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[L.S.]

G. B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

CANADA  
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other  
Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

*To all to whom these presents shall come* — GREETING

*To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British  
Columbia, at Our City of Victoria* — GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be to meet Our People of Our Province of  
British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature;

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease  
and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to hereby convoke, and by these presents  
enjoin you, and each of you, that on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred  
and ninety-six at ten o'clock in the forenoon, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament, of Our  
said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude  
upon those things which, in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common  
Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal  
of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, the Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of  
British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this eighteenth day of April, one  
thousand nine hundred and ninety-six, and in the forty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

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### OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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SESSION 1996

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**Tuesday, June 25, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Thirty-sixth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 18th day of June 1996, the Members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

The Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General) said:

*Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to announce that he does not see fit to declare the cause of his summoning you at this time and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reason for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

*E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, advised the House that only one candidate had declared his intention to stand for the election of Speaker and, accordingly, *Dale Lovick*, Member for Nanaimo Electoral District, was declared as the duly elected Speaker. He was then taken out of his place by the Hon. *J. MacPhail* and Mr. *Farrell-Collins* and conducted to the Chair and made a statement expressing his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by electing him to be their Speaker.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

And then the House adjourned at 10.32 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 25, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Stevenson*.

The Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne. The Speaker standing on His Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to the Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* then said:

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:

*Honourable Speaker, Members of the Legislature:*

It is my great pleasure to address you on the opening of the First Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament of British Columbia.

Let me take this opportunity to thank those Members of the Legislature who have not returned to this assembly for their years of service to our province.

And to those of you who are returning, or who have been elected for the first time, my congratulations and my thanks as well.

You each have the unique privilege of serving in the Parliament that will set the direction for our province into the next century.

That direction will be different from the one being pursued in much of the rest of Canada. Ottawa is steadily withdrawing funding from health care, education, child care and the social safety net. And many other provinces are responding with deep cuts of their own in those areas.

But in the recent election, British Columbians chose another vision. They elected a government committed to protecting health care and education, by finding savings in other areas.

A government committed as well to creating and protecting jobs.  
Making our neighbourhoods safer.  
Ensuring a healthy environment for future generations.  
Cutting taxes for middle-income earners and small business.  
And continuing the work of reducing government debt.

These are the priorities of B.C.'s middle-class working families. And they are working well for British Columbia. Our province is leading Canada with the country's best job-creation record, the strongest economy, the highest credit rating, the lowest debt and the highest environmental rating.

In this session, my government will pursue a vision of a government on the side of working families and the middle class. It will be a highly focused session — focused on the priorities of the people of British Columbia.

And nowhere will that be clearer than in the budget you will receive this week.

It will be B.C.'s second balanced budget in a row. Jobs will be up. The debt will be down.

Health care and education will be protected. And there will be tax relief for small businesses and the middle-class.

## **FINANCES**

People in B.C. are proud to live in a province with the lowest per-capita debt in the country. And they are pleased to see international agencies giving British Columbia the highest credit rating of any province.

But they are still concerned about the level of debt held by the provincial government.

My government is listening and acting on that concern. It will continue to work hard to reduce our province's debt.

And the Finance Minister will elaborate in the upcoming budget speech on how my government will make further progress in this regard.

The challenge is one faced by governments at all levels: provincial, municipal, school and hospital boards alike; and that challenge is to reduce costs and reduce debt while protecting the services that British Columbians rely on.

Working together, B.C. has made impressive fiscal progress. The budget you will receive this week will be the second balanced budget in two years, and includes a reduction in overall debt. My government intends to continue that progress — to ensure our province can rely on a sound, healthy financial foundation.

## **RELIEF FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS**

My government is committed as well to helping middle-class working families make ends meet. Although B.C. residents pay the second-lowest taxes in the country, it's still a struggle for many families to get ahead.

Working people and middle-class families deserve to know their government is doing what it can to make things a little easier on them.

That is why my government has frozen Hydro rates and ICBC car insurance rates.

The budget will include as well a three-year freeze on taxes and a two-year freeze on tuition fees. A two-year tax holiday for new small businesses — the job creation engine of our economy. And the fulfilment of my government's promise of a tax cut for middle-class families, working people and small businesses.

## **JOBS**

The budget will also continue B.C.'s investment in what British Columbians have said is their top economic priority: jobs.

They want to know there are opportunities for themselves — and that there will be opportunities for their children.

Nothing can provide the kind of dignity to individuals, security to families and hope for communities that decent jobs do.

With 34,000 new jobs since December, B.C.'s economy is performing well. But my government knows we can do more. We can do better. And we will.



The coming budget will continue to invest in creating and protecting jobs. It will build on the approach that has been so successful: bringing business, working people, communities and government together to share our perspectives and to cooperate to secure economic prosperity for all.

My government will focus on developing jobs in a broad range of economic sectors in every part of this province — from tourism to energy to mining to advanced technologies and beyond.

## **FORESTS**

This includes a renewal of the commitment made in the address I delivered in April to create and protect thousands of jobs in British Columbia's forests.

For generations, our forests have provided a good living for B.C. workers and their families . . . and a future for B.C. communities. Forestry has been the cornerstone of our economy, a solid base for growth and prosperity across the province.

When neglect and short-sighted mismanagement threatened the future of that industry and sparked division and conflict, my government worked with British Columbians from all walks of life.

Together, they found common ground. And today this vital industry is on the road to long-term sustainability.

Now comes the next step, into a new era. The people of B.C. expect us to work together to get more jobs from trees cut on land owned by the public.

And so my government is working with forest companies and workers to develop a Jobs and Timber Accord, tying access to public timber directly to the creation of new jobs.

My government is also introducing a strategy to greatly expand the value-added sector in B.C. — so that more of the jobs from processing B.C. timber go to B.C. workers.

By increasing job-to-timber ratios to levels comparable to our competitors in Washington and Oregon, my government believes the forest sector can create 21,000 new jobs over the next five years.

## **FISHERIES**

This cooperative approach has paid off in B.C.'s forests. It is the approach my government has brought as well to B.C.'s fisheries.

People in this province have long recognized the Pacific Salmon as more than just a resource. It's part of our history, part of our culture, and part of our identity as British Columbians.

But today the Pacific Salmon fishery is on the brink of collapse. And its dramatic cycle of life, death and rebirth could be broken irrevocably if we fail to act to protect this resource.

That loss would be measured in thousands of fisheries jobs and in the devastation of our many fishing communities . . . but it would also be felt in the very soul of this province.

The people of British Columbia are determined not to let that happen. They have made it clear they want their government to do what it takes to keep our fisheries alive, healthy and sustainable.

And my government has responded with new pollution control rules, investments in sewage treatment, and the cancellation of the Kemano Completion Project because it threatened a key salmon river.

The coming budget will continue to fund innovative community initiatives to protect and restore fish habitat.

My government will also continue to press Ottawa to replace the Mifflin Plan with a plan designed *by* British Columbians, *for* British Columbians — a plan that reduces the fleet in a balanced way, and provides adjustment for the workers and communities who are affected. And my government will keep working to convince the federal government to take a firm line with our American neighbours, especially Alaska, over the need for a fair, effective Pacific Salmon Treaty.

Protecting this resource is more than just an economic imperative. It is the defence of our cultural, historic and natural heritage.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

British Columbians are rightly proud of that natural heritage. Our province's tremendous beauty and our rich natural diversity are treasures to be carefully guarded. British Columbia has taken that responsibility very seriously in recent years, and has consistently earned the highest environmental rating in the country.



My government has already taken historic measures to protect the environment, most notably the creation of over 200 new parks and protected wilderness areas. Unique and irreplaceable ecosystems from the Tatshenshini to the Stein Valley, from the Sooke Hills to Height of the Rockies are now safeguarded for all time.

And in the coming months and years, my government will work to complete our system of parks and protected areas, and to enshrine the boundaries of these areas in law.

### **HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION**

Protecting our quality of life means paying careful attention to our social as well as our natural environment.

British Columbians have made it very clear they place enormous value in B.C.'s health care and education systems. They want these vital programs protected because they are more than simply services.

Health care is in many ways the single most important service that government provides. And education is the key to opportunities for our children: opportunities for jobs for a rewarding career and also opportunities for personal fulfillment and meaningful citizenship.

But protecting health care and education will not be easy. The federal government has cut \$435 million from funding to B.C. for these services this year alone. And there are deeper federal cuts coming.

Yet while other provinces are responding with deep cuts of their own, British Columbia has increased funding for health care and education every year for the past five years. And my government is dedicated to continuing to protect these crucial programs.

Faced with the cost pressures of a population that is growing both in size and in age, and sharply diminished support from Ottawa, my government has chosen to find within its own operations the funds needed to protect health care and education.

A series of reductions in administrative overhead, senior management and the number of Crown corporations, agencies and ministries has helped to find the savings needed to protect these services. And, in partnership with B.C.'s doctors and public employees, my government is committed to finding further savings.

With those funds, British Columbia has been able to make important progress by cutting wait lists for heart surgery in half; providing more funding to fight breast cancer and heart disease; and expanding funding for hospitals to keep pace with our growing population.

The budget my government intends to reintroduce will reflect those priorities. It will reflect as well British Columbia's increased investment in our schools, to keep pace with the thousands of new students entering our school system this year. And it will include my government's Guarantee for Youth: offering work experience while keeping education affordable and accessible.

Affordable, by freezing tuition fees while other provinces are raising them by as much as 20 per cent. My government feels strongly that education must not be priced out of the reach of young people.

And accessible, by providing increased funding to help create 7,000 new spaces in our colleges and universities next year — guaranteeing space in our post-secondary institutions for every qualified B.C. student.

