

*Appointment of the ministers*  
**The FIQ welcomes the appointment of Mr. Réjean Hébert**

The FIQ welcomed the appointment of Dr. Réjean Hébert on September 19 to the position of Minister for Health and Social Services. Although the problems in the health network are many and complex, it wanted to stress the openness of Dr. Hébert for the possible solutions proposed. The Federation has high hopes that the arrival of the minister will coincide with the arrival of a real Minister of Health, not like the case in the past of a minister of “illness”.

Read the release on the Federation website at [www.fiqsante.qc.ca](http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca).

*Intersyndicale des femmes*  
**The Conservative Party needs to stop attacking women**

On September 27, representatives from the Intersyndicale des femmes that represents nearly 200,000 workers from six labour organizations – including the FIQ – expressed some relief following the defeat of motion 312 on the legal status of a fetus. It is however, very concerned to see that a third of the MPs in the House of Commons voted for this motion.

They feel that it is clear that the Minister of Public Works and the Minister for the Status of Women, Rona Ambrose, literally failed in their responsibilities by supporting this motion. She is therefore no longer able to assume her duties and defend women’s rights.

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**CHSLD Saint-Lambert-sur-le-Golf : Annual OHS Week activity**

Through the initiative of the UHCP union, the healthcare professionals at the CHSLD Saint-Lambert-sur-le-Golf were invited to come under the tent located outside the institution on October 3 to celebrate Annual OHS Week. To denote the occasion, a meal was served, copies of the special edition of l’eSSenTiel, written by the FIQ OHS Committee, were distributed and little surprises were waiting for the members. More than twenty people attended the event! Bravo!



*Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics*  
**Abolition of the regressive measures by the Marois government**

On the first day of its mandate, the Marois government confirmed the abolishment of the health tax before the next income tax return and the cancelation of the increase in tuition fees before the *Sommet sur l’éducation supérieure*. The *Coalition opposée à la privatisation et à la tarification des services publics* immediately applauded that decision as well as the repeal of the special law (Bill 12) which imposed severe restrictions on civil and political rights.



According to the Coalition, abandoning these measures that were criticized by a large proportion of the public demonstrates the importance of citizens mobilizing and the unprecedented solidarity shown last spring.

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*Word from the Status of Women Committee*  
**The Woodworth motion: a threat to a woman’s right to abortion**



Go to the Federation website to read the latest editorial written by Marie-Ève Bertrand, member of the Status of Women Committee! It tackles the famous Woodworth motion that was defeated in the House, but received some disturbing support just the same.



**When an ideology threatens our rights**

“As expected, the infamous Woodworth motion was defeated on September 26. I celebrated for just a moment. However, when I looked at the results of the vote more closely, a shiver ran down my spine”.

Go to the Federation website to read the rest of this editorial by the president!