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Today is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. A draft framework law on violence against women was presented yesterday by the Minister Aurore Bergé. The draft bill comprises a total of 53 measures that set out to offer better training on and detection of this type of violence and improved measures on prevention and punishment. It also provides to better protect children in the event of incest, by prohibiting the accused from having any visitation rights as soon as a preliminary investigation is opened.

Senators will be tackling the suspension of pension reform today as part of the social security financing bill. Today's agenda was confirmed yesterday by Senate President Gérard Larcher. The upper house will likely reject the suspension of pension reform.

The health body Santé publique France is sounding the alarm on HIV, after a sharp rise in the number of new cases among 15-25 year olds. According to a report published today, the years 2014 to 2023 saw an increase in new HIV cases of more than 40% for that age group. And yet, infections have fallen by 15% among adults aged 26 to 49. New HIV infections mostly often affect men, with women getting tested about twice as often as men.

The Ministry of Labour has confirmed that the Christmas bonus will be paid on 16th December. More than 2.2 million people are expected to receive the sum, paid to all recipients of the minimum benefits income RSA as well as unemployed people who have exhausted their benefits. Last year, the bonus amounted to 152 euros for a single person and 320 euros for a couple with two children.

And finally, World Rugby has updated the world rankings following the November tests. As France is in 5th place, it is therefore in the first pot for the 2027 World Cup draw on 3rd December. Les Bleus will avoid all of the world's top six teams in the first phase, including South Africa and New Zealand.