The final component of the Guarantee for Youth, work experience, is already achieving results. My government will work hard with its partners in the private sector to ensure even more opportunities for young people in our province's many businesses.

British Columbians expect their government to offer hope for B.C.'s young people. That's a responsibility that my government takes very seriously.

As well, my government has moved, in recent years, to ensure that B.C.'s health care and education systems change to meet the changing needs of British Columbians.

But the need for change must be tempered by the need for stability. My government has shown itself willing to listen when the pace of change outstrips the ability of our system to adapt — and to slow down when necessary.

The goal remains the same: ensuring that services reflect the needs of our many diverse communities, and that British Columbians get the maximum benefit possible from every health care and education dollar.

That is a goal that all British Columbians can support.

**ON THE SIDE OF B.C. FAMILIES**

And where working families encounter obstacles when they're trying to make ends meet, my government believes it has a responsibility to act.

We expect to soon see the results of an inquiry into recent sharp increases in gasoline prices.

And my government is moving to ensure that injured workers in B.C. continue to have the protection of a sound workers' compensation system.

In response to the serious questions that have emerged in recent years about the Workers' Compensation Board's management and practices, my government will name in the coming weeks a Royal Commission.

That Commission will have a wide-ranging mandate to investigate the concerns many British Columbians have expressed about the Board, and to recommend ways of restoring their confidence in this vital agency.

**SAFE COMMUNITIES**

People look to their government as well to fight crime and the causes of crime. They want to know their communities will be safe places in which to live and to raise their families.

My government has responded with a range of initiatives to give our province's police and the judicial system the tools they need to combat crime. Among those initiatives are a new provincial homicide unit, new state-of-the-art forensic science facilities, and a strategy to combat teen prostitution.

The upcoming budget will also enhance community policing by allowing for 100 new police officers patrolling our neighbourhoods.

Safer neighbourhoods mean stronger communities ... and a stronger province for all of us.

**ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS**

People in this province have also told my government that they want to see aboriginal land claims dealt with in a fair and open way.

They want to see historic wrongs redressed — so that all British Columbians, in aboriginal communities and throughout our province, can look forward to a future of opportunity, dignity and self-sufficiency.

British Columbia has recently taken an historic step toward that future with the conclusion of an agreement in principle with the Nisga'a people. It is the first step toward B.C.'s first modern-day aboriginal treaty.

And in the months to come, my government will work toward concluding that treaty with the Nisga'a people, and toward similar agreements with First Nations elsewhere in B.C. — while consulting carefully and thoroughly with British Columbians everywhere.

The treaty process holds tremendous promise for British Columbia. Fair agreements can mean greater security and certainty for people, communities and businesses throughout B.C., as well as hope and self-reliance for our province's many aboriginal communities.

**A NEW ROLE FOR MLAs**

The priorities I have outlined involve many challenges. And British Columbians have sent a clear message that they expect the people they elect to work together to find solutions.

My government has listened. And it intends to introduce a range of reforms to increase the involvement of every member of this Legislature, and ensure they have a strong and effective voice on behalf of their constituents.

As announced before the election, my government will soon table an amendment to the *Conflict of Interest Act* to allow for the nomination of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner by an all-party committee.

There will also be a new Crown Corporation Committee of the legislature, modeled on the Public Accounts Committee and chaired by a member of the Opposition.

These are only two of many measures that will enhance the effectiveness and influence of all members. British Columbians understand there are genuine differences of policy and philosophy between members of this Legislature. But they also expect them to work together for the common good of this province. And my government is committed to helping to make that happen.

## NATIONAL ISSUES

My government will stand up for working people and middle-class families. Indeed, it will stand up for all of British Columbia, in dealing with a federal administration that often seems aloof and removed from the realities of day-to-day life in our province.

My government will continue to press the federal government to act on B.C.'s concerns on fisheries, and to steadily devolve power in this area to our province.

My government will also work to eliminate duplication and overlap between federal and provincial jurisdictions that waste taxpayers' money, and often force citizens and businesses to deal with two bureaucracies instead of one.

Our province needs a strong voice on the national stage. The next four years will be crucial ones for the future of British Columbia and for all of Canada.

B.C. will speak out strongly for a united Canada. But my government will go further.

It believes that unity ultimately cannot be achieved by any constitutional law. And that, while discussions around the constitution may be necessary and important, too often they have distracted the national government from issues that truly matter to Canadians.

Quebecers, like British Columbians and indeed people throughout Canada, want to know their country offers them hope for the future. Economic certainty. Medical treatment if they fall ill. A secure retirement. And opportunities for their children.

No constitution can offer that kind of hope. It has to come from hard work by governments, business, labour, and communities from one end of the country to the other.

That is why British Columbia will be speaking out nationally for a renewed commitment by Ottawa to Medicare. To education. To creating and protecting jobs.

My government has always been ready and willing to work with Ottawa on these issues, and understands there are financial realities to be faced. It has proposed alternatives that would allow the federal government to maintain a strong role in protecting health care, education and social services in Canada.

But most of all, British Columbia has been leading by example ... showing all of Canada how we can build for tomorrow, protect health and education, create jobs, and offer hope for the future.

And my government is doing this by listening to the people of this province, and acting on their priorities.

That is its commitment in this legislative session, and in this Parliament. To listen to British Columbians. To show them they have a government that's on their side.

We are indeed a rich province. B.C. is known worldwide for our valuable forests, our mineral wealth, our energy resources, our sweeping vistas, our quality of life.

But the most precious commodity we have, the one that must be protected and nurtured above all others, is hope.

British Columbia is brimming with promise for the future.

Today, members of the legislature, you begin the work of keeping that promise — the work of building this province of hope, our British Columbia.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

The certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of Members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election was read by *Ian D. Izard*, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, as follows:

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER  
 “ELECTIONS BC  
 “VICTORIA, B.C., JUNE 19, 1996

“*E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*

“Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

“Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

“Re: *General Election, May 28, 1996*

“DEAR SIR:

“His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, by his Proclamation issued on April 30, 1996, was pleased to dissolve the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill vacancies caused by such dissolution. Writs of Election were issued on that date calling for a general election on May 28, 1996. The Writs were returnable on or before June 19, 1996.

“The elections were duly held pursuant to the provisions of the *Election Act*.

“Requests were made under section 136 of the *Election Act* for partial or complete recounts in four electoral districts, namely,

BURNABY-EDMONDS

BURNABY-NORTH

OKANAGAN-BOUNDARY

VANCOUVER-FRASERVIEU.

“The District Electoral Officer for Okanagan-Boundary was required under section 139 of the *Election Act* to apply for a judicial recount as the difference between the votes received by the candidate declared elected and the candidate with the next highest number of votes was less than 1/500 of total ballots considered. The day for the return of this Writ of Election was amended to on or before June 28, 1996.

“I hereby certify that the following members have been elected to represent their respective electoral districts as set out hereunder:

ABBOTSFORD .....	John van Dongen
ALBERNI Gerard .....	A. M. Janssen
BULKLEY VALLEY-STIKINE .....	Bill Goodacre
BURNABY-EDMONDS .....	Fred Randall
BURNABY NORTH .....	Pietro Calendino
BURNABY-WILLINGDON .....	Joan Sawicki
CARIBOO NORTH .....	John D. Wilson
CARIBOO SOUTH .....	David Zirnhelt
CHILLIWACK .....	Barry Penner
COLUMBIA RIVER-REVELSTOKE .....	Jim Doyle
COMOX VALLEY .....	Evelyn Gillespie
COQUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE .....	John Cashore
COWICHAN-LADYSMITH .....	Jan Pullinger
DELTA NORTH .....	Reni Masi
DELTA SOUTH .....	Fred Gingell
ESQUIMALT-METCHOSIN .....	Moe Sihota
FORT LANGLEY-ALDERGROVE .....	Rich Coleman
KAMLOOPS .....	Cathy McGregor
KAMLOOPS-NORTH THOMPSON .....	Kevin Krueger
KOOTENAY .....	Erda Walsh
LANGLEY .....	Lynn Stephens
MALAHAT-JUAN DE FUCA .....	Rick Kasper
MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS .....	Bill Hartley
MATSQUI .....	Michael de Jong
MISSION-KENT .....	Dennis Streifel
NANAIMO .....	Dale Lovick

