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### **PM ELISABETH BORNE REPEATED 12 TIMES "A MAJORITY EXISTS" AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

PM Elisabeth Borne hammered today at the National Assembly to defend her pension reform (which caused the various demonstrations on January 19th and a current blockage of the country by a general strike, transport, energy, garbage collectors, etc.) by repeating "A majority exists, which thinks that it is necessary to increase the small pensions, and to reduce the inequalities between the woman and the men and is not afraid of the reforms even when it unpopular and to assume disagreements tomorrow.."..as if a mantra.

She repeated this expression "the majority exists" twelve times, in the National Assembly, affirming her confidence in her ability to muster a majority of at least 289 votes, by Thursday.

Meanwhile, many of the Republican MP's whose PM Borne was relying on to boost her majority, have already announced they will not vote the pension reform, ahead of the D Day...This might make more complicated than expected, from the government, which does not hold an absolute majority, at the National Assembly.

The inter-union union, having renewed the strike last Saturday and is organizing a new demonstration movement tomorrow March 15, 2023. To this are added target blockages in the nerve centers for the supply of electricity and fuel.

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