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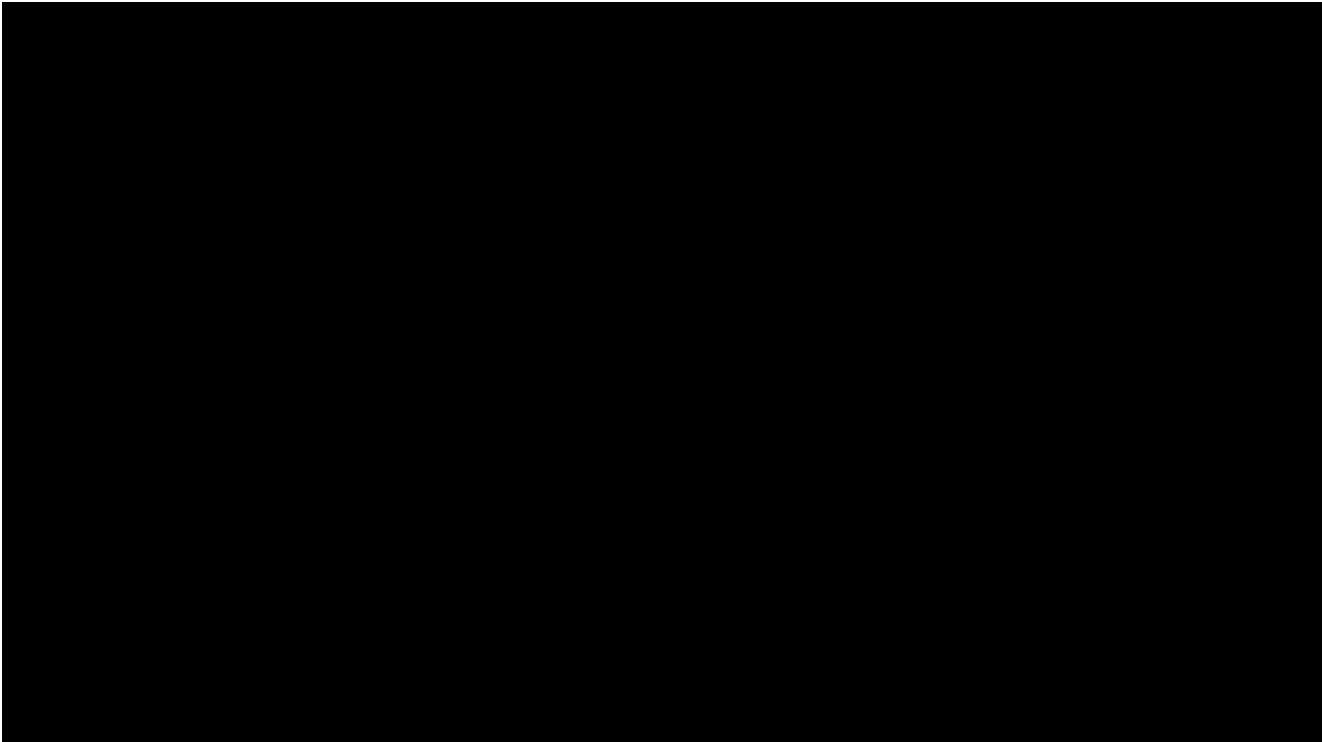
In the beginning they were calling it the Barrette revolution, a decision by the Liberal government to hack through decades of mismanagement and administrative bloat in the Quebec health care system.

Spearheaded by health minister Gaetan Barrette, himself a doctor, the idea was to save more than \$200 million a year and have the province's physicians care for more patients, particularly those without a family doctor.

But ideas are one thing, execution quite another. And it became clear from the get go that Barrette's bulldozer style, while perhaps endearing him with some observers outside the health care network, was making him plenty of enemies inside of it.

Things came to a head last Friday when, alleging that Barrette was trying to interfere in the selection of the head of surgery at the CHUM, Montreal's French-language university health complex, Jacques Turgeon, the executive director of the institution, resigned, followed by four more CHUM officials over the course of the weekend. By Monday the office of Premier Philippe Couillard had become involved in an effort to defuse the crisis. And on Tuesday afternoon Turgeon announced he had decided to resume his functions, telling a press conference that ...

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With the mutiny apparently sparked by Barrette's management style now put down, the questions that pose themselves are simple: has the Barrette Revolution started to stall? And if so what does that say about the political future of the man it was named after and, even more importantly, the man who appointed Barrette to the job – Premier Couillard?

We asked those questions to political scientist Bruce Hicks of Concordia University. Click on the audio player below to hear what he had to say. And remember, you can listen to all of our podcasts here or on [iTunes](#), and follow us on [Facebook](#) for the latest from montrealgazette.com.

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i work inside it . From my opinion it is administrators who are complaining the most. Those who actually get the work done with the patients you dont hear a peep from because they know how bad it has been and how bad it is under the current system. Patients also know how bad it is but are led by media reports that suggest this is all bad. time to do some stories on those who do the work for their feedback. As for the doctors there is a void somewhere , something is missing in the analysis of their workload,,,

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