NELSON-CRESTON .....	Corky Evans
NEW WESTMINSTER.....	Graeme Bowbrick
NORTH COAST .....	Dan Miller
NORTH ISLAND .....	Glenn Robertson
NORTH VANCOUVER-LONSDALE.....	Katherine Whittred
NORTH VANCOUVER-SEYMOUR .....	Daniel Jarvis
OAK BAY-GORDON HEAD.....	Ida Chong
OKANAGAN EAST .....	John Weisbeck
OKANAGAN-PENTICTON .....	Rick Thorpe
OKANAGAN-VERNON.....	April Sanders
OKANAGAN WEST.....	Sindi Hawkins
PARKSVILLE-QUALICUM .....	Paul Reitsma
PEACE RIVER NORTH .....	Richard Neufeld
PEACE RIVER SOUTH.....	Jack Weisgerber
PORT COQUITLAM .....	Mike Farnworth
PORT MOODY-BURNABY MOUNTAIN .....	Christy Clark
POWELL RIVER-SUNSHINE COAST .....	Gordon Wilson
PRINCE GEORGE-MOUNT ROBSON .....	Lois Boone
PRINCE GEORGE NORTH.....	Paul Ramsey
PRINCE GEORGE-OMINECA.....	Paul Nettleton
RICHMOND CENTRE .....	Doug Symons
RICHMOND EAST .....	Linda Reid
RICHMOND-STEVESTON.....	Geoff Plant
ROSSLAND-TRAIL .....	Ed Conroy
SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS .....	Murray Robert Coell
SAANICH SOUTH .....	Andrew Petter
SHUSWAP.....	George Abbott
SKEENA .....	Helmut Giesbrecht
SURREY-CLOVERDALE.....	Bonnie McKinnon
SURREY-GREEN TIMBERS .....	Sue Hammell
SURREY-NEWTON.....	Penny Priddy
SURREY-WHALLEY.....	Joan Smallwood
SURREY-WHITE ROCK.....	Wilf Hurd
VANCOUVER-BURRARD.....	Tim Stevenson
VANCOUVER-FRASERVIEW .....	Ian Waddell
VANCOUVER-HASTINGS .....	Joy MacPhail
VANCOUVER-KENSINGTON.....	Ujjal Dosanjh
VANCOUVER-KINGSWAY .....	Glen Clark
VANCOUVER-LANGARA .....	Val J. Anderson
VANCOUVER-LITTLE MOUNTAIN .....	Gary Farrell-Collins
VANCOUVER-MOUNT PLEASANT.....	Jenny Wai Ching Kwan
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY .....	Gordon Campbell
VANCOUVER-QUILCHENA.....	Colin Hansen
VICTORIA-BEACON HILL .....	Gretchen Brewin
VICTORIA-HILLSIDE.....	Steve Orcherton
WEST VANCOUVER-CAPILANO.....	Jeremy Dalton
WEST VANCOUVER-GARIBALDI .....	Ted Nebbeling
YALE-LILLOOET .....	Harry Lali

“Yours very truly

“Robert A. Patterson

“Chief Electoral Officer”

A further certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the judicial recount for the electoral district of Okanagan-Boundary certifying that *Bill Barisoff* had been elected was read by *Ian D. Izard*, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, as follows:

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER  
“ELECTIONS BC  
“VICTORIA, B.C., JUNE 25, 1996

“*The Honourable Dale Lovick*

“SPEAKER

“PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B.C. V8V 1X4

“HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

“Further to my certificate of June 19, 1996, I now have the return for the electoral district of Okanagan-Boundary.

“The date for the return of the Writ of Election was amended to on or before June 28, 1996 because of a judicial recount. The said Writ was returned to me on June 25, 1996.

“I now certify that *Bill Barisoff* has been elected to represent the electoral district of Okanagan-Boundary.

“Yours very truly

“Robert A. Patterson

“*Chief Electoral Officer*”

On the motion of the Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General) it was *Ordered* —

That the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of Members be entered upon the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General), Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, seconded by Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Gretchen Brewin*, Member for Victoria-Beacon Hill Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, seconded by Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Bill Hartley*, Member for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General), it was *Ordered* —

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by the Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier) moved that the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Aboriginal Affairs;
2. Justice, Constitutional Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations;
3. Education, Culture and Multiculturalism;
4. Economic Development, Science, Labour, Training and Technology;
5. Environment and Tourism;
6. Finance and Government Services;
7. Health and Social Services;
8. Agriculture and Fisheries;



9. Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources;
10. Transportation, Municipal Affairs and Housing;
11. Women's Equality;
12. Public Accounts;
13. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
14. Crown Corporations;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Convener), the Hon. *A. Petter*, Messrs. *Janssen* and *Conroy*, Ms. *Gillespie* and Ms. *Kwan*, Messrs. *Farrell-Collins*, *Gingell* and *Hurd* and Ms. *Whittred*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.48 p.m.

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### Wednesday, June 26, 1996

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion of the Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations), it was *Ordered* —

That this House, at its next sitting, resolve itself for this Session into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:  
Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1997; and  
Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1997;  
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.  
*Government House,*  
*June 25, 1996.*

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*Ordered*, that the Message, and the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. A. *Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) moved, seconded by the Hon. J. *MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors), “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gingell*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. A. *Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith: Bills (Nos. 2, 3 and 4) intituled:  
*Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1996;*  
*Tax and Consumer Rate Freeze Act;*  
*Income Tax Amendment Act, 1996;*  
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 25, 1996.*

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Bills introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. D. *Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the Annual Report of the Ombudsman, 1995.

And then the House adjourned at 3.09 p.m.

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### Thursday, June 27, 1996

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Mr. *Conroy* moved, seconded by Ms. *Gillespie* —

We, Her Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate arose.

On the motion of Ms. *Gillespie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. A. *Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:



GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1996* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
June 25, 1996.*

Bill introduced and read a first time. Pursuant to Standing Order 81, Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

The Speaker declared a short recess for distribution of the Bill.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1996*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. A. Petter, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 10.36 a.m.

### Thursday, June 27, 1996

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Campbell*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1996*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

*Evans  
Zirnheld  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell  
Calendino*

*Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton  
Hartley  
Petter*

*Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Brewin  
Randall  
Sawicki  
Lali*

*Doyle  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen  
G. F. Wilson*

## NAYS—32

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Campbell  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Sanders  
Plant

Stephens  
de Jong  
Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Thorpe

Penner  
J. D. Wilson  
Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott

Jarvis  
Weisbeck  
Chong  
Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Barisoff

Bill (No. 5) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. A. Petter, Bill (No. 5) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed for forty-five minutes.

THIRTY-FOUR MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1996*, was again committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

In consideration of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of Bill (No. 5) the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—36

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell

Calendino  
Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Geisbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton

Hartley  
Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Randall  
Sawicki

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Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
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McGregor  
Janssen

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Penner  
J. D. Wilson  
Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott

Jarvis  
Weisbeck  
Chong  
Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Barisoff

Bill (No. 5) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —  
E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:

Bill (No. 5) *Supply Act (No. 1), 1996*.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Bill.

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved —

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.02 a.m.

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## **Tuesday, July 2, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

Mr. *Gingell* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege relating to the actions of the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled 1995/96 Preliminary Actual Results for the Consolidated Revenue Fund — Budgetary Transactions.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Reid*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

The Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits pursuant to the *Unclaimed Money Act*, for the year ended March 31, 1996, was received by the Office of the Clerk on June 27, 1996.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 3, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Reid*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Abbott* presented a petition requesting improvements to ferry service at Adams Lake.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the following:

Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 1995; and

Science Council of British Columbia Annual Review and Financial Review, 1994/95.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

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**Thursday, July 4, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisbeck*.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the Financial Statements of the British Columbia Educational Institutions Capital Financing Authority, as at March 31, 1996.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Special Committee of Selection to meet while the House is in session today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Calendino*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

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### Thursday, July 4, 1996

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the Science Council of British Columbia Annual Review and Financial Review, 1995/96.

Mr. *Stevenson* requested that the Speaker convey the best wishes of the Legislative Assembly to the 11th Annual International Conference on AIDS, taking place in Vancouver.

Ms. *Sanders* made a statement.

The Speaker advised that he would convey these wishes on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *S. Hammell*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.16 p.m.

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### Friday, July 5, 1996

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Symons*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection, which read as follows:

## FIRST REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,  
JULY 4, 1996

## HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on June 25, 1996, to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, begs leave to report that the following is the list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session:

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — Mr. Waddell (Convener), Messrs. *Lali, Kasper, Robertson* and *Goodacre*, and Mmes. *Gillespie* and *McGregor* and Messrs. *Barisoff, Coell, de Jong* and *Plant* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

JUSTICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS — Ms. *Kwan* (Convener), Messrs. *Doyle, Bowbrick* and *Waddell* and Mmes. *Sawicki, Pullinger* and *Brewin* and Messrs. *Dalton, de Jong, Plant* and *Weisbeck* and Mr. *G. F. Wilson*.

EDUCATION, CULTURE AND MULTICULTURALISM — Mr. *Calendino* (Convener), Messrs. *Lali* and *Hartley* and Ms. *Kwan* and Messrs. *Stevenson* and *Randall* and Messrs. *Anderson* and *Hurd* and Ms. *Sanders* and Mr. *Weisbeck*.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE, LABOUR, TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY — Ms. *McGregor* (Convener), Messrs. *Doyle, Orcherton* and *Randall* and Ms. *Smallwood* and Mr. *Kasper* and Messrs. *Dalton, Hansen* and *Masi* and Ms. *Reid*.

ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM — Mr. *Orcherton* (Convener), Messrs. *Robertson* and *Conroy* and Ms. *Gillespie* and Mr. *Calendino* and Ms. *Sawicki* and Ms. *C. Clark* and Mr. *Krueger* and Ms. *McKinnon* and Mr. *Reitsma*.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES — Mr. *Stevenson* (Convener), Ms. *Pullinger* and Messrs. *Bowbrick* and *Waddell* and Mmes. *Brewin* and *Walsh* and Ms. *Chong* and Messrs. *Gingell, Penner* and *Thorpe*.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES — Ms. *Gillespie* (Convener), Ms. *McGregor* and Mr. *Farnworth* and Ms. *Kwan* and Messrs. *Hartley* and *Waddell* and Messrs. *Anderson* and *Coell* and Mmes. *Hawkins* and *Reid*.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES — Mr. *Goodacre* (Convener), Ms. *Gillespie* and Messrs. *Bowbrick, Hartley, Robertson* and *Conroy* and Messrs. *Abbott, Reitsma, van Dongen* and *J. D. Wilson*.

FORESTS, ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES — Mr. *Conroy* (Convener), Messrs. *Lali* and *Robertson* and Ms. *Walsh* and Mr. *Hartley* and Ms. *Pullinger* and Mr. *Goodacre* and Messrs. *Jarvis, Nebbeling, Nettleton, J. D. Wilson* and *Neufeld*.

