NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF QUÉBEC

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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 12 May 2026 — No. 4

President of the National Assembly:
Madam Nathalie Roy

The Assembly was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Mr. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to underline the 75th anniversary of the Club de golf de Joliette.

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Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) made a statement to mark the 25th anniversary of Les Fourchettes de l'Espoir in Montréal-Nord.

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Ms. Bourassa (Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Jean-Pierre Turcotte.

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Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of the Productions Jeun'Est.

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Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Daniel Bastin.

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Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) made a statement to mark the 40th anniversary of the alternative school l'Envol.

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Ms. Blouin (Bonaventure) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Pierre Landry.

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Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) made a statement to mark the 50-year career of journalist Paul Larocque.

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Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Noëlla Laforest.

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Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to mark the holding of the Mini Boucle and Petite Boucle challenges in Ange-Gardien.

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Mr. Lafrenière (Vachon) made a statement to mark National Police Week.

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Mr. Sainte-Croix (Gaspé) made a statement to mark the 40th anniversary of the Brise-Bise bistro-bar.

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At 1:55 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 2:07 p.m.

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Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

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

6 An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 18 March 2026 and in the Update on Québec's Economic and Financial Situation presented on 25 November 2025 and to certain other measures

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 6 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

Ms. Biron, Minister of Higher Education, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual report of Université du Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 59-20260512)

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 24 March 2026 by Ms. Poulet (Laporte) on implementing a single rate for all types of educational childcare services;

(Sessional Paper No. 60-20260512)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 25 March 2026 by Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski) requesting free shingles vaccinations for people aged 65 and older;

(Sessional Paper No. 61-20260512)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) on the situation regarding multiple informal sperm donations – Question No. 6, *Order Paper and Notices* of 5 May 2026;

(Sessional Paper No. 62-20260512)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Caron (La Pinière) on the deployment and consolidation of Maisons Gilles-Carle – Question No. 7, *Order Paper and Notices* of 5 May 2026;

(Sessional Paper No. 63-20260512)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Caron (La Pinière) on the services of the organization Baluchon Répit long terme – Question No. 8, *Order Paper and Notices* of 5 May 2026;

(Sessional Paper No. 64-20260512)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) on the draft regulation respecting the conditions for lodging workers – Question No. 10, *Order Paper and Notices* of 5 May 2026.

(Sessional Paper No. 65-20260512)

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The President tabled the following:

A letter, dated 11 May 2026, she had received from Ms. Marie-Claude Rioux, Chair of the Commission de la fonction publique, informing the Chair of her resignation, effective 1 July 2026.

(Sessional Paper No. 66-20260512)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Culture and Education, which met on 7 May 2026 for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 10, An Act to protect consumers against abusive practices in ticket reselling and online subscription renewal. The report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 67-20260512)

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

The report from the Committee on Citizen Relations, which held public hearings on 6 and 7 May 2026 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.

(Sessional Paper No. 68-20260512)

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Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, which held public hearings on 6 and 7 May 2026 within the framework of special consultations on Bill 22, An Act to broaden the intervention powers of municipalities and to amend other legislative provisions.

(Sessional Paper No. 69-20260512)

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition to improve cellular coverage in the MRC de Pontiac, signed by 345 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 70-20260512)

Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on implementing a grandfather clause in the Programme de l'expérience québécoise (Québec Experience Program), signed by 17,052 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 71-20260512)

Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on withdrawing Bill 9, An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec, signed by 15,055 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 72-20260512)

Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the granting of recurrent funding for women's employability groups, signed by 1,427 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 73-20260512)

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 63, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) tabled the following:

> The abstract of a petition on implementing a grandfather clause in the Programme de l'expérience québécoise (Québec Experience Program), signed by 80 citizens of Québec.
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> (Sessional Paper No. 74-20260512)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

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Motions Without Notice

Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne), together with Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) and Ms. Poulet (Laporte), moved a motion on the Programme de l'expérience québécoise (Québec Experience Program); 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. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, together with Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly of Québec reaffirm and unanimously proclaim the fundamental principles set out in the *Act respecting the exercise of the fundamental rights and prerogatives of the Québec people and the Québec State*;
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> THAT the National Assembly reaffirm that the Québec people have the right to choose its own future and to determine its political status;
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> THAT the National Assembly reaffirm that when Quebecers are consulted by way of a referendum held under the *Referendum Act*, the applicable democratic rule is that of absolute majority, namely 50% of the valid votes cast plus one;
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> THAT the National Assembly reaffirm that only the National Assembly of Québec has the authority and the capacity to determine the terms and conditions for a referendum held under the *Referendum Act*, including the wording of the referendum question;
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> THAT the National Assembly recall the resolutions adopted on 23 October 2013 and on 28 March 2019 and that it reaffirm that no parliament or government may reduce the powers, authority, sovereignty or legitimacy of the National Assembly, or impose constraint on the democratic will of the Québec people to determine its own future.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **5** in Appendix)

Yeas: **97** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Bourassa, Minister Responsible for Sports, Recreation and the Outdoors, together with Mr. Ciccone (Marquette), Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly congratulate the Québec athletes who participated in the Milano-Cortina Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games for their remarkable performances;
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> THAT it applaud their determination, their discipline and the excellence they displayed in representing Québec and Canada on the international stage;
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> THAT, lastly, it recognize the vital work of the coaches, support staff, sports federations, volunteers and families who have supported the athletes in their quest for excellence.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried.

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Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), together with Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Poulet (Laporte) and Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved a motion on the management of the "Système d'information en finances et en approvisionnement" project; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake examination of the "Fight Against Homophobia and Transphobia" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Santé et Services sociaux" portfolio;

- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to undertake examination of the "Social Services" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Santé et Services sociaux" portfolio;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the "Revenu Québec" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Finances" portfolio;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the "Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Finances" portfolio;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the "Retraite Québec" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Finances" portfolio;
- the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources, to continue its examination of the "Forest" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Ressources naturelles et Forêts" portfolio;
- the Committee on Culture and Education, to undertake examination of the "French Language" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Langue française" portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the "Justice" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Justice" portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the "Democratic Institutions" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Conseil exécutif" portfolio.

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At 3:32 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 282, Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 13 May 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, together with Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent):

(Division No. 5)

YEAS - 97

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