NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF QUÉBEC

THIRD SESSION FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 27 May 2026 — No. 8

President of the National Assembly:
Madam Nathalie Roy

The Assembly was called to order at 9:41 a.m.

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Mr. Reid (Beauharnois) made a statement to congratulate the Montréal Victoire and the hockey player Alexandra Labelle, winners of the Walter Cup.

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Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) made a statement to underline the performances of the Harmonie avancée of École secondaire de la Cité-des-Jeunes.

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Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to underline the 100th anniversary of École Micheline-Brodeur.

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Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) made a statement to underline the importance of protecting the housing cooperative model.

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Mr. Rivest (Côte-du-Sud) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Renaud Cyr.

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Ms. Picard (Soulanges) made a statement to underline the work of social economic companies in home care.

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Ms. Laflamme (Chicoutimi) made a statement to underline the 350th anniversary of Ville de Chicoutimi.

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Mr. Girard (Lac-Saint-Jean) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Johanne Imbeau.

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Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 55th anniversary of Patinage Anjou.

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Mr. Jolin-Barrette (Borduas) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the Centre de femmes l'Essentielle.

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Mr. Derraji (Nelligan) made a statement to underline the first college edition of the Dictée PGL at Cégep Gérald-Godin.

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At 9:55 a.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 10:07 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

791 An Act to amend the Election Act for the purpose of permanently protecting the electoral divisions of Gaspé and Bonaventure

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 791 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

The President tabled the following:

The Public Protector's special report entitled "Des drames humains derrière les barreaux – Une enquête pour améliorer la gestion des cas complexes dans les établissements de détention" (A troubling reality behind bars: an investigation into the management of complex cases in detention facilities);

(Sessional Paper No. 93-20260527)

The report of the French Language Commissioner on State exemplarity entitled "L'exemplarité de l'État : l'obligation de réussir";

(Sessional Paper No. 94-20260527)

The report of the French Language Commissioner on the francization of enterprises entitled "Francisation des entreprises : répondre aux changements dans la situation linguistique".

(Sessional Paper No. 95-20260527)

Presenting Petitions

Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on implementing an accountability and review mechanism in matters of domestic violence, signed by 10,265 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 96-20260527)

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

The abstract of a petition on implementing measures to ensure safety and combat bullying in schools, signed by 118 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 97-20260527)

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

The abstract of a petition on recognizing the Centre Paul-Gilbert in Charny as an independent hospital, signed by 2,066 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 98-20260527)

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 63, Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on implementing measures to ensure safety and combat bullying in schools, signed by 113 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 99-20260527)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services and the Fight Against Homelessness, Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly recall the tragic death of the little girl from Granby on 30 April 2019, which profoundly shocked Québec and led to the creation of the Special Commission on the Rights of the Child and Youth Protection, known as the Laurent Commission, which made 65 calls to action consisting of 250 recommendations to transform youth protection in Québec;
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> THAT it underline that the establishment of the position of Commissioner for Children's Well-Being and Rights, the first report of which was tabled on 14 May 2026, stemmed from that commission's first recommendation;
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> THAT it acknowledge that the conclusions of the Laurent Commission were widely recognized and applauded;
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> THAT, accordingly, pursuant to the mechanism provided for in the *Act respecting the Commissioner for Children's Well-Being and Rights*, the National Assembly mandate the Commissioner to assess the implementation of these calls to action and to make any recommendation she deems necessary.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **12** in Appendix)

Yeas: **100** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska), together with M. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly recall its unanimous resolution of 12 May 2026, confirming the right of the Québec nation to determine its political status by an absolute majority, namely 50% of the valid votes cast plus one;
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> THAT it underline that the text of that resolution was sent to the office of the Prime Minister of Canada following its adoption;
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> THAT it reiterate to the Prime Minister of Canada the Québec-wide consensus behind the *Act respecting the exercise of the fundamental rights and prerogatives of the Québec people and the Québec State*;
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> THAT, lastly, it declare that no parliament or government may reduce the powers, authority, sovereignty or legitimacy of the National Assembly or a legislative assembly, or impose constraint on the democratic will of its 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. **13** in Appendix)

Yeas: **100** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Martel, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, together with Mr. Fortin, Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly recall that farm producers play an essential role in food safety and the economic development and vitality of Québec's regions;
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> THAT it underline that the increase in carbon costs puts tremendous pressure on agricultural operations, particularly in a context of inflation and economic uncertainty;
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> THAT the National Assembly support the reimbursement of the carbon cost for farmers.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Morin (Acadie), together with Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent), moved:

> THAT the National Assembly acknowledge that, in Québec, the number of violent spouses who received the least punitive sentence in the *Criminal Code*, that is, a discharge, more than doubled over the last five years, increasing from 778 in 2020 to 1,823 in 2025;
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> THAT it be concerned by the situation and its effects on victims and their sense of security;
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> THAT it consider that such a situation may have long-term effects on the trust of victims and the public in our justice system;
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> THAT, lastly, it ask the federal government to remove the possibility for an accused to be discharged in cases of domestic 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. **14** in Appendix)

Yeas: **96** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake examination of the "Economy" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Économie, Innovation et Énergie" portfolio;

- the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to undertake examination of the "Environment, Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Environnement, Lutte contre les changements climatiques, Faune et Parcs" portfolio;

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

- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake examination of the "Metropolis" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Affaires municipales et Habitation" portfolio;

- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake examination of the "Investissement Québec" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Économie, Innovation et Énergie" portfolio;

- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the "Cybersecurity and Digital Technology" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Cybersécurité et Numérique" portfolio;

— the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to undertake examination of the "Maritime Strategy" component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the "Transports et Mobilité durable" portfolio;

— the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to hear the interested parties and undertake clause-by-clause consideration of these private bills in the following order: Bill 205, An Act concerning an immovable situated in the territory of Ville de Québec; Bill 201, An Act respecting the Monastère des Ursulines de Québec.

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At 11:19 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 282, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 28 May 2026 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services and the Fight Against Homelessness, Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent):

(Division No. 12)

YEAS - 100

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

On the motion moved by Mr. Boissonneault (Arthabaska), together with Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent):

(Division No. 13)

YEAS - 100

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

On the motion moved by Mr. Morin (Acadie), together with Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte) and Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent):

(Division No. 14)

YEAS - 96

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