TRANSPORTATION, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING — Mr. *Randall* (Convener), Messrs. *Giesbrecht, Farnworth* and *Calendino* and Ms. *Smallwood* and Mr. *Stevenson* and Ms. *Kwan* and Messrs. *Abbott, Barisoff, Coleman* and *Symons*.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY — Ms. *Walsh* (Convener), Mmes. *Brewin* and *Smallwood* and Messrs. *Orcherton, Randall* and *Waddell* and Mmes. *McKinnon, Sanders, Stephens* and *Whittred*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS — Mr. *Gingell* (Convener), Ms. *Pullinger* and Messrs. *Farnworth* and *Kasper* and Mmes. *Kwan* and *Smallwood* and Messrs. *Giesbrecht* and *Calendino* and Ms. *Chong* and Messrs. *Coleman* and *Penner* and Mr. *G. F. Wilson*.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS — Mr. *Bowbrick* (Convener), Messrs. *Randall, Waddell* and *Stevenson* and Ms. *Sawicki* and Mr. *Lali* and Ms. *McGregor* and Messrs. *Farrell-Collins, Nettleton* and *Thorpe* and Ms. *Whittred* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

CROWN CORPORATIONS — Mr. *van Dongen* (Convener), Mr. *Farnworth* and Ms. *Gillespie* and Mr. *Doyle* and Mmes. *Walsh, Pullinger* and *Smallwood* and Mr. *Conroy* and Messrs. *Farrell-Collins, Krueger, Symons* and Mr. *Neufeld*.

*Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.*

HON. J. MACPHAIL, CHAIR

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Sawicki*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

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### Monday, July 8, 1996

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) made a ministerial statement regarding the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

Mr. *van Dongen* made a statement.

Mr. *G. F. Wilson* sought leave to make a statement.

Leave was not granted.

Mr. *Weisgerber* sought leave to make a statement.

Leave was not granted.

On the motion of Mr. *Campbell*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Balanced Budget and Debt Reduction Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Campbell*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Truth in Budgeting Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 1995/1996.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 1995.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

**31** Mr. *Hurd* moved, seconded by Ms. *Stephens* —

“Be it resolved that the motion ‘that the Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply’ be amended by adding the following: ‘but the House regrets that the Minister of Finance has publicly acknowledged that the budget presented to this House, and foreshadowed in the Speech from the Throne, does not accurately reflect the true nature of the Province’s finances. This House is concerned that the balanced budget described in the Speech from the Throne is actually a deficit budget of at least \$235 million. This House further regrets that despite commitments made in the pre-election budget brought down in April, the government’s current budget freezes more than \$250 million in capital spending for roads, schools, hospitals and other public projects.’”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—35			
<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	
NAYS—38			
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Lali</i>	

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.32 p.m.



**Tuesday, July 9, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Hammell*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Barisoff*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

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**Tuesday, July 9, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) made a ministerial statement regarding the deaths of three volunteers with the Provincial Emergency Program.

Mr. *Plant* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *Weisgerber* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* made a statement.

The Speaker stated that he would convey to the families of the volunteers the condolences of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. *Gingell* rose on a matter of privilege relating to statements made by Members of the House regarding a balanced budget.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Cashore* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the following:  
Aboriginal Affairs Annual Report, 1993/1994; 1994/1995; and  
British Columbia Treaty Commission Annual Report, 1995-96.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) tabled the following:

B.C. Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 1994-95;  
The 24th Annual Report of the *Criminal Injury Compensation Act* of British Columbia, January 1 - December 31, 1995;  
British Columbia Police Commission Annual Report, 1994/95;  
Ministry of Attorney General Annual Report, 94/95;  
Legal Services Society Annual Report, 1994-1995; and  
Report of the Office of the Public Trustee — Year in Review, 1994-1995.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the following:

British Columbia Legislative Library Annual Report, 1995;  
Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 1995-1996; and  
Office of the Child, Youth & Family Advocate Annual Report, 1995.

Mr. *Dalton* presented a petition regarding changes to the *Adoption Act*.

Mr. *Dalton* presented a petition regarding child-related legislation.

Mr. *Abbott* presented a petition regarding re-activating the B.C. Riverbank Protection Assistance Program.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Pullinger*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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### Wednesday, July 10, 1996

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Reitsma*.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
July 4, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the following:

Auditor General 1995/96: Report 1 — Report on the 1994/95 Public Accounts, Province of British Columbia;

Auditor General 1995/96: Report 2 — Performance Audits — British Columbia Ferry Corporation;

Auditor General 1995/96: Report 3 — Compliance-with-Authorities Audits; and

Auditor General of British Columbia and Deputy Ministers' Council Report — Enhancing Accountability for Performance: A Framework and an Implementation Plan — Second Joint Report.

**33** By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved —

Be it resolved that this House hereby authorizes the Committee of Supply for this Session to sit in two sections designated Section A and Section B; Section A to sit in such Committee Room as may be appointed from time to time, and Section B to sit in the Chamber of the Assembly, subject to the following rules:

1. The Standing Orders applicable to the Committee of the Whole House shall be applicable in both Sections of the Committee of Supply save and except that in Section A, a Minister may defer to a Deputy Minister to permit such Deputy to reply to a question put to the Minister.

2. Subject to paragraph 3, within one sitting day of the passage of this Motion, the House Leader of the Official Opposition may advise the Government House Leader, in writing, of three ministerial Estimates which the Official Opposition requires to be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply, and upon receipt of such notice in writing, the Government House Leader shall confirm in writing that the said three ministerial Estimates shall be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply.

3. All Estimates shall stand referred to Section A, save and except those Estimates which shall be referred to Section B under the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Order and such other Estimates as shall be referred to Section B on motion by the Government House Leader, which motion shall be governed by the provisions of Standing Order 60A. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to this rule.

4. The Committee of Selection shall recommend to the Legislature 18 members for Section A, being ten Members of the New Democratic Party, seven Members of the Liberal Party, and one other Member. In addition, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole, or his or her nominee, shall preside over the debates in Section A. Substitution of Members will be permitted to Section A with the consent of that Member's Whip, where applicable, otherwise with the consent of the Member involved. For the first session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Calendino, Farnworth, Giesbrecht, Lali, and Robertson*, Mmes. *Gillespie, Kwan, McGregor, and Sawicki* and Messrs. *Barisoff, Dalton, Gingell, Krueger, Nettleton, Reitsma, and Thorpe* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

5. At fifteen minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House, the Chair of Section A will report to the House. In the event such report includes the last vote in a particular ministerial Estimate, after such report has been made to the House, the Government shall have a maximum of eight minutes, and the Official Opposition a maximum of five minutes, and all other Members (cumulatively) a maximum of three minutes to summarize the Committee debate on a particular ministerial Estimate completed, such summaries to be in the following order:

- (1) Other Members;
- (2) Official Opposition; and
- (3) overnment.6. Section B shall be composed of all Members of the House.

7. Divisions in Section A will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells four times.

8. Divisions in Section B will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells three times at which time proceedings in Section A will be suspended until completion of the division in Section B.

9. Section B is hereby authorized to consider Bills referred to Committee after second reading thereof and the Standing Orders applicable to Bills in Committee of the Whole shall be applicable to such Bills during consideration thereof in Section B, and for all purposes Section B shall be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole. Such referrals to Section B shall be made upon motion without notice by the Minister responsible for the Bill, and such motion shall be decided without amendment or debate. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to all such referrals.

10. Bills or Estimates previously referred to a designated Committee may at any stage be subsequently referred to another designated Committee on motion of the Government House Leader or Minister responsible for the Bill as hereinbefore provided by Rules No. 3 and 9.

Motion agreed to, on division.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

#### YEAS—37

*Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell  
Calendino  
Pullinger*

*Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton  
Hartley  
Priddy*

*Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Brewin  
Randall  
Sawicki*

*Lali  
Doyle  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen*

#### NAYS—35

*Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Campbell  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Sanders  
Plant  
Stephens*

*de Jong  
Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Thorpe  
Penner  
Weisgerber*

*J. D. Wilson  
Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott  
Jarvis  
Weisbeck*

*Chong  
Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Krueger  
Barisoff  
Neufeld*

And then the House adjourned at 5.39 p.m.

**Thursday, July 11, 1996**

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Ten o'clock am. Prayers by Mr. *Conroy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Kasper*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

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**Thursday, July 11, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1996* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 10, 1996.*

Bill introduced and read a first time. Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 10, 1996.*

Bill introduced and read a first time. Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1996* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
July 10, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Women's Equality) tabled the Ministry of Women's Equality Annual Report, 1994-95.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the BC Transit Annual Report, 1994-1995; 1995-1996.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) sought leave to move a motion.

Leave was not granted.

The Hon. *J. Cashore* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the British Columbia Treaty Commission Financial Statements, 1995-96.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the following:

Auditor General 1995/96: Report 4 — Performance Audit — Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations; and

Auditor General 1995/96: Report 5 — Issues of Public Interest.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Gingell*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

The House recessed until 7.05 o'clock p.m.

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FIVE MINUTES PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 6) was read a second time and, by leave, committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 6), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

NAYS—26

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Penner</i>		

Bill (No. 6) was reported complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 6) to be read a third time at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 9.29 p.m.

**Friday, July 12, 1996**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Farnworth*.

Mr. *Waddell* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Anderson*, seconded by Ms. *Chong* moved —

That the address in reply to the throne speech be amended by adding the following:

“... but this assembly regrets the statements with respect to the 1995-96 Budget included within the throne speech.”

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—34

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>		

NAYS—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Calendino</i>			

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.04 p.m.

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**Monday, July 15, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thorpe*.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the federal government, with regard to management of the Pacific Salmon Fishery.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *Weisgerber* made a statement.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.” The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the following:

Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations Annual Report, 1994-1995;



Ministry of Government Services Annual Report, 1993-1994; and  
Ministry of Government Services Annual Report, 1994-1995.

