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Between 600,000 and one million cattle will soon be vaccinated against lumpy skin disease. Annie Gennevard made the announcement this evening from Toulouse, where she travelled this afternoon to attend the first vaccinations. The Minister of Agriculture also defended the state's health protocol, which she said is 'robust' and 'protective'. Across the country, protests continued today among farmers in Quimper, Nantes, Arras, Tours, and on the A64 motorway near Carbonne. The FDSEA (Departmental Federation of Farmers' Unions) of Gard has called for action tomorrow.

The finance bill was adopted by the Senate earlier, marking a step forward for the text that is on a parliamentary marathon. The next stage will take place on Friday, when the text will be examined by a joint committee.

To the war in Ukraine now and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has said that 'remarkable' security guarantees have been put forward by the United States for Ukraine. Volodymyr Zelensky also said today that progress was being made. Emmanuel Macron is due to travel to Germany this evening to continue the ongoing talks in Berlin. The United States is expected to participate in discussions.

In Rouen, it was announced this evening that a police officer was charged and placed in pre-trial detention today. He is suspected of 'minor sexual assault', 'corruption of minors under the age of 15' and 'possession of child pornography'. The case follows testimony from two young girls. The police officer is 51 years old.

And finally, this is a crucial week for the 2030 Winter Olympics in the French Alps. Starting tonight and until Friday, the Assemblée Nationale will examine the Olympic bill, a critical text for getting plans for the 2030 Olympics underway.