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**President of the National Assembly:
Mr. Jacques Chagnon**

QUÉBEC

Part 1

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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- The Member for Rosemont on the following subject: *Tribute to Mrs. Geneviève Pelletier.*
- The Member for Hull on the following subject: *Daffodil Month.*
- The Member for Bourget on the following subject: *World Theatre Day.*
- The Member for Bourassa-Sauvé on the following subject: *Congratulations to young Jesen Therrien, who is currently at the Philadelphia Phillies training camp.*
- The Member for Beauce-Nord on the following subject: *Mark the retirement of Mr. Auguste Bisson of Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce.*
- The Member for Mirabel on the following subject: *Adrien Levasseur, dedicated to Québec's folk art.*
- The Member for Côte-du-Sud on the following subject: *Launching of the "Exprime ton idée au député" contest.*
- The Member for Charlesbourg on the following subject: *A Charlesbourg native (and his team) is awarded the title of overall winner of an international snow sculpture competition.*
- The Member for Vimont on the following subject: *Congratulations to the Bulldogs soccer team of Monteuil.*
- The Member for Argenteuil on the following subject: *Tribute to Mr. Alain Cousineau.*

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DEBATES ON REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (1) Report from the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources, which, on 28 January 2013, examined the five-year review of the state of the forests in the domain of the State and the results achieved in terms of sustainable forest management. The report contains two recommendations.
Report tabled **20 March 2013**
Subject to the provisions of the second paragraph of Standing Order 94, this report shall be taken into consideration not later than **4 April 2013**.

OTHER BUSINESS

I. Government Bills

Passage in Principle

- (2) Bill 3
An Act to amend the Election Act for the purpose of establishing fixed-date elections
Introduced by the Minister responsible for Democratic Institutions and Active Citizenship 7 November 2012
Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Lotbinière-Frontenac **15 November 2012**
- (3) Bill 14
An Act to amend the Charter of the French language, the Charter of human rights and freedoms and other legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister responsible for the Charter of the French language **5 December 2012**
- (4) Bill 20
Firearms Registration Act
Introduced by the Minister of Public Security **19 February 2013**

- (5) Bill 22
An Act to amend the Crime Victims Compensation Act
Introduced by the Minister of Justice **21 February 2013**
- (6) Bill 23
An Act to amend the Education Act concerning certain educational services for students under five years of age
Introduced by the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports **14 March 2013**
- (7) Bill 24
An Act to amend the Act respecting school elections
Introduced by the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports **14 March 2013**
- (8) Bill 26
An Act to amend the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities with respect to financing
Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy **12 March 2013**
- (9) Bill 27
Social Economy Act
Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy **19 March 2013**
- (10) Bill 32
An Act to amend the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Peace Officers in Correctional Services and other legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor **21 March 2013**
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- * Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor**
- (11) Bill 33
An Act to amend the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly
Introduced by the Minister responsible for Democratic Institutions and Active Citizenship **20 March 2013**

Committee Stage

(12)Bill 12

An Act to amend the Police Act as concerns independent investigations
Introduced by the Minister of Public Security 29 November 2012
Report from the Committee on Institutions (hearings) tabled 19 March 2013
Passed in principle **20 March 2013**, and
Referred to the Committee on Institutions

(13)Bill 13

An Act to amend the Election Act with regard to on-campus voting outside a voter's electoral division
Introduced by the Minister responsible for Democratic Institutions and Active Citizenship 30 November 2012
Passed in principle **12 March 2013**, and
Referred to the Committee on Institutions

(14)Bill 17

An Act to amend the Professional Code with respect to disciplinary justice
Introduced by the Minister of Justice and Minister responsible for the administration of legislation respecting the professions 13 February 2013
Report from the Committee on Institutions (hearings) tabled 19 March 2013
Passed in principle **19 March 2013**, and
Referred to the Committee on Institutions

(15)Bill 18

An Act to amend the Taxation Act and other legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Finance and the Economy 21 February 2013
Passed in principle **19 March 2013**, and
Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

(16)Bill 21

An Act to optimize government action in delivering public services to citizens and businesses
Introduced by the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity 13 February 2013
Report from the Committee on Public Finance (hearings) tabled 20 March 2013
Passed in principle **20 March 2013**, and
Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

(17) Bill 25

An Act respecting mainly the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 20 November 2012
Introduced by the Minister of Finance and the Economy 21 February 2013
Passed in principle **26 March 2013**, and
Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

Report Stage

(18) Bill 7

An Act to amend the Sustainable Forest Development Act and other legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Natural Resources 15 November 2012
Report from the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources (hearings) tabled 7 December 2012
Passed in principle 21 February 2013
Report from the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources tabled **26 March 2013**

