reinforce the integrity and protection of human rights and freedoms

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 596 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

Mr. Lafrenière, Minister of Internal Security, tabled the following:

The Agreement on the Funding of Police Infrastructure in the Community of Pakua Shipi;

(Sessional Paper No. 41-20260507)

The One Time Stabilization 2024–2025–Agreement on the Provision of Policing Services in the Community of Akwesasne (French and English versions);

(Sessional Paper No. 42-20260507)

The Exceptional Stabilization 2026–2029 – Agreement on the Provision of Police Services in the Community of Akwesasne;

(Sessional Paper No. 43-20260507)

The Agreement on Funding for the Implementation of the Akwesasne – Community Safety Officers Pilot Project (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 44-20260507)

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

The 2025 annual report of the Organisme d'autoréglementation du courtage immobilier du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 45-20260507)

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Ms. Déry, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, tabled the following:

The report on the implementation of the *Sustainable Development Act* for the period from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 46-20260507)

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Mr. Charette, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, tabled the following:

The 2025 annual management report of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 47-20260507)

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

The Government's reply to the petition tabled on 19 February 2026 by Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) on reinstating services for asylum seekers in the Capitale-Nationale region;

(Sessional Paper No. 48-20260507)

The Government's reply to the petition tabled on 17 March 2026 by Mr. Morin (Acadie) on implementing special immigration measures for Ukrainian citizens.

(Sessional Paper No. 49-20260507)

The President tabled the following:

The legislative enactments passed by the members of the 23rd Legislature of the Young People's Parliament;

(Sessional Paper No. 50-20260507)

The Report of the Sustainable Development Commissioner forming part of the Report of the Auditor General of Québec to the National Assembly for 2025–2026 (May 2026);

(Sessional Paper No. 51-20260507)

The inquiry report on Ms. Sona Lakhoyan Olivier, Member for Chomedey, entitled "Rapport d'enquête au sujet de madame Sona Lakhoyan Olivier, députée de Chomedey".

(Sessional Paper No. 52-20260507)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Schneeberger (Drummond–Bois-Francs), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

> The report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, which met on 2 April 2026 to hear the interested parties and give clause-by-clause consideration to Private Bill 204, An Act respecting Ville de Gatineau. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.
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> (Sessional Paper No. 53-20260507)

The report was concurred in.

Mr. Allaire (Maskinongé), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

> The report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy, which met on 19 and 26 February 2026; on 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 March 2026; and on 1 and 2 April 2026 for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 11, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden. The report contains amendments to the bill.
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> (Sessional Paper N. 54-20260507)

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) tabled the following:

> The abstract of a petition on a request to end feline overpopulation in Québec, signed by 8,614 citizens of Québec.
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> (Sessional Paper No. 55-20260507)

Ms. Caron (La Pinière) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the exclusion of board games, hobbies, recreational products, and creative accessories from the packaging requirements under the *Charter of the French language*, signed by 18,447 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 56-20260507)

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on creating a refundable tax credit for families financially supporting seniors, signed by 213 citizens of Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 57-20260507)

The abstract of a petition on adding a local purchasing criterion to tenders of Québec state-owned entreprises, signed by 384 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 58-20260507)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Morin (Acadie), together with Mr. Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly do its duty to remember and commemorate the Armenian genocide, one of the worst tragedies to mark the early 20th century;

THAT it pay tribute to the 1.5 million victims who perished 111 years ago during the sombre events that began in April 1915 and that it express its solidarity with the Armenian people and diaspora;

THAT it call wholeheartedly for a more just, peaceful and egalitarian world and that it reiterate its firm commitment to fighting all forms of racial, ethnic and religious hatred and discrimination;

THAT, lastly, the Members of this Assembly observe a minute of silence in memory of the victims.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **3** in Appendix)

Yeas: **90** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

At the request of Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, the Assembly observed a minute of silence.

