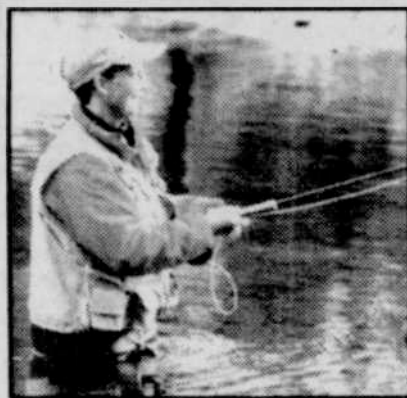


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## WORLD news

### CANADA

The National Assembly of Quebec voted unanimously June 7 to grant gay and straight couples who enter an official civil union all the rights and obligations of marriage—including access to adoption and artificial insemination.

That places the province just behind the Netherlands, where same-sex couples, including foreign residents, are allowed to marry under the regular marriage laws instead of civil union or domestic partnership laws set up for gay men and lesbians. Several European nations grant registered gay couples 99 percent of the rights and obligations of marriage but still are haggling over matters such as adoption, insemination and church weddings.

"This is the first of its kind in the world," Irene Demczuk of the Quebec Coalition for the Recognition of Same-Sex Couples told Toronto's *Globe and Mail*. "There is no other jurisdiction in the world where equality was offered unanimously to same-sex couples and their children."

"The bill answers all our prayers," she added in a press statement. "It is a historic event in that it goes even further than similar legislation in Vermont and elsewhere in Canada. Quebec will be the only place in North America to give same-sex couples the same rights, privileges and obligations as married couples. The international recognition that comes with marriage is the only missing element."

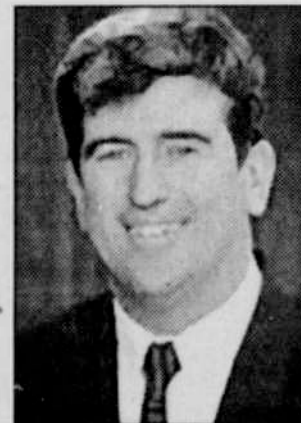
Quebec Attorney General Paul Bégin said he was "very proud" the bill passed "because there are not that many societies that have reached this level of understanding and acceptance of the equality of all, whatever is the [sexual] orientation." Polls indicate about 75 percent of Quebecers supported legalization of gay civil unions.

Gay advocates will push on for access to marriage itself.

"The only reason why Quebec couldn't go as far as the Netherlands is simply because the definition of marriage under the Canadian Constitution is federal, and the federal law defines it as between a man and a woman," said André Gagnon, publisher of the Montreal gay newspaper *Étre*. "Quebec's Civil Code has been amended by Bill 84 to withdraw any reference to sex of the spouses. So Quebec's law is just waiting for the federal law to change to allow same-sex marriage. Civil union has been created to pressure the change in the federal law [because] it's basically the same thing as marriage."

Winnipeg hoisted the Gay Pride flag above City Hall this month to celebrate Pride Week.

The city's mayor, Glen Murray, is gay. Predecessors Susan Thompson and Bill Norrie had spurned requests to proclaim Pride Week and fly the flag.



Glen Murray

### THE NETHERLANDS

In one of the first tests of the portability of the Netherlands' gay marriages, an Italian couple got married June 1 at City Hall in The Hague.

The Netherlands is the only nation that lets same-sex couples marry under the exact same laws as heterosexuals. Foreigners can marry after a brief period of residency.

Antonio Garullo, 37, and Mario Ottocento, 30, who live in the town of Latina, south of Rome, tied the knot as Italian and Dutch journalists and gay Italian politician Franco Grillini looked on. "It's obvious that their marriage is of political significance," Grillini told Agence France-Presse.

The couple will demand that Italy recognize their marriage and will appeal all the way to the

European Court of Human Rights if necessary, they said.

About 100,000 Dutch gay men and lesbians live with a lover—a 25 percent increase from five years ago—the Central Bureau of Statistics said June 4.

More than 7,000 of the couples have gotten married or registered their partnership, according to the agency. One in 13 of the cohabitating same-sex couples has adopted a baby, the bureau said.



Bill Schiller (right) attends the "Our Rainbow" Cultural Conference on Dec. 13, 2001, in Kiev, Ukraine

### MOLDOVA

Queers in the former Soviet republic of Moldova staged their first Pride events April 26 to 29 in Chisinau, the nation's capital. People attended movies, concerts, shows, exhibitions, seminars and a soccer tournament between gay men and lesbians, among much else.

"It has been amazing once again to see how a small group in one of the poorest nations of Europe can display such a rich and sophisticated use of homo culture to underline visibility and international solidarity," said Bill Schiller of the International Lesbian & Gay Cultural Network. "This is a sharp contrast to some of the Prides in the West, which grow each year in size and glitter but which suffocate in provincial commercialism—shutting out those without money and turning their backs on those in other countries struggling against homophobia and persecution."

### SWEDEN

Parliament extended adoption rights to registered gay couples June 5.

"There are no limits," said Jon Voss, editor of the gay newspaper QX. "That makes Sweden the first country in the world to say yes to international adoptions as well."

Some European nations that allow gay adoption restrict couples to domestic babies to avoid conflict with the presumably homophobic Third World nations from which most foreign babies are adopted. Gay couples who enter a Swedish registered partnership now lack only two rights that are available to straight people: access to artificial insemination technology and access to marriage itself.

### BRAZIL

Police estimated 400,000 people turned out for São Paulo's Gay Pride parade June 2. Mayor Marta Suplicy attended and said she is proud the city has become the gayest place in Latin America.

Lesbian motorcyclists led the parade, which included more than 20 sound trucks pumping out disco and techno music. The march traversed Avenida Paulista, a principal thoroughfare, for three miles, ending at Praça da República, a downtown square in the city's gayest quarter.