(19) Bill 10

An Act to provide for the provisional relief from office of an elected municipal officer
Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy 15 November 2012
Passed in principle 29 November 2012
Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain (hearings) tabled 4 December 2012
Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain tabled **26 March 2013**

Passage

II. Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

(20) Bill 190

An Act to amend the Election Act in order to reduce political party spending and the elector contribution limit
Introduced by the Member for Chauveau **1 November 2012**

(21) Bill 191

An Act to establish Pharma-Québec

Introduced by the Member for Mercier **14 November 2012**

(22) Bill 192

Parliamentary Budget Officer Act

Introduced by the Member for Lévis **15 November 2012**

(23) Bill 193

An Act to amend the Auditor General Act

Introduced by the Member for Granby **13 February 2013**

(24) Bill 194

An Act to amend the Act respecting liquor permits and other legislative provisions

Introduced by the Member for Marguerite-Bourgeoys **15 November 2012**

(25) Bill 195

An Act to exclude child support payments from income calculation under various social laws

Introduced by the Member for Gouin **28 November 2012**

(26) Bill 197

An Act respecting wealth and job creation through sustainable mining development

Introduced by the Member for Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata **27 November 2012**

(27) Bill 198

An Act to end the precedence of mining rights over other land uses and to amend the Act respecting land use planning and development

Introduced by the Member for Mercier **20 March 2013**

(28) Bill 199

An Act to amend the Anti-Corruption Act as concerns the protection of whistleblowers

Introduced by the Member for Saint-Jérôme **21 February 2013**

(29) Bill 390

An Act respecting the review of the financial benefits granted to the
Members of the National Assembly

Introduced by the Member for Chauveau **12 March 2013**

Committee Stage

Report Stage

Passage

III. Private Bills

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

Passage in Principle

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IV. Government Motions

V. Estimates of Expenditure

VI. Statutory Debates

BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION

(30) 26 March 2013

Motion by the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce:

THAT the National Assembly reaffirm that workforce training falls under Québec's jurisdiction and that Québec must keep full control in this area, without preconditions;

THAT it demand that the Parti Québécois Government act diligently to initiate measures in order to form alliances with the other Canadian provinces as well as with all parties represented in the House of Commons;

THAT the Government call upon the Federal Government to renew the Canada-Québec Labour Market Agreement 2008-2014 under the current terms and also abandon its decision to end tax credits for workers' funds.

Part 3

BILLS PASSED

(Bills not yet given Royal Assent)

Part 4

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEES

The detailed calendar of the proceedings of each committee is available on the Internet site of the Assembly

COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Statutory Order

- Hearing of the Auditor General on his annual management report and his 2011-2012 financial commitments.
- Hearing on professional services contracts for information processing.
- Hearing on air quality in primary schools.
- Hearing on housing services.
- Hearing on the public infrastructure maintenance deficit.
- Hearing on the Fonds pour le développement du sport et de l'activité physique.
- Hearing on the management of the Tribunal administratif du Québec.
- Hearing on the administrative management of the Corporation d'urgences-santé.
- Hearing on the administrative management of the Ministère des Finances.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Order of reference

- Continuation of the drafting of the report following the special consultations held at the National Assembly on 29 and 30 January 2013 on the impacts associated with the decommissioning of Gentilly-2 nuclear power station and the economic diversification plan for the Centre-du-Québec and Mauricie sectors (Order of reference given on 12 March 2013).

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

Order of reference

General Consultation:

- **Bill 14**, An Act to amend the Charter of the French language, the Charter of human rights and freedoms and other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 7 December 2012).

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY

Statutory Order

- Hearing of the President and Director General of the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale concerning her management of the Fund and her administrative management and examination of the report on the implementation of the *Act respecting parental insurance*.

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Consideration of petitions:

- Petitions 403-20130213 and 439-20130220 respecting the increase in welfare benefits paid to disabled persons living alone.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 18**, An Act to amend the Taxation Act and other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 19 March 2013).
- **Bill 21**, An Act to optimize government action in delivering public services to citizens and businesses (Order of reference given on 20 March 2013).
- **Bill 25**, An Act respecting mainly the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 20 November 2012 (Order of reference given on 26 March 2013).

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Order of reference

General Consultation:

- Five-year report of the Commission d'accès à l'information du Québec entitled "Technologies et vie privée à l'heure des choix de société" (Order of reference given on 21 February 2013).

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 22**, An Act to amend the Crime Victims Compensation Act (Order of reference given on 14 March 2013).

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 12**, An Act to amend the Police Act as concerns independent investigations (Order of reference given on 20 March 2013).
- **Bill 13**, An Act to amend the Election Act with regard to on-campus voting outside a voter's electoral division (Order of reference given on 12 March 2013).
- **Bill 17**, An Act to amend the Professional Code with respect to disciplinary justice (Order of reference given on 19 March 2013).

