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MPs and senators will have to reach an agreed version of the bill on pension reform. They are meeting today to discuss the reforms in a joint committee session. This will be the last step before the final vote tomorrow in the Assembly. Those opposing changes to retirement laws will once again join forces on the streets today, on the 8th day of strikes and demonstrations. Security forces say that they expect up to 850,000 protesters nationwide.

In Paris, the rubbish collectors' strike has been renewed until next Monday, and it is now taking on a political dimension. While the capital is piling up with overflowing bins, Gérald Darmanin contacted Anne Hidalgo last night to suggest a requisition of striking staff. If this is not done, it has been indicated by the Minister of the Interior, that the government may intervene.

It's time to go shopping as an anti-inflation period starts today in supermarkets. Large retailers have committed to offering a selection of products at reduced prices for three months. A red, white and blue logo will be affixed to the products that are part of this initiative.

The brand Go Sport is looking uncertain having filed for bankruptcy two months ago. The 2,100 employees of the brand, which owns 83 shops, are awaiting a final decision from the Grenoble commercial court on two takeover bids. The first comes from its main competitor, Intersport, the other from Sports Direct, the leading retailer of sporting goods in the United Kingdom.

The violent thunderstorms across France on Monday have made it the stormiest day recorded in the last 15 years according to Keraunos, the thunderstorm and tornado observatory. More than 9,500 lightning strikes were counted.

And finally to tennis, where it's all over for Caroline Garcia at Indian Wells. She crashed out of the last 16 last night, having been defeated in 3 sets by the Romanian, Sorana Cirstea.