By leave, the Hon. A. Petter (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) moved —

That the following documents be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:  
From the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia —

1. 1995/96: Report 1 — Report on the 1994/95 Public Accounts, Province of British Columbia;
2. 1995/96: Report 2 — Performance audits: British Columbia Ferry Corporation — fleet and terminal maintenance management and operational safety;
3. 1995/96: Report 3 — Compliance-with-authorities audits — home support services; environmental tire levy; safeguarding moveable physical assets (public sector survey); Consumer Protection Act: income tax refund discounts; Financial Administration Act part 4: follow-up;
4. 1995/96: Report 4 — Performance audits: Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations — revenue verification for the social service tax;
5. 1995/96: Report 5 — Issue of Public Interest: special warrants; government employee numbers; public communications: distinguishing between government program and partisan political communications;
6. Auditor General of British Columbia and Deputy Ministers' Council Enhancing accountability for performance: a framework and implementation plan — second joint report;  
From the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations —
7. Public Accounts of British Columbia 1994/95, volumes 1, 2 and 3.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Krueger*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996*, was read a third time and passed.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

On July 2nd, the Member for Delta South rose in his place and indicated to the Chair that he wished to reserve his right to raise a matter of privilege. On July 9th, he raised his matter of privilege of which he had given notice, namely, that the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations, and other Members on the Government side of the House, had deliberately misled the House with respect to what has been described as a "balanced budget".

First, with respect to the verbal notice given on July 2nd, I wish to make one or two observations. The purpose of giving verbal notice is to reserve one's right to raise a matter of privilege by giving notice, without further comment, at the earliest possible opportunity where it may be necessary to make further inquiries. I am satisfied in this case that the Member did give notice at the earliest possible opportunity. However, I feel it is important to examine the content of the notice. The Member was recognized and thereafter proceeded to make a statement. The statement, however, contained argument and charges of wrongdoing, which the Chair considers inappropriate when one rises to reserve the right to raise a matter of privilege. My comments apply equally to the statement by the Member for Vancouver-Fraserview on July 12, 1996.

With respect to the raising of the matter of privilege itself on July 9th, I wish to comment on the process adopted by the Member. The Member was recognized and proceeded to present his case, mixing argument with fact while reading from his written statement. I cautioned the Member to avoid argument and to present facts to the House, and subsequently advised the Member that the Chair had heard sufficient material to consider the case, although I allowed him to file the complete written statement which has been considered in support of his application. I would refer all Honourable Members to the Speaker's decision of July 21, 1993, to be found at page 193 of the *Journals*, wherein the Chair remarked as follows:

"The Chair wishes to comment briefly on the manner in which the matter of privilege was raised in the House. Our guidelines are stated at p. 36 of *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia* (2nd edition) and one of the essential elements required is 'a brief written statement of the matter, which the Member reads to the House'. This statement is intended to inform the House of the facts on which the matter is based, and in addition, any applicable authorities which may be of assistance to the Chair. In this instance, regrettably the Chair could not allow the completion of the statement in that several parts of the statement imported argument and conclusions. The Chair, however, has had the full text of the Honourable Member's statement and has considered all the relevant submissions therein."

It appears to the Chair that the method of presentation in this case was similar to that used on July 21, 1993, and accordingly the decision of the Speaker on that day is particularly relevant. I have adopted those reasons as applicable for the stating of a matter of privilege in this House. The opportunity for argument and debate occurs in the event the Chair finds a *prima facie* case.

Dealing with the present matter, the Opposition House Leader, upon objection being taken, referred the Chair to two matters of privilege raised in a previous Parliament in which lengthy argument was used during presentation. In those instances, objection was not raised and the Speaker did not actively intervene. It is the view of the Chair that the proper practice was affirmed as a precedent of this House by the Speaker's decision of July 21, 1993, and that decision clearly takes precedence. Improprieties recorded in *Hansard* on July 11, 1990 and March 11, 1991 which do not comply with the rules of the House cannot set a precedent. For the guidance of Members, there are many examples of privilege being presented for consideration by the Chair in accordance with the correct practices of Parliament. (See B.C. *Hansard* February 23, 1984; May 1, 1984 and March 19, 1986.)

I want now to turn to the merits of this matter and wish to state that I have examined all the material filed by the Member for Delta South as well as components of *Hansard*, wherein the views of the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations were expressed during the previous week.

The Member for Delta South alleges that certain Government Members made statements during 1995 and 1996 in which they characterized the budget of that year as being a "balanced budget". Their viewpoints were actively presented in debate — and were actively opposed by Members of the Opposition. The Honourable Member making this application presented *Hansard* excerpts from 1995, page 1 of the budget speech given by the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations in April 1996 when presenting the budget prior to the election, and he also presented page 1 of the statement by the current Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations when presenting the budget in July of 1996. Finally, he tabled information that the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations made a statement to a member of the press on June 28th, that revenue forecasts would be less than anticipated and stated in the budget. Based upon this evidence, the Member argues that the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations deliberately misled the House in presenting the budget on June 26th, by not advising the House that a forecast indicated that the budget would not be a surplus budget.

When a matter is raised by a Member and characterized as a breach of privilege, the Chair has the duty to consider whether a *prima facie* case has been made based upon the information provided by the Member, so that the normal business of the House may be set aside to debate the matter. If a *prima facie* case is found, then the matter is debated and dealt with accordingly. I have before me the form of the motion which the Member tendered, the statement provided by the Member, the Member's oral argument (the first part of the statement) and exhibits attached to the statement. In addition, I have reviewed *Hansard* for the previous two weeks and examined questions and answers presented in the House on the same issue which may further bear on the case at hand.

It is clear from the material tendered and the *Hansard* transcript that the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and the Member for Delta South disagree in their characterization of the budget, a normal function of debate. In addition, the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and the Member for Delta South disagree with respect to their characterizations of the nature of economic forecasting and its relationship to the budget. In none of the material can I find evidence that the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations deliberately misled the House. In order to accept the argument of the Member for Delta South, one would have to arrive at the conclusion that the Minister had deliberately misled the House. However, the evidence provided to the Chair, while it indicates a disagreement amongst Members, does not indicate a deliberate intention to mislead. In order to find a *prima facie* case it would be necessary for the presentation to have included some evidence which would displace the word of an Honourable Member, and that evidence is lacking.

Because of the importance of this matter, the Chair wishes to make some further observations with respect to quoted statements from the Speech from the Throne and from the June 1996 budget, both referred to by the Member for Delta South. The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations stated in the House that he did not receive confirmed and verified information on budgetary forecasts until the Friday (June 28, 1996) following the Speech from the Throne and the Budget Address. He further stated that he released the information the day he received it. The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations said in the House on Tuesday, July 2, 1996, and I quote:

“The moment I had reliable information to bring before this House ... I brought it before the public and before this House.... On Friday, I was informed that, as a result of further review, those statements have been verified, and at that moment I made the information public. I stand by that statement because it happens to be the truth.”

It is well established practice that a Member's word will be accepted in the House — I refer Members to Beauchesne's 6th edition at citation 494, and I quote:

“494. It has been ruled by Speakers that statements by Members respecting themselves and particularly within their own knowledge must be accepted.”

Unless there is evidence that a Member has deliberately misled the House, a *prima facie* case cannot be established. The Chair's examination of the *Hansard* report and of the Honourable Member's submission leads to the conclusion that this is a question that falls into the broad category of a dispute as to allegation of facts, which, as stated in Beauchesne's 4th edition at citation 113, “does not fulfill the conditions of parliamentary privilege.” The allegations against Members of the former Parliament fall into the same category.

Having considered the Honourable Member's submission, the relevant *Hansard* reports and precedents, the Chair cannot find, *prima facie*, that the House was in fact deliberately misled. Therefore, the application must fail.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

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**Tuesday, July 16, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brewin*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>		

NAYS—36

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>

And then the House adjourned at 11.46 a.m.

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**Tuesday, July 16, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —  
*E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*, Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:

Bill (No. 6) *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996*.

His Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Bill.

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*, Clerk of the House, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to this Bill."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) tabled the following:  
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Annual Report, 1993/1994;  
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Annual Report, 1994-1995;  
Provincial Agricultural Land Commission Annual Report, year ended March 31, 1995;  
Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority Annual Report, 1995-1996; and  
Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report, 1995-1996.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Services).

(IN COMMITTEE)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

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### Wednesday, July 17, 1996

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Masi*.

The Hon. *M. Sihota* (Minister of Education, Skills and Training) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *BC Benefits (Youth Works) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House*  
*July 17, 1996.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. A. Petter (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the following:

Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995;

Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Municipal) Act*, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1994;

Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1994;

Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (College) Act*, for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1995;

British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 1995; and

British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 1994/95.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

(IN THE HOUSE)

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On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1996*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 2) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Tax and Consumer Rate Freeze Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 3) read a second time, on division, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1996*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 4) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Forest Statutes Amendment Act, 1996*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 7) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1996*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

#### YEAS—37

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell  
Calendino

Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton  
Hartley

Priddy  
Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Brewin  
Randall

Sawicki  
Lali  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen

#### NAYS—33

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Sanders  
Plant  
Stephens  
de Jong

Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Thorpe  
Weisgerber  
G. F. Wilson

J. D. Wilson  
Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott  
Jarvis

Weisbeck  
Chong  
Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

Bill (No. 9) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

#### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

On the motion that the House stand recessed until 6.35 p.m., the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

#### YEAS—38

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell  
Calendino

Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton  
Hartley  
Priddy

Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Brewin  
Randall  
Sawicki

Lali  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen  
G. F. Wilson



## NAYS—33

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Sanders  
Plant  
Stephens  
de Jong

Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Thorpe  
Weisgerber  
J. D. Wilson

Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott  
Jarvis  
Weisbeck

Chong  
Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Krueger  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Services).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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On the motion that Section B rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—28

Dalton  
Gingell  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Sanders  
Plant  
de Jong

Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Thorpe  
J. D. Wilson

Hansen  
C. Clark  
Symons  
Abbott  
Jarvis  
Weisbeck  
Chong

Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Krueger  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

## NAYS—36

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell

Calendino  
Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton

Hartley  
Priddy  
Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Randall  
Sawicki

Lali  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen  
G. F. Wilson

Section B continued to sit.