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Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) moved a motion on telework in the public service; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce), Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Ms. Poulet (Laporte) and Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved a motion on the International Association of Québec Studies; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, together with Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Ms. Poulet (Laporte) and Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly affirm that French is the only common and official language of Québec.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **4** in Appendix)

Yeas: **83** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), together with Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved a motion on the Ethics Commissioner; 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 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 continue its 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 continue its 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 continue its 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;

- the Committee on Culture and Education, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 10, An Act to protect consumers against abusive practices in ticket reselling and online subscription renewal;

- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake examination of the "Consumer Protection" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Justice" portfolio;

- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the "Indigenous Affairs" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Conseil exécutif" portfolio;

- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the "Professional Legislation" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Travail" portfolio;

- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the "Finance" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Finances" portfolio;

- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the "Loto-Québec" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Finances" portfolio;

- the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources, to undertake examination of the "Natural Resources" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Ressources naturelles et Forêts" portfolio;

— the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources, to undertake examination of the "Forest" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Ressources naturelles et Forêts" portfolio.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Business Having Precedence

Opening Speech Debate

The Assembly resumed the debate, which had been adjourned on 6 May 2026, on the Opening Speech of the Session, 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.

At the end of her address, Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

> THAT the National Assembly censure the Government for having damaged the attractiveness and stability of Québec's higher education network and for having no plan to address the consequences of its own policies.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, 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), Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) and Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the beginning of his address, Mr. Morin (Acadie) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

> THAT the National Assembly severely censure the Government for its intent to continue its constitution project without consulting the First Nations and the Inuit.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, 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), Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) and Mr. Morin (Acadie), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At 1:00 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 2:30 p.m.

The proceedings resumed at 2:31 p.m.

The Assembly resumed the debate on the Opening Speech of the Session, 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), Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) and Mr. Morin (Acadie), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the end of his address, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

> THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for removing tenants from its priorities and for policies that impoverish them, in a context where tenants are severely impacted by the housing crisis and the average rent has increased by 64% over the last eight years.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, 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), Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), Mr. Morin (Acadie) and Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the end of his address, Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

> THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its Opening Speech, which does not meet the needs of the youth and which lacks vision for future generations.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, 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), Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) and Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier), subject to the receivability of these motions.

The debate was adjourned.

At 4:30 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 282, Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 12 May 2026 at 1:40 p.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Morin (Acadie), together with Mr. Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey):

(Division No. 3)

YEAS - 90

Allaire (*CAQ*)	Ciccone (*QLP*)	Lachance (*CAQ*)	Paradis (*PQ*)
Arseneau (*PQ*)	Déry (*CAQ*)	Lacombe (*CAQ*)	Poulin (*CAQ*)
Asselin (*CAQ*)	Drainville (*CAQ*)	Laflamme (*PQ*)	Prass (*QLP*)
Bachand (*CAQ*)	Dufour (*IND*)	Laframboise (*CAQ*)	Proulx (*CAQ*)
Beauchemin (*QLP*)	(*Abitibi-Est*)	Lafrenière (*CAQ*)	Provençal (*CAQ*)
Bélanger (*CAQ*)	Duranceau (*CAQ*)	Lakhoyan Olivier (*IND*)	Rivest (*CAQ*)
(*Prévost*)	Émond (*CAQ*)	Lamothe (*CAQ*)	Roberge (*CAQ*)
Bérubé (*PQ*)	Fontecilla (*QS*)	LeBel (*CAQ*)	Rotiroti (*QLP*)
Biron (*CAQ*)	Fortin (*QLP*)	Lecours (*CAQ*)	Rouleau (*CAQ*)
Blais (*CAQ*)	Fréchette (*CAQ*)	(*Les Plaines*)	Roy (*CAQ*)
Blouin (*CAQ*)	Gagnon (*CAQ*)	Lecours (*CAQ*)	Sainte-Croix (*CAQ*)
Bogemans (*CAQ*)	Garceau (*QLP*)	(*Lotbinière-Frontenac*)	Schmaltz (*CAQ*)
Boivin Roy (*CAQ*)	Gendron (*CAQ*)	Leduc (*QS*)	Schneeberger (*CAQ*)
Bouazzi (*QS*)	Gentilcore (*PQ*)	Lemay (*CAQ*)	Setlakwe (*QLP*)
Boulet (*CAQ*)	Girard (*CAQ*)	Lemieux (*CAQ*)	Simard (*CAQ*)
Bourassa (*CAQ*)	(*Lac-Saint-Jean*)	Lévesque (*CAQ*)	Skeete (*CAQ*)
Bussière (*CAQ*)	Grandmont (*QS*)	(*Chapleau*)	St-Louis (*CAQ*)
Cadet (*QLP*)	Grondin (*CAQ*)	Maccarone (*QLP*)	Tanguay (*QLP*)
Carmant (*CAQ*)	Guillemette (*CAQ*)	Mallette (*CAQ*)	Tardif (*CAQ*)
Caron (*QLP*)	Hébert (*CAQ*)	Martel (*CAQ*)	Thouin (*CAQ*)
(*La Pinière*)	Jacques (*CAQ*)	Massé (*QS*)	Tremblay (*CAQ*)
Champagne Jourdain (*CAQ*)	Jeannotte (*CAQ*)	McGraw (*QLP*)	(*Hull*)
Charest (*CAQ*)	Jolin-Barrette (*CAQ*)	Montigny (*CAQ*)	Zaga Mendez (*QS*)
Charette (*CAQ*)	Julien (*CAQ*)	Morin (*QLP*)	
Chassin (*IND*)	Kelley (*QLP*)	Nichols (*QLP*)	