Statutory Order

- Examination of the five-year report from the Lobbyists Commissioner entitled "Proposed Amendments to the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act".

COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Curateur public.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Statutory Order

- Examination of the 2011-2012 annual reports of the following health and social services agencies : Outaouais, Côte-Nord, Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec, Lanaudière, Bas-Saint-Laurent, Montérégie, Chaudière-Appalaches, Estrie, Capitale-Nationale, Laval, Montréal, Laurentides, Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean and Abitibi-Témiscamingue (deferred 15 November 2012).
- Examination of the 2011-2012 annual report of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (referred 14 February 2013).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Consideration of petitions:

- Petition 419-20130214 respecting a law authorizing people with disabilities to always be accompanied by their service dog.
- Petition 451-20130312 respecting fluoridation of drinking water.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Order of reference

- Shed light on the events of last 24 October concerning the action taken by the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks with regard to the independent public body known as the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) (Order of reference given on 22 November 2012).

Part 5

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Questions already placed on the Order Paper
are published each Wednesday

- (2) Mr. Le Bouyonnec (La Prairie) – **22 November 2012**
To the Minister of International Relations, La Francophonie and External Trade:

Next 22 November, an important preparatory meeting will be held with the trade commissioners of the European Union and Canada aiming to smooth out any final problems regarding negotiations for the signing of a Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement (CETA). This meeting of technocrats will be held one week before the European ministers' meeting, whose purpose is to politically endorse agreements negotiated behind closed doors.

The signing of the treaty being continuously postponed, it seems that the upcoming negotiations between the European Union and the United States on an equivalent treaty and scheduled for the beginning of 2013 underscores the need to hastily reach a conclusion.

The Government, during the 2013-2014 budget speech, indicated its full support to a free trade agreement with the European Union. The Coalition Avenir Québec is also in favour of ratifying a CETA; however, we are aware that this entails a negotiation process and that the best interests of Québec must strongly be defended therein.

According to our information, the Member States of the European Union reportedly have recently defined clear requirements (red lines) regarding several specific issues that could affect Quebecers.

1. In the light of the developments in the negotiations, can the Minister explain what measures he intends to take to maintain the protection conferred by supply management to our farmers?
 - Can the Minister guarantee to Québec's dairy farmers that he will take every means at his disposal so that they will not be subject to a Zero Tariff Quota, such as would be imposed by the European negotiators with their *Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ)*?

2. Does the Minister agree with the European Union's request for complete access, such as is the case within its borders, of European companies to our municipal, hospital, school and public agency procurement markets, commonly referred to by negotiators as MASH?

– Does the Minister intend to take measures to guarantee that Québec's local production requirements (*Local Production Requirements*), particularly in the public transport sector, will be maintained?

3. Considering that the Member States of the European Union themselves have liberalized several sectors of their economy, notably energy and transport, what measures does the Minister intend to take to prevent changes in the business model that could be imposed to corporations such as Hydro-Québec following the signing of the treaty?

4. Since the original rule desired by the Europeans is considered to be a type of protectionist measure, what means does the Minister intend to use so that the sectors of our economy, such as the textile industry, are not restricted by an exceedingly small number of derogations?

Is the Minister aware that the adoption of a Supplementary Protection Certificate (*Patent Term Restoration*), such as desired by the European negotiators, could seriously affect the balance of public expenditure?

(5) Mrs. St-Pierre (Acadie) – **13 March 2013**

To the Minister of International Relations, La Francophonie and External Trade:

We ask the Minister of International Relations, La Francophonie and External Trade to provide us with the following information in reference to the mission carried out by the Premier and the Minister for Canadian Intergovernmental Affairs and Sovereignist Governance in London and Scotland in January 2013:

1. The list of persons who accompanied the Premier and the Minister;
2. The overall mission expenditure charged to the Secrétariat aux affaires intergouvernementales canadiennes, the Executive Council, the Ministère des Relations internationales, de la Francophonie et du Commerce extérieur and, if applicable, to the Québec Delegation in London;

3. The mission's agenda;
4. The list of persons with whom meetings were held as well as a copy of their business cards;
5. The complete itinerary;
6. The exchange of correspondence between Premier Salmond and the Premier of Québec, as well as the exchange of e-mails between their respective offices since 4 September 2012.

(6) Mr. Bonnardel (Granby) – **19 March 2013**
To the Minister of Transport:

In Québec, the owner of a motor road vehicle is required to register the vehicle unless he or she has an exemption under the *Highway Safety Code*.

The registration fees for off-highway vehicles include a special contribution aimed at supporting the financial assistance program to develop and maintain Québec's off-highway vehicle infrastructures.

Several owners of all-terrain vehicles (ATV), such as farmers and foresters, never use them for this purpose, but rather for their farming and forestry activities.