On the motion that the Chair do now leave the Chair in Section B, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:



## YEAS—31

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Sanders  
Plant  
Stephens

de Jong  
Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Thorpe  
Weisgerber

J. D. Wilson  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott  
Weisbeck  
Chong

Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Krueger  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

## NAYS—36

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell

Calendino  
Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton

Hartley  
Priddy  
Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Randall

Sawicki  
Lali  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen

Section B continued to sit.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

On the motion that Section A rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—7

Masi  
Dalton

Symons  
Krueger

van Dongen  
Jarvis

Plant

## NAYS—11

McGregor  
Dosanjh  
Kwan

Farnworth  
Robertson  
Lali

Sawicki  
Giesbrecht  
Gillespie

Calendino  
Weisgerber

Section A continued to sit.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.48 p.m.

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**Thursday, July 18, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Plant*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved —

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on the matter of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* with particular reference to the process of selection of the commissioner and the duties and powers of the office pursuant to Section 10 of the *Act*.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee, the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 1996, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

#### YEAS—66

*Evans*  
*Zirnhelt*  
*Cashore*  
*Boone*  
*Hammell*  
*Streifel*  
*Ramsey*  
*Kwan*  
*Waddell*  
*Calendino*  
*Pullinger*  
*Stevenson*  
*Bowbrick*  
*Goodacre*  
*Giesbrecht*  
*Walsh*  
*Kasper*

*Orcherton*  
*Hartley*  
*Priddy*  
*Petter*  
*Miller*  
*G. Clark*  
*Dosanjh*  
*MacPhail*  
*Sihota*  
*Brewin*  
*Randall*  
*Sawicki*  
*Lali*  
*Doyle*  
*Gillespie*  
*Robertson*  
*Farnworth*

*Smallwood*  
*Conroy*  
*McGregor*  
*Janssen*  
*Dalton*  
*Gingell*  
*Reid*  
*Hurd*  
*Sanders*  
*Plant*  
*Stephens*  
*de Jong*  
*Coell*  
*Anderson*  
*Nebbeling*  
*Whittred*

*van Dongen*  
*Thorpe*  
*J. D. Wilson*  
*Reitsma*  
*Hansen*  
*C. Clark*  
*Hawkins*  
*Symons*  
*Abbott*  
*Jarvis*  
*Weisbeck*  
*Chong*  
*Coleman*  
*Masi*  
*McKinnon*  
*Barisoff*

#### NAYS—23

*G. F. Wilson*

*Neufeld*

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Bill (No. 10) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1996* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

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**Thursday, July 18, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

*GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.*

*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *BC Forest Renewal Amendment Act, 1996* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
July 17, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Social Services) tabled the following:

Ministry of Social Services Annual Report, 1993-94; and

Report of the Gove Inquiry into Child Protection.

The Hon. *M. Sihota* (Minister of Education, Skills and Training) tabled the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia Annual Report, 1995, together with document entitled Statistics 1995.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture Annual Report, 1994-95.

By leave, Ms. *Kwan* tabled a document regarding a ward system for the City of Vancouver.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1996* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Tax and Consumer Rate Freeze Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1996* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.(Report from Committee — Section A — *see below*)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1996* was again committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$425,473 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$839,978,306 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,730,509 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration, Statutory Services, to 31st March 1997.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,150,752 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration, Judiciary, to 31st March 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration.

Report to be considered later today.Committee to sit again later today.By agreement, summary debate of Estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) to be considered at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality).

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today. Committee to sit again later today. The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1996* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1996* was committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 9) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

NAYS—29

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</i>			

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$373,020 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Women's Equality, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$236,873,980 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Women's Equality, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of Estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Women's Equality) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.00 p.m.

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### Friday, July 19, 1996

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Barisoff*.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding British Columbia's 125th anniversary of joining the Confederation of Canada and read a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made a statement and requested that the Speaker convey a message to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II thanking her for her good wishes.

The Speaker stated that, with the approval of the House, he would be pleased to implement the request.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the following:

Nineteenth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act* for the year ended March 31, 1995;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act, Part 2*, year ended March 31, 1995; and

Statement of 1995/96 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 41.5 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Member's Statements."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Services).

(IN COMMITTEE)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By leave, the Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) tabled a Corrections Branch Report into a Tactical Team Training Incident at Vancouver Pretrial Services Centre, July 1996 — Preliminary Fact Finding.

And then the House adjourned at 12.51 p.m.

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### Monday, July 22, 1996

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brewin*.

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Social Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Disability Benefits Program Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 19, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Women's Equality) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *BC Benefits (Child Care) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 19, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Social Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *BC Benefits (Income Assistance) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 19, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Social Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *BC Benefits (Appeals) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 19, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Ms. *Chong*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Donation of Food Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Weisgerber*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1996 (Special Warrant Abolition)* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Services).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.



## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1996* was again committed.

Sections 13 through 28 of Bill (No. 9) passed, on division.

In consideration of section 29 of Bill (No. 9) the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—35

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell

Calendino  
Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton

Hartley  
Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Randall  
Sawicki

Lali  
Doyle  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen

## NAYS—31

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Plant  
Stephens  
Coell

Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Thorpe  
Penner  
Weisgerber  
G. F. Wilson

J. D. Wilson  
Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott  
Jarvis

Weisbeck  
Chong  
Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

Sections 30 through 82 of Bill (No. 9) passed, on division.

In consideration of the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 9) complete without amendment, the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—35

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell

Calendino  
Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton

Hartley  
Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Randall  
Sawicki

Lali  
Doyle  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen

## NAYS—31

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	

Bill (No. 9) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time, on division, and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996* was committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 10) the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—35

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	

## NAYS—29

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Anderson</i>			

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400,867 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,188,862 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: Ministry Operations (Per Estimates), \$58,188,862; Addition to Vote 12, Columbia Basin Trust Grant, Transferred from Ministry of Transportation and Highways — Vote 54, \$2,000,000; to 31st March 1997.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,822,244 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March 1997.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$789,027 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, British Columbia Marketing Board, to 31st March 1997.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,880,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority, to 31st March 1997.

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of Estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

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## **Tuesday, July 23, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Hon. *D. Streifel*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Services).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

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**Tuesday, July 23, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 1996* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 22, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1996* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 19, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the Financial Statement of the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia for the year ended March 31, 1996.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Services).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$398,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Services, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,600,413,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Office of the Transition Commissioner for Child and Youth Services, to 31st March 1997.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Social Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *BC Benefits (Youth Works) Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—68

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>

NAYS—1

*G. F. Wilson*

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Bill (No. 11) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996* was again committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

And then the House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996* was again committed.

In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 10) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—35

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell

Calendino  
Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton

Hartley  
Petter  
Miller  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Randall  
Sawicki  
Lali

Doyle  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen

NAYS—28

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Sanders  
Plant

Coell  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Thorpe  
Penner  
Weisgerber

J. D. Wilson  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott  
Jarvis

Weisbeck  
Chong  
Coleman  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

Bill (No. 10) was reported complete with amendment, on division and, by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1996* was committed.

Mr. *Plant* moved an amendment to section 6, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) which was defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—31

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	

## NAYS—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Calendino</i>			

Bill (No. 4) was reported complete with amendment and, by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *BC Forest Renewal Amendment Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

## YEAS—67

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	

## NAYS—3

<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
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Bill (No. 12) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *BC Benefits (Child Care) Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—67

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	

NAYS—3

<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
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Bill (No. 13) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.48 p.m.

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**Wednesday, July 24, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McGregor*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Abbott* presented a petition regarding the flooding and erosion of Chase Creek.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the following:



Job Protection Commission Annual Report, 1995; and  
BCR Group Annual Report, 1995.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the following:  
Forest Land Commission Annual Report, 1995; and  
Forest Practices Board of British Columbia Annual Report, 1995.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 11) intituled *BC Benefits (Youth Works) Act* was committed.

Section 5 of Bill (No. 11) passed, on division.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

And then the House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 11) intituled *BC Benefits (Youth Works) Act* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, on division, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *BC Benefits (Child Care) Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *BC Benefits (Income Assistance) Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

## YEAS—60

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell  
Calendino  
Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht

Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton  
Hartley  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Brewin  
Randall  
Sawicki  
Lali  
Doyle  
Gillespie

Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen  
Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Farrell-Collins  
Plant  
Stephens  
Coell  
Anderson  
Whittred

van Dongen  
Thorpe  
Penner  
J. D. Wilson  
Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Abbott  
Jarvis  
Chong  
Masi  
Krueger  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

## NAYS—1

G. F. Wilson

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Bill (No. 14) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.01 p.m.

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**Thursday, July 25, 1996**


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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Randall*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 12) intituled *BC Forest Renewal Amendment Act, 1996* was committed.