On the motion moved by Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, together with Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Ms. Poulet (Laporte) and Mr. Marissal (Rosemont):

(Division No. 4)

YEAS - 83

Allaire (*CAQ*)	Ciccone (*QLP*)	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*)	Lakhoyan Olivier (*IND*)	Rivest (*CAQ*)
Bélanger (*CAQ*)	Duranceau (*CAQ*)	Lamothe (*CAQ*)	Roberge (*CAQ*)
(*Prévost*)	Émond (*CAQ*)	LeBel (*CAQ*)	Rotiroti (*QLP*)
Bérubé (*PQ*)	Fontecilla (*QS*)	Lecours (*CAQ*)	Rouleau (*CAQ*)
Blais (*CAQ*)	Fortin (*QLP*)	(*Les Plaines*)	Roy (*CAQ*)
Blouin (*CAQ*)	Gagnon (*CAQ*)	Leduc (*QS*)	Sainte-Croix (*CAQ*)
Bogemans (*CAQ*)	Garceau (*QLP*)	Lemay (*CAQ*)	Schmaltz (*CAQ*)
Boivin Roy (*CAQ*)	Gendron (*CAQ*)	Lemieux (*CAQ*)	Schneeberger (*CAQ*)
Boulet (*CAQ*)	Girard (*CAQ*)	Lévesque (*CAQ*)	Setlakwe (*QLP*)
Bourassa (*CAQ*)	(*Lac-Saint-Jean*)	(*Chapleau*)	Simard (*CAQ*)
Bussière (*CAQ*)	Grandmont (*QS*)	Maccarone (*QLP*)	Skeete (*CAQ*)
Cadet (*QLP*)	Grondin (*CAQ*)	Mallette (*CAQ*)	Tanguay (*QLP*)
Carmant (*CAQ*)	Guillemette (*CAQ*)	Martel (*CAQ*)	Tardif (*CAQ*)
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(*La Pinière*)	Jacques (*CAQ*)	McGraw (*QLP*)	Tremblay (*CAQ*)
Champagne Jourdain (*CAQ*)	Jeannotte (*CAQ*)	Montigny (*CAQ*)	(*Hull*)
Charest (*CAQ*)	Jolin-Barrette (*CAQ*)	Morin (*QLP*)	Zaga Mendez (*QS*)
Charette (*CAQ*)	Julien (*CAQ*)	Nichols (*QLP*)	
Chassin (*IND*)	Kelley (*QLP*)	Paradis (*PQ*)	