



## The News

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The immigration bill that was rejected by the Assemblée Nationale has been put to a committee of seven members of parliament and seven senators. The committee has to put together a new version of the bill that everyone can agree on, or at least one that won't be thrown out of the lower house. Elisabeth Borne met with the leaders of the right wing party Les Republicains over the weekend for a meeting that stretched to two and a half hours but no agreement was met.

According to a study carried out by Opinion Way for the League against cancer, 70% of French people think it is alright for underage teenagers to have a taste of alcohol in the run-up to Christmas. 35% of French people apparently think that drinking alcohol before the age of 18 has no effect on how alcohol is consumed once someone is an adult.

A thousand or so households have been affected by the flooding in Charente Maritime and 250 people have been evacuated. The Prefect has requested that the town of Saintes be classed as being in a state of natural disaster. The entire department remains on amber alert for flooding today.

And finally, the commercial court of Paris has to render its decision today in the dispute between Uber and 2,000 taxi drivers. The private hire drivers have accused Uber of unfair competition and are claiming 455 million euros in damages and interests.