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## THE PENSION REFORM HAS NOT BEEN VOTED BY THE MPs, & WITHOUT DEBATE ON ARTICLE 7

### SENATE HAS 2 WEEKS FOR DEBATING IT

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**USPA NEWS** - The vote on the law on pension reform, which has led to numerous strikes and demonstrations in France for the past month, did not take place on Friday, the day of the deadline at midnight at the National Assembly. The opposition of the left left (LFI far left, within the parliamentary group NUPES) had tabled 18,000 amendments, to obstruct. The right as well as the RN group (National Rally of Marine Le Pen) did not approve of this reform either. Indeed, the debates ended Friday evening at midnight, without the deputies having been able to vote on the text, or even to examine article 7 on the postponement of the legal age to 64 years.

In the end, "much ado about nothing" because the choice of the government to have applied article 47.1m of the constitution which provides for an accelerated vote, led to a great cacophony of insults, inappropriate movements and gestures from one and all. others...

### INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT AND INVECTIVE INSULTS BY MP DURING PENSION REFORM DEBATE

Among the inappropriate gestures and insults

- On February 18, A MP of LFI, (NUPES) of Seine Maritime, Alma Dufour, demanded accounts from the President of the National Assembly on these 40,000 euros of actions emanating from several multinationals. "There was an error on the Le Monde site, Le Monde, they have just corrected it", defended Yael Braun-Pivet. Before adding: "There were no omissions in my statement and I thank you for not relaying that". Except that... Le Monde no longer speaks of 40,000 shares, but of 40,000 euros worth of shares. By questioning, the President of the National Assembly Yaelle Braun-Pivet, in the midst of a debate on the pension reform, the deputy Dufour, reproached her for the non-declaration to the HATVP, her 40,000 euros in shares at Total...

- February 13, MP Aurelien Saintout of NUPES Party called the Minister of Labor an "impostor and murderer" on the grounds that in France the number of deaths related to work accidents is too high, compared to other European countries. He immediately afterwards presented his public apologies, regretting "his remarks".

The Minister of Labor Olivier Dussot, his throat knotted, replied "I accepted these apologies but I do not "forgive these words" disapproval of all the groups.

On February 9, at the National Assembly, Laurent Marcangeli, former mayor of Ajaccio and president of the Horizons group, (Republicans) allegedly said "You behaved like shit with Ferrara", told Aurélien Pradie, deputy for Lot and Group VP LR (the Republicans), had a heated altercation. The latter would have answered him: "I promise you that I will break your teeth, "The intervention of the bailiffs was necessary", explains the newspaper Le Canard Enchaîné. (Source, Le canard enchaîné)

- On February 9 the deputy of NUPES from Seine-Saint-Denis, Thomas Portes, caused a great controversy by posting a photo of him on social networks. In this photo, he posed proudly, wearing his charge as an elected Republican, with his foot resting on a ball covered with the head of Olivier Dussot, Minister of Labour, with this message "Minister withdraw your reform". This photo had been taken during a demonstration which had taken place the same day in front of the Ministry of Labour. He was expelled for two weeks, by the sanction provided for by the regulations of the National Assembly.

### "PITFUL AND SHAMEFUL" ATMOSPHERE AND SHOW AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ACCORDING TO LAURENT BERGER UNION'S LEADER OF CFDT

- Of the 170 seats of the NUPES, (Ecologists, Socialists, Communists, LFI) Deputy of LFI, NUPES, four deputies have been sanctioned and this reduces the number of voting MPs of NUPES.

The Secretary General of CFDT, Union, described the debate on the pension reform as "disappointing and shameful" as the behavior of certain deputies was disappointing during these two weeks of debate. Indeed, even the demonstrators and dissatisfied with the silent majority (which does not protest in the street, but opposes this reform, for 92% of the working population in France) have remained dignified and calm, compared to their elected officials... who normally should set an example, at the level of Parliament.

The MPs offered a distressing spectacle to the National Assembly by invective, insults, and even to call themselves "murderers", and

to almost fight (Two since from LR The Republicans, your almost fought and were separated by the National Assembly guards). Laurent Berge the Neural Secretary of CFDT, the notorious Union) said about this "It's a heartbreaking spectacle". It is true that public opinion, and in particular the millions of demonstrators who have marched peacefully since January 19, have been particularly wise and respectful of authority, while the MPs have upset conventions, even flouted the symbols of this institution of the Republic...

This is unheard of. In three months, two deputies have already been temporarily excluded from the Palais-Bourbon. And Monday, February 13 again, an elected representative of La France insoumise was sanctioned for comments made in the hemicycle. Since the beginning of this sixteenth legislature, ten "disciplinary penalties", provided for by the Rules of the National Assembly, have been pronounced against deputies. In comparison, 15 sanctions had been recorded under the previous legislature. That is a total of 25 since 2017. While only 23 sanctions had been counted between 1958 and 2017." Source , LCP, French Parliament's TV Broadcast

- On February 16, the Minister of Labor Olivier Dussopt, was noticed by photo-journalists, while he was playing a crossword in the hemicycle in the middle of a parliamentary debate.
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On February 18, Prime Minister Elisabeth, was noticed by photo-journalists, while she wears a dress signed "KENZO" in the hemicycle in the middle of a speech in response to the motion of censure tabled by Marine Le Pen. Brands are normally banned from the National Assembly, so as not to promote or advertise brands, for the sake of neutrality. Indeed, since 2018, "The clothing adopted by the deputies in the hemicycle must remain neutral and be similar to business attire. It cannot be used as a pretext for the expression of any opinion. The wearing of any conspicuous religious symbol, a uniform, logos or commercial messages or slogans of a political nature is thus in particular prohibited", indicated the presidency, in a press release. (Source: Presidency of the National Assembly)

On February 17, the RN group tabled a motion of censure (just after midnight Friday, end of the debate on the pension reform) which was not voted on, against the government. The PM, Elisabeth Borne, came after midnight to respond to Marine Le Pen, who had made a statement at midnight, for her motion of censure denouncing the "a project from start to finish badly conceived, badly carried and badly explained", adding a PM Borne "You lied about long careers, about hardship"; "You lied about the 1,200 euros minimum pension", also denouncing the "assumed blocking of Nupes", had also launched the president of the RN group at the Palais Bourbon. as well as a "denial of democracy" from the government which has chose an accelerated examination procedure, using article 47.1 of the social security financing bill (PLFSS).

In the NUPES group, the communist deputies and the deputy Hadrien Clouet, who made a virulent statement against both the RN party and the presidential majority and the government in place. "Here we are gathered to discuss a text almost as useless as its authors", he proclaimed, in response to the motion of censure.

The NUPES Party, at the exit of the hemicycle came out overconfident and singing the song of the Yellow Vests as a sign of rebellion, in tribute to these demonstrators of 2019 who come to demonstrate every weekend, until the government obtains to abandon the plans to tax fuel.

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