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The repeal of the reform of pensions is the subject of debate today in the Assemblée Nationale. As there have been more than 1,000 amendments tabled for the bill as it stands, mostly from Macronists and the Républicains party, it stands little chance of success and it is unlikely there will be a vote on the bill before midnight.

The minister of the economy, Antoine Armand, has said that he is ready to make slight concessions on the budget in order to avoid a potential economic and financial storm that could be sparked by a vote of no confidence and the end of the current government. Mr Armand has said he is prepared to be flexible on the tax on electricity included in the budget, a measure that has come under fire from the Rassemblement National.

INRAE, the National Research Institute for Agriculture, has hit back at farmers who accused the institute of being “pointless” and who, very early this morning, built a wall of breezeblocks in order to block the entrance to the INRAE building in Paris. INRAE has pointed to its research carried out by researchers, engineers and technicians in the field.

The man accused of killing the son of well-known chef Yannick Alléno in a road accident is appearing in the Paris criminal court today. Antoine Alléno, who was 24 years old at the time of his death, was killed in 2022 by the man who was driving under the influence of alcohol and who was speeding at 120km/h in a 30km/h zone. The public prosecutor has recommended an eight-year prison sentence with a detention warrant, as well as a ten-year driving ban.

And finally, French footballer Benjamin Pavard sustained an injury during Tuesday's Champions League match between Inter Milan and RB Leipzig. Pavard's strained thigh means he is now out of action for the next three weeks.