Mr. *G. F. Wilson* moved an amendment to section 1 of Bill (No. 12) which was defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—3

Weisgerber

G. F. Wilson

Neufeld

## NAYS—69

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Dosanji</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>			

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.  
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

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## Thursday, July 25, 1996

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Social Services) made a ministerial statement regarding the deaths of children in the care of, or known to, the Ministry of Social Services, and by leave, tabled a document referred to therein.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *Neufeld* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *J. D. Wilson* presented a petition.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 12) intituled *BC Forest Renewal Amendment Act, 1996* was again committed.

Mr. *J. D. Wilson* moved an amendment to section 2 of Bill (No. 12) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—35			
<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	
NAYS—37			
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Calendino</i>			

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 12) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—37			
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Calendino</i>			
NAYS—35			
<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	

Bill (No. 12) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 1996*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

## YEAS—37

Evans	Pullinger	Priddy	Lali
Zirnhelt	Stevenson	Petter	Doyle
Cashore	Bowbrick	Miller	Gillespie
Boone	Goodacre	Dosanjh	Robertson
Hammell	Giesbrecht	MacPhail	Farnworth
Streifel	Walsh	Sihota	Smallwood
Ramsey	Kasper	Brewin	McGregor
Kwan	Orcherton	Randall	Janssen
Waddell	Hartley	Sawicki	
Calendino			

## NAYS—32

Gingell	Coell	J. D. Wilson	Chong
Reid	Anderson	Reitsma	Coleman
Farrell-Collins	Nebbeling	Hansen	Nettleton
Hurd	Whittred	C. Clark	Masi
Sanders	van Dongen	Hawkins	McKinnon
Plant	Thorpe	Symons	Krueger
Stephens	Penner	Abbott	Barisoff
de Jong	Weisgerber	Jarvis	Neufeld

Bill (No. 8) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1996*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 17) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Disability Benefits Program Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *de Jong*, that the debate be adjourned until later today, the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

## YEAS—65

Evans	Orcherton	Smallwood	Thorpe
Zirnhelt	Hartley	McGregor	Penner
Cashore	Priddy	Janssen	G. F. Wilson
Boone	Petter	Gingell	J. D. Wilson
Hammell	Miller	Reid	Hansen
Streifel	Dosanjh	Farrell-Collins	C. Clark
Ramsey	MacPhail	Hurd	Symons
Kwan	Sihota	Sanders	Abbott
Waddell	Brewin	Plant	Jarvis
Calendino	Randall	Stephens	Chong
Pullinger	Sawicki	de Jong	Coleman
Stevenson	Lali	Coell	Nettleton
Bowbrick	Doyle	Anderson	Masi
Goodacre	Gillespie	Nebbeling	McKinnon
Giesbrecht	Robertson	Whittred	Krueger
Walsh	Farnworth	van Dongen	Barisoff
Kasper			

The debate was adjourned until later today.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Disability Benefits Program Act*.

Bill (No. 15) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *BC Benefits (Appeals) Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36			
Evans	Calendino	Hartley	Sawicki
Zirnhelt	Pullinger	Priddy	Lali
Cashore	Stevenson	Petter	Doyle
Boone	Bowbrick	Miller	Gillespie
Hammell	Goodacre	Dosanjh	Robertson
Streifel	Giesbrecht	MacPhail	Farnworth
Ramsey	Walsh	Sihota	Smallwood
Kwan	Kasper	Brewin	McGregor
Waddell	Orcherton	Randall	Janssen
NAYS—33			
Gingell	Anderson	J. D. Wilson	Chong
Reid	Nebbeling	Reitsma	Coleman
Farrell-Collins	Whittred	Hansen	Nettleton
Hurd	van Dongen	C. Clark	Masi
Sanders	Thorpe	Hawkins	McKinnon
Plant	Penner	Symons	Krueger
Stephens	Weisgerber	Abbott	Barisoff
de Jong	G. F. Wilson	Jarvis	Neufeld
Coell			

Bill (No. 16) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *BC Benefits (Income Assistance) Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment and, by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$399,564 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$196,073,592 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,651,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Assessment and Land Use Coordination, to 31st March 1997.

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks) to be considered at the next sitting.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

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**Friday, July 26, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Stevenson*.

Mr. *Campbell* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the deaths of 49 children in the care of the Ministry of Social Services or known to the Ministry of Social Services.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Member's Statements."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of July 10, 1996.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of July 10, 1996.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of July 10, 1996.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of July 10, 1996.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

Earlier this morning the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition sought to raise a matter under Standing Order 35, namely, the information received yesterday with respect to the death of 49 children in the care of the Ministry of Social Services or known to the Ministry of Social Services.

Firstly, with respect to this matter, I wish to acknowledge that the Member gave me written notice of his intention to raise the matter, a courtesy which complies with Practice Recommendation No. 8.

Standing Order 35 provides an opportunity to set aside the normal business of the House for the consideration of a matter of urgency. In his application, the Member indicated that this matter has been discussed on other occasions and the Government House Leader also pointed out that on a number of occasions the matter has been previously discussed. I note from the record that during the last two weeks, the House spent some 15 hours in consideration of the estimates of the Ministry of Social Services and a considerable portion of that time was devoted to discussion of the Gove Commission Report, the Matthew Vaudreuil case and numerous other issues in connection with child deaths. In addition, I note from the record that during the past two days a considerable amount of time was devoted to discussion of the same matters in connection with Bills before the House. I note also that yesterday, the bulk of Question Period was concerned with this issue, and that a Ministerial Statement and responses were received by the House on the issue. This matter is clearly of an on-going nature.

I wish to make it abundantly clear that from the Chair's viewpoint, the subject matter of the application is of a most serious nature and that the Chair views it in that light. As I said at the conclusion of the submissions of the Member and of the Government House Leader, it is, however, not the urgency of the matter but rather the urgency of debate which must be considered in applying the rule.



Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 17th Edition, page 365, indicates that the matter must be urgent, of recent occurrence and raised without delay.

"The fact that a grievance is continuing is not sufficient if it is not of recent occurrence."

"The fact that new information has been received regarding a matter that has been continuing for some time does not in itself make the matter one of urgency."

For examples of Speaker's Decisions in this House which have applied the foregoing principle, I would refer Members to the *Journals* 1982, at page 18, and 1992, at page 194.

Accordingly, Standing Order 35 cannot be applied in this particular case.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*.

And then the House adjourned at 12.20 p.m.

## Monday, July 29, 1996

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Sanders*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 1996* was committed.

Section 35 contained within section 5 of Bill (No. 8) passed, on division.

In consideration of the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 8) complete without amendment, the Committee divided as follows:

### YEAS—40

*Evans*  
*Zirnhelt*  
*Cashore*  
*Boone*  
*Hammell*  
*Streifel*  
*Ramsey*  
*Kwan*  
*Waddell*  
*Calendino*

*Pullinger*  
*Stevenson*  
*Bowbrick*  
*Goodacre*  
*Giesbrecht*  
*Walsh*  
*Kasper*  
*Orcherton*  
*Hartley*  
*Priddy*

*Petter*  
*Miller*  
*G. Clark*  
*Dosanjh*  
*MacPhail*  
*Sihota*  
*Randall*  
*Sawicki*  
*Lali*  
*Doyle*

*Gillespie*  
*Robertson*  
*Farnworth*  
*Smallwood*  
*Conroy*  
*McGregor*  
*Janssen*  
*Weisgerber*  
*G. F. Wilson*  
*Neufeld*

## NAYS—29

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Hurd  
Sanders  
Plant  
Stephens  
de Jong

Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Penner  
J. D. Wilson

Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott  
Jarvis

Weisbeck  
Chong  
Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
Krueger  
Barisoff

Bill (No. 8) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1996* was committed.

Section 29 of Bill (No. 17) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 17) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Disability Benefits Program Act* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

## THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Disability Benefits Program Act* was again committed.

Section 6 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 15) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled *BC Benefits (Appeals) Act* was committed.

Section 2 of Bill (No. 16) passed, on division.

Section 7 of Bill (No. 16) passed, on division.

In consideration of the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 16) complete with amendment, the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—36

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell

Calendino  
Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton

Hartley  
Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Randall  
Sawicki

Lali  
Doyle  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen

## NAYS—32

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Campbell  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Plant  
Stephens

de Jong  
Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Penner  
Weisgerber

G. F. Wilson  
J. D. Wilson  
Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott

Jarvis  
Weisbeck  
Chong  
Coleman  
Masi  
Krueger  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

Bill (No. 16) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

On the motion that Section B rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—29

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Campbell  
Farrell-Collins  
Plant  
Stephens  
de Jong

Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Penner  
J. D. Wilson

Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott  
Jarvis

Weisbeck  
Chong  
Coleman  
Masi  
Krueger  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

## NAYS—36

Evans  
Zirnhelt  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell

Calendino  
Pullinger  
Stevenson  
Bowbrick  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton

Hartley  
Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Randall  
Sawicki

Lali  
Doyle  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen

Section B continued to sit.

