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An agreement has apparently been reached between the government and the LR on the immigration bill, more specifically on the APL. This information was communicated by our colleagues from Le Parisien. The final votes of the Senate and the Assembly are postponed until the end of the day in the event of an agreement, as announced this morning by the Ministry of the Interior as the Joint Committee resumed a few minutes ago. Yesterday the MPs and senators concerned examined around fifteen articles. It is the question of social benefits paid to foreigners which caused discussions between the right and the government to slip.

Monique Oliver asks for forgiveness from the families of the victims on her last day of trial. The verdict is expected in the afternoon. The general prosecutor's office requested life imprisonment with a 22-year safety period.

Abroad, more than 118 deaths were reported in China after a magnitude 5.9 earthquake in the northwest of the country. The earthquake destroyed several buildings in the regions of the Gansu and Qinghai provinces. Chinese President Xi Jinping called for "all possible efforts" to be made in search and rescue operations.

Back in France, supplementary health insurance will sharply increase in 2024. A 7% increase is expected on average for individual contracts and 10% for compulsory collective contracts. This is what emerges in any case from a survey by the *mutualité française*. Certain increases are unacceptable for the Minister of Health Aurélien Rousseau.

And to finish, Charente Maritime is still under orange weather alert for floods. In the department, many towns have been hit hard by the floods of these past days. In Saintes in particular, around 600 homes were flooded, 150 people even had to leave their home.