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A bill that makes amendments to the country's finances was adopted by the assemblee nationale late last night. After a long debate, the bill passed. Measures include scrapping the audiovisual fee and 100% renationalising EDF.

1,000 hectares have gone up in smoke in the Hérault. A fire broke out yesterday near Montpellier. 600 firefighters have been deployed to tackle the blaze, 5 of them have been slightly injured. Nearly 300 people have been evacuated. A judicial inquiry has been opened, for now it is assumed that the cause of the fire was a criminal act. Two fires were reported as getting underway, within 2 kilometres of one another.

However the good news in the Gironde is that the wildfire situation is still under control. Holidaymakers will once again be able to visit the Dune du Pilat. The site is reopening today after being closed for two weeks. Access will be by bus only and it will be prohibited to walk on any slopes damaged by the fire.

In Morocco, 4 people have been killed by forest fires. Two women were found on Monday evening in the north of the country. They had died of smoke inhalation after refusing the request from the authorities to evacuate the premises. The day before, a volunteer who was fighting the fire lost his life and another person died in a forest fire earlier this month. More than 10,000 hectares have been destroyed .

A suspect has been charged and taken to jail after an attack on three police officers in Lyon last week. The prosecutor's office in Lyon made the announcement yesterday. The 26-year-old did not deny the offences and allegedly offered his apologies. On Sunday a first suspect had been arrested but was finally released. That man was illegally present in France and known to France's justice services for a range of other offences. He will now be expelled from the country.

And finally to football, England is the first team to qualify for the final of the Women's Euro. The lionesses won the first semi-final against Sweden on home turf. The final result was a breathtaking 4-0. Fingers crossed that they will be meeting France in Sunday's final

at Wembley stadium. France just have the small matter of winning against Germany tonight in the championship's second semi final match. France Germany kicks off at 9 pm tonight.