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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 28 May 2026 — No. 9

**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. Gagnon (Jonquière) made a statement to underline the installation of new automated external defibrillators in the Jonquière riding.

Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the Filipino-Canadian Association of West Island.

Mr. Allaire (Maskinongé) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Normand Branchaud.

Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of L'Écho des femmes de la Petite Patrie.

Ms. Guilbault (Louis-Hébert) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Rosemarie Boivin.

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Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of La Cuisine collective Hochelaga-Maisonneuve.

Mr. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to support Opération Bonne Mine.

Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Sylvio Pinette and Mr. Serge St-Laurent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 54.1, Mr. Boulet (Trois-Rivières) made a statement to congratulate the Patriotes of Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, winners of the Queen's Cup.

Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) made a statement to applaud the courage and resilience of the staff and volunteers at Carrefour Familial des Moulins.

Mr. Thouin (Rousseau) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Frédéric Leclair and to invite the population to participate in the Opération Enfant Soleil campaign.

Mr. Girard (Groulx) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Rodger Brulotte.

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By leave of the Assembly, Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) remade his statement to underline the 40th anniversary of La Cuisine collective Hochelaga-Maisonneuve.

At 9:57 a.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:07 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

698 An Act respecting the co-construction of legislative and regulatory measures affecting the First Nations and the Inuit

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 15 in Appendix)

Yeas: 91 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Accordingly, Bill 698 was introduced in the Assembly.

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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 27 May 2026 to make changes to the list of temporary chairs.

(Sessional Paper No. 100-20260528)

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on holding a public consultation on education, signed by 4,017 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 101-20260528)

Mr. Gagnon (Jonquière) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on implementing the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Impacts of Screens and Social Media on Young People's Health and Development concerning the video game industry, signed by 986 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 102-20260528)

Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) tabled the abstracts of two petitions on free menstrual products in Québec schools:

- the first, being the abstract of a petition signed by 879 citizens of Québec (French and English versions);

(Sessional Paper No. 103-20260528)

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- the second, being the abstract of a petition signed by 102 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).
(Sessional Paper No. 104-20260528)

Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on disclosing the water consumption of artificial intelligence data centres in Québec, signed by 3,209 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 105-20260528)

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

The abstract of a petition on implementing measures to facilitate organ or tissue donation, signed by 179 citizens of Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 106-20260528)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 53 and 59, Mr. Derraji (Nelligan) tabled the following:

A document on the assessment of asset status entitled *Bilan de l'état des actifs*.
(Sessional Paper No. 107-20260528)

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Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne), together with Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Laicity, Mr. Morin (Acadie), Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), 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 threats and hateful messages of a religious fundamentalist nature made against Fatima Aboubakr for her political commitment to laicity, equality and Québec independence;

THAT it recall that such acts constitute a direct attack on our democratic values and on the freedom of any person to participate in politics without fearing for their safety.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 16 in Appendix)

Yeas: **89** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Dionne, Minister of Tourism, together with Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), Ms. Poulet (Laporte), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly highlight the intellectual, literary and cultural legacy of great Québec author Victor-Lévy Beaulieu;

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THAT it applaud his exceptional contribution to Québec culture, including his novels, essays, plays and television productions which have left a lasting mark on the collective imagination and resonated with several generations of Quebecers;

THAT it recognize that he was a passionate defender of the French language, Québec culture, and Québec's national affirmation, and that it express its profound gratitude for this free and committed author whose powerful and unique writing helped shape and reinforce our cultural identity;

THAT it pay tribute to this ambassador of Les Basques in the Bas-Saint-Laurent region, who is deeply rooted in his territory and in Québec's collective memory;

THAT it extend its deepest condolences to his family, his friends and all those who were inspired by his work;

THAT, lastly, all Members of the National Assembly observe a minute of silence in memory of this giant of Québec literature.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried.

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

Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), together with Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved a motion on Québec independence; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques), together with Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Ms. Poulet (Laporte) and Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved a motion on the First Nations and the Inuit; 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 Culture and Education, to undertake examination of the “Youth” component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the “Économie, Innovation et Énergie” portfolio;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake examination of the “Municipal Affairs” component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the “Affaires municipales et Habitation” portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the “Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers” component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the “Relations internationales et Francophonie” portfolio;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake examination of the “SME” component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the “Économie, Innovation et Énergie” portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the “Fight Against Racism” component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the “Relations internationales et Francophonie” portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the “International Relations and Francophonie” component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the “Relations internationales et Francophonie” portfolio;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake examination of the “Sports, Recreation and the Outdoors” component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the “Éducation” portfolio;

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- 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.

Then, by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 143 and 143.1, she convened the following committees:

- the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to undertake examination of the “Transportation” component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the “Transports et Mobilité durable” portfolio;
- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake examination of the “Seniors” component of the 2026–2027 estimates of expenditure of the “Santé et Services sociaux” portfolio;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 4, An Act respecting the communication of information for the purpose of protecting against intimate partner violence, and amending various legislative provisions.

At 11:34 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 282, Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 2 June 2026 at 1:40 p.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) that leave be granted to introduce Bill 698, An Act respecting the co-construction of legislative and regulatory measures affecting the First Nations and the Inuit:

(Division No. 15)

YEAS - 91

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

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(Division No. 16)

YEAS - 89

Allaire (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
Arseneau (PQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Dufour (IND)	Laflamme (PQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	(Abitibi-Est)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
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Bérubé (PQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Garceau (QLP)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina	Gendron (CAQ)	Leduc (QS)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
(IND)			
Bogemans (CAQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Boissonneault (PQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	(Groulx)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
Bourassa (CAQ)	Grandmont (QS)	(Chapleau)	Thouin (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Grondin (CAQ)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Cadet (QLP)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Malette (CAQ)	(Hull)
Carmant (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	Massé (QS)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Caron (QLP)	Jacques (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	Zanetti (QS)
(La Pinière)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	
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(CAQ)			
Charest (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Nichols (QLP)	
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Kelley (QLP)	Picard (CAQ)	
Derraji (QLP)	Labrie (QS)	Poulin (CAQ)	