



## SISP: demonstration in front of the Conseil du trésor

On December 13 last, the member organizations of the *Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics* (SISP) took part in a demonstration, in front of the office of the *Conseil du trésor* in Quebec City, to denounce once again Bill 142 and the antidemocratic bills passed under closure. Two years after the imposition of a bill decreeing the working conditions and salaries for public service employees, workers continue to demand that their rights be respected.

<[www.sisp.qc.net](http://www.sisp.qc.net)>



## Reasonable accommodations: the importance of going beyond perceptions

On December 12, the FIQ presented a brief before the *Bouchard-Taylor Commission* on accommodation practices related to cultural differences. On the basis of the results of a questionnaire sent to members, the Federation's opinion paper focused on the issue of demands of a religious nature in public space, and in particular in the health and social services, rather than on the question of reasonable accommodations. Despite the sense of urgency that appeared in the media coverage, demands of a religious nature do not appear to be a major problem; rather, they are well integrated in the daily activities of care professionals. The FIQ also considers that the government must play an important role in the integration of immigrants in Quebec. You can consult the FIQ memorandum online at <[www.fiqsante.qc.ca](http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca)>.

## “Peux-tu me vendre un service?” (Can you sell me a service?)

The Federation invites you to view the video entitled “*Peux-tu me vendre un service*” (*Can you sell me a service?*) by the group “*Les Alarmistes*”, available on *YouTube*. In less than ten minutes, this film reviews the various attacks against public services and the negative impacts of privatization on the latter.

<[www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIV2EZUurBk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIV2EZUurBk)>

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



The Executive Committee of the Federation wishes you a very Happy Christmas and a new year filled with moments of happiness.

The next edition of FIQ Express will be online on January 9, 2008.



## Support locked-out employees

Union leaders and the staff members of the SISP union organizations will, in the morning of Thursday December 20, distribute the newspaper *MédiaMatin Québec*. The SISP hopes, in this way, to express its support for the employees of the *Journal de Québec* who are victims of a lock-out since last April.

### Coming events

**12.30**

Bill 30: deadline for the Quebec government to appeal the Superior Court decision

**04.08-09**

Women's Network, Saint-Hyacinthe