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## FRENCH PDT OF SENATE GERARD LARCHER ANSWERS THE JOURNALISTS AT PRESS CONFERENCE

### OVER THE CURRENT BIG STRIKE PART 2

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**USPA NEWS** - The President of the Senate answered questions on Thursday morning from the Association of Parliamentary Journalists. An event that you could follow on Public Sénat. Very critical of the government's method, Gérard Larcher asked for the postponement of the examination of the pension reform in Parliament and to await the conclusions of the financing conference. Here is the following rest of the press conference content.

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#### INTERIOR MINISTRY CIRCULAR ON POLICY "DOES NOT CONFORM TO DEMOCRATIC VALUES"----- Interior

Ministry circular on political colors "does not conform to democratic values" The circular in preparation for the Interior Ministry for the municipal elections continues to cause trouble for the High Assembly. This project, much criticized, plans to clarify the political nuances of the candidates only in the municipalities of more than 9000 inhabitants. But that's not all. The text also provides for a new LDVC label, for union lists which have received nomination from several parties (République en Marche, MoDem, etc.). The label in question could even be attached to lists which were not invested by the presidential majority but which received simple support. "We have to be careful [...] We must not distort the municipal election," warned Gérard Larcher, who "solemnly drew the Prime Minister's attention" on this point. "This circular is not in keeping with our democratic values." The President of the Senate requests that the

circular be rewritten or examined by the Council of State. Source : Press Conf at Senate, French President of Senate Gerard Larcher

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