Could the Minister of Transport explain to us why these owners are obliged, through their registration, to pay \$21 for the maintenance of the trail networks reserved for ATVs?

Furthermore, what is the total amount of ATV contributions received by the SAAQ and what is the amount actually set aside by the SAAQ to develop and maintain the ATV trail networks?

(7) Mr. Bonnardel (Granby) – **19 March 2013**
To the Minister of Transport:

In Québec, the owner of a motor road vehicle is required to register the vehicle unless he or she has an exemption under the *Highway Safety Code*, and vehicles are generally registered according to their use.

As regards farm tractors, the C licence plate (road vehicles with restricted-area use) allows its owner to use it for any purpose, including commercial snow removal, while a snow-removal contractor is required, for his part, to get an F licence plate (other vehicles).

The registration cost for a farm tractor is \$38.19 per year, while the cost to register a vehicle used for snow removal ranges from \$347.21 to \$760.21, according to the weight of the vehicle.

The accident risk is practically the same whether snow removal is carried out by a farmer or by a snow-removal contractor, but the premium charged for the automobile insurance contribution of the C licence plate (\$27.54) is much lower than that of the F licence plate (\$148.96).

Could the Minister of Transport give us the reasons why snow-removal contractors are not allowed to benefit from the same advantage enjoyed by farmers who carry out commercial snow removal?

What is the detailed portrait of the number of snow-removal vehicles registered by farmers and the number of snow-removal vehicles registered by snow-removal contractors? What are the costs associated with these registrations?

(8) **Mr. Picard (Chutes-de-la-Chaudière) – 20 March 2013**

To the Minister responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor:

Last 7 February, during the examination of the estimates of expenditure, I asked for details of the figures as at 31 March 2012, concerning the breakdown of the pension plans and the Retirement Plans Sinking Fund (RPSF) liabilities for each of the private and public employee plans, with the active participants and beneficiaries categories presented separately.

This data is especially important as it will allow me to continue my reflection on the future of Québec pension plans.

Also, could the Minister responsible for the administration of legislation respecting the professions be able to provide this data as soon as possible?

- (9) Mr. Le Bouyonnec (La Prairie) – **20 March 2013**
To the Minister of Transport:

The intersection of Route 104 and Rang de la Bataille in La Prairie is an area dreaded by the region's motorists. Indeed, numerous persons are injured – and some die – each year in road accidents that occur at that intersection. According to the Roussillon Police Service, intersection 104 – La Bataille is the scene of six to eight road accidents per year.

A coroner's report in 2009 concluded that the left turn on Road 104 in the direction of Rang de la Bataille was "perilous". Last month, another motorist died a few hundred feet from this intersection on Road 104.

For the past fifteen years, the City of La Prairie has been urging the Transport Ministry to take the necessary measures to ensure the safety of those who travel on Road 104, where the installation of a traffic light is necessary. I myself wrote to the Minister of Transport over two months ago, before the last fatal accident happened, to support the actions of the La Prairie municipal council, but I only received a confirmation message.

What are the Transport Ministry's ongoing or planned projects regarding this intersection and what are the type and status of these projects as well as their deadlines?

Does the Minister of Transport intend to get personally involved in this case and make certain that we prevent more serious accidents and more deaths from occurring at this intersection?

- (10) Mr. Gautrin (Verdun) – **26 March 2013**
To the Chair of the Conseil du trésor:

Section 128 of the *Supplemental Pension Plans Act* (SPP) obliges all pension plans to constitute a provision for adverse deviation, before using an actuarial surplus to improve the plan. This provision is established as a percentage of accrued benefits and according to a formula specified in sections 60.1 to 60.5 of the regulation accompanying the Act.

With the necessary modifications, more particularly as regards solvency, could the Chair of the Conseil du trésor provide us with the percentage of accrued benefits that are necessary to constitute, in the Government and Public Employees Pension Plan (RREGOP), a provision for adverse deviation by applying the method of calculation provided for in sections 60.1 to 60.5 of the Regulation respecting Supplemental Pension Plans?

Part 6

NOTICES

I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

Government Bills

(a) 26 March 2013

An Act to amend the Act respecting Héma-Québec and the haemovigilance committee – *Minister of Health and Social Services*.

(b) 26 March 2013

An Act to amend the Civil Code and other legislative provisions with respect to research – *Minister of Health and Social Services*.

Private Members' Bills

(c) 27 November 2012

An Act to amend the Act respecting health services and social services in order to improve the management of access lists for specialized and superspecialized medical services – *Member for Jean-Talon*.

Private Bills

Interpellations

(d) 30 October 2012

Interpellation by the Member for Outremont to the Minister of Finance and the Economy on the following subject : *The impacts of the Parti Québécois Government's decisions on Québec's public finance*.

II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME