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The joint committee will meet late on Monday afternoon to try to find an agreement on the Immigration Bill. Seven members of parliament and seven senators will go through the bill again which was rejected by the Assemblée Nationale earlier this week. In the meantime, Elisabeth Borne is meeting with the leaders of the centrist parties Les Républicains and Renaissance as well as with parliamentary groups to try to agree on a new version of the bill.

A historic agreement has been adopted at the COP28 in Dubai. The nearly 200 participating nations have approved a text calling for a transition away from fossil fuels, which are largely responsible for global warming, with a view to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Emmanuel Macron has welcomed this “important step”.

A schoolgirl has been arrested in Rennes after wielding a knife in class. The pupil, who is in the cinquième class, so between 12 and 13 years old, brandished the knife towards her English teacher and said she wanted to repeat what had been done in Arras. She was referring to the murder of the teacher Dominique Bernard in October. No one was hurt as a result of the incident. Classes were stopped and a psychological support unit will be set up.

Cases of Covid-19 continue to rise in France, with 28,000 new cases recorded last week. Other European countries are experiencing similar, with the emergence of a sub-variant of Omicron. Doctors are calling for distancing measures and vaccinations.

And finally, the price of a pack of cigarettes will increase again on January 1st, by an amount between 50 cents and 1 euro. The most expensive pack will cost 12 euros 50 cents. There will also be an increase in the price of rolling tobacco. Tobacconists fear the development of the illegal market. Last year, smoking figures in France showed an upturn in the number of women smoking and people with fewer formal qualifications.