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The vaccine pass debates at the Assemblée Nationale have once again been suspended last night. The issue this time was the words of Emmanuel Macron in an interview with Le Parisian. The Head of State did not mince his words when expressing his thoughts about people who have not been unvaccinated, who he wishes, I quote, "to continue to piss off" by depriving them of certain activities in the long term. Naturally, this declaration got a strong reaction from the opposition and many deputies in the Assemblée yesterday evening. The debates on the bill around the vaccine pass will resume this afternoon at 3 pm.

The health situation will be at the heart of a new defense council this morning. With no new restrictions in sight, the executive will take stock of the measures already in place since Monday and the state of the hospital system. 20,000 patients with covid are currently hospitalized, a first since May 21st. The number of contaminations has reached a new record, with over 270,000 new cases identified in the last 24 hours

Also in the news, the Dépakine case continues. This drug caused serious and sometimes fatal malformations in thousands of children. Today, the Paris judicial court must rule on the action brought by victims against Sanofi, the manufacturer of the drug. This action should rule on the liability of the laboratory in disabilities occurring in children whose mothers had received this treatment against epilepsy while they were pregnant.

Philippe Martin has been sentenced to 2 suspended prison sentences. The former Minister of Ecology was found guilty of embezzlement of public funds, for having paid his ex-wife for a fictitious job of parliamentary assistant between 2002 and 2013. The couple will have to repay the 238,000 euros collected at the Assemblée Nationale.