On the motion that the Chair do now leave the Chair in Section B, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—29

*Dalton*  
*Gingell*  
*Reid*  
*Campbell*  
*Farrell-Collins*  
*Plant*  
*Stephens*  
*de Jong*

*Coell*  
*Anderson*  
*Nebbeling*  
*Whittred*  
*van Dongen*  
*Penner*  
*J. D. Wilson*

*Reitsma*  
*Hansen*  
*C. Clark*  
*Hawkins*  
*Symons*  
*Abbott*  
*Jarvis*

*Weisbeck*  
*Chong*  
*Coleman*  
*Masi*  
*Krueger*  
*Barisoff*  
*Neufeld*

## NAYS—36

*Evans*  
*Zirnhelt*  
*Cashore*  
*Boone*  
*Hammell*  
*Streifel*  
*Ramsey*  
*Kwan*  
*Waddell*

*Calendino*  
*Stevenson*  
*Bowbrick*  
*Goodacre*  
*Giesbrecht*  
*Walsh*  
*Kasper*  
*Orcherton*  
*Hartley*

*Petter*  
*Miller*  
*G. Clark*  
*Dosanjh*  
*MacPhail*  
*Sihota*  
*Brewin*  
*Randall*  
*Sawicki*

*Lali*  
*Doyle*  
*Gillespie*  
*Robertson*  
*Farnworth*  
*Smallwood*  
*Conroy*  
*McGregor*  
*Janssen*

Section B continued to sit.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

On the motion that Section A rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—8

*Barisoff*  
*Dalton*

*Gingell*  
*Krueger*

*van Dongen*  
*Reitsma*

*Symons*  
*Neufeld*

## NAYS—10

*McGregor*  
*Boone*  
*Kwan*

*Farnworth*  
*Robertson*  
*Lali*

*Sawicki*  
*Giesbrecht*

*Gillespie*  
*Calendino*

Section A continued to sit.

On the motion that the Chair do now leave the Chair in Section A, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—8

*Barisoff*  
*Dalton*

*Coleman*  
*Krueger*

*van Dongen*  
*Hawkins*

*Symons*  
*Neufeld*

## NAYS—10

*McGregor*  
*Boone*  
*Kwan*

*Farnworth*  
*Robertson*  
*Streifel*

*Sawicki*  
*Giesbrecht*

*Gillespie*  
*Calendino*

Section A continued to sit.

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.04 a.m.

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**Tuesday, July 30, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *de Jong*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 30, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —  
*Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Bills:

Bill (No. 2) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1996.*

Bill (No. 3) *Tax and Consumer Rate Freeze Act.*

Bill (No. 4) *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1996.*

Bill (No. 7) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1996.*

Bill (No. 8) *Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 1996.*

Bill (No. 9) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1996.*

Bill (No. 10) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 1996.*

Bill (No. 11) *BC Benefits (Youth Works) Act.*

Bill (No. 12) *BC Forest Renewal Amendment Act, 1996.*

Bill (No. 13) *BC Benefits (Child Care) Act.*

Bill (No. 14) *BC Benefits (Income Assistance) Act.*

Bill (No. 15) *Disability Benefits Program Act.*

Bill (No. 16) *BC Benefits (Appeals) Act.*

Bill (No. 17) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1996.*

His Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*, Clerk of the House, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 1995.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$432,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$627,623,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways: Ministry Operations (Per Estimates), \$629,623,000; Reduction to Vote 54, Columbia Basin Trust Grant, Transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food — Vote 12, \$2,000,000; to 31st March 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Transportation and Highways) to be considered at the next sitting.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

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**Wednesday, July 31, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Gingell*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the B.C. Hydro Annual Reports, 1995 and 1996.

Mr. *Weisgerber* presented a petition.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$348,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$102,247,933 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations: Ministry Operations (Per Estimates), \$96,141,831; Additions to Vote 30, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, \$1,537,361; Provincial Capital Commission Grant, Transferred from Ministry of Health — Vote 40, \$224,500; British Columbia Racing Commission, \$10; British Columbia Gaming Commission, Transferred from Ministry of Labour — Vote 43, \$4,344,231; to 31st March 1997.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,297,129 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Registries, to 31st March 1997.



32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Pensions Administration, to 31st March 1997.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March 1997.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Product Sales and Services, to 31st March 1997.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Information Technology Services Division, to 31st March 1997.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,063,703 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Information and Technology, to 31st March 1997.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,001,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March 1997.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs, to 31st March 1997.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$143,149,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Benefits, to 31st March 1997.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,890,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Corporate Accounting System, to 31st March 1997.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,107,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Public Sector Employers' Council, to 31st March 1997.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,450,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Public Service Employee Relations Commission, to 31st March 1997.

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Upon the Member for Vancouver-Little Mountain disregarding a direction of the Chair to withdraw an unparliamentary expression, the Chair ordered him to withdraw from the Committee for the balance of the day's sitting.

On the motion that Section A rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—8

*Barisoff*  
*Hanson*

*van Dongen*  
*Krueger*

*Abbott*  
*Reitsma*

*Thorpe*  
*Weisgerber*

NAYS—10

*McGregor*  
*Miller*  
*Kwan*

*Farnworth*  
*Robertson*  
*Lali*

*Sawicki*  
*Giesbrecht*

*Gillespie*  
*Calendino*

Section A continued to sit.

The motion that Section A rise and report progress passed, on division.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

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### Thursday, August 1, 1996

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisbeck*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

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### Thursday, August 1, 1996

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

**40** The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved —

That, under section 69 of the *Constitution Act* and sections 3 and 4 of the *Statute Revision Act*, the Select Standing Committee of this House on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills is designated under section 3 of the *Statute Revision Act* as the committee to examine the Revision prepared under that Act, and the committee is authorized

- (1) to sit and carry out its statutory duties
  - (a) during a period when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, or
  - (b) during the period after prorogation until the next following session,
- (2) to advise the Lieutenant Governor under section 4 of the *Statute Revision Act* of the committee's approval of the Revision and its recommendation that the Revision be brought into force, and
- (3) following the adjournment, or at the next following session, to report or make any recommendations to the Legislative Assembly that the committee considers proper from time to time on the matters referred to the committee.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$432,868 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$443,601,135 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$63,205,913 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Suppression, to 31st March 1997.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,217,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Boards and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March 1997.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,292,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March 1997.

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Forests.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, it was *Ordered* that the House do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

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**Tuesday, August 6, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. Cashore*.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1996* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*August 6, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Thorpe* presented a petition.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training and Ministry of Labour).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today. Committee to sit again later today. By leave, the Hon. *M. Sihota* moved —

That the Sessional Order of July 10, 1996, authorizing the Committee of Supply to sit in two sections designated A and B, be varied to permit the Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to defer to the Chairman of B.C. Hydro for the purpose of replying to questions put to the Minister.

Motion agreed to.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

FORTY MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training and Ministry of Labour).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved that the House at its rising stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 10.06 p.m.

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**Wednesday, August 7, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training and Ministry of Labour).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

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**Wednesday, August 7, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members." The Hon. A. *Petter* Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the following:

Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations Annual Report, 1995-1996; British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report, year ended March 31, 1996; and Report of Vancouver Stock Exchange, July 1996. The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training and Ministry of Labour).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.



## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1996*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

## YEAS—36

Evans  
Zirnheld  
Cashore  
Boone  
Hammell  
Streifel  
Ramsey  
Kwan  
Waddell

Calendino  
Pullinger  
Goodacre  
Giesbrecht  
Walsh  
Kasper  
Orcherton  
Hartley  
Priddy

Petter  
Miller  
G. Clark  
Dosanjh  
MacPhail  
Sihota  
Brewin  
Randall  
Sawicki

Lali  
Doyle  
Gillespie  
Robertson  
Farnworth  
Smallwood  
Conroy  
McGregor  
Janssen

## NAYS—34

Dalton  
Gingell  
Reid  
Campbell  
Farrell-Collins  
Hurd  
Sanders  
Plant  
Stephens

de Jong  
Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Penner  
Weisgerber  
G. F. Wilson

J. D. Wilson  
Reitsma  
C. Clark  
Hawkins  
Symons  
Abbott  
Jarvis  
Weisbeck

Chong  
Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Krueger  
Barisoff  
Neufeld

Bill (No. 19) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training and Ministry of Labour).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$460,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Skills and Training, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,794,217,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Skills and Training, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

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### **Thursday, August 8, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *D. Streifel*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Labour).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

**Thursday, August 8, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled a letter from the World Bank regarding Pakistan: Raiwind Power Project.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled the B.C. Health Research Foundation Annual Report, 1995-1996.

Ms. *Sanders* presented a petition.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

**41** The Hon. *J. Cashore* moved —

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on:

1. the application of key issues arising out of the Nisga'a Agreement-in-Principle to treaty negotiations throughout British Columbia;
2. how progress can be made towards treaty settlements with aboriginal people beneficial to all British Columbians.

Further, that the House authorizes the committee to provide opportunities for all citizens of British Columbia, aboriginal and non-aboriginal, to express their views on these matters.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee, the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee; and
- (e) to permit television broadcasting of any public hearings the Committee may have;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and, upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved —

That Mr. *Stevenson* be substituted for Mr. *Kasper* on the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs; that Mr. *Kasper* be substituted for Mr. *Stevenson* on the Select Standing Committee on Transportation, Municipal Affairs and Housing; that Ms. *Walsh* be substituted for Ms. *Gillespie* on the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and that Ms. *Gillespie* be substituted for Ms. *Walsh* on the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture). Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Labour).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$374,615 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$133,740,672 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Crown Corporations Secretariat, to 31st March 1997.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$810,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Resource Revenue Sharing Agreements, to 31st March 1997.

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Employment and Investment) to be considered at the next sitting.

The House recessed until 7.00 o'clock p.m.

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SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Labour followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$403,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,520,759 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour: Ministry Operations (Per Estimates), \$40,865,000; Reduction to Vote 43, British Columbia Racing Commission, \$10; British Columbia Gaming Commission, \$4,344,231; to 31st March 1997.

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Labour.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1996* was committed.

Sections 1 and 2 of Bill (No. 19) passed, on division.

Mr. *Neufeld* moved an amendment to add section 2.1 to Bill (No. 19) which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 19) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

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**Friday, August 9, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. MacPhail*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Member's Statements."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$339,135 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$146,769,871 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$290,507,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Government Grants, to 31st March 1997.

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.57 p.m.

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**Monday, August 12, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Hawkins*.

On the motion of Mr. *Weisgerber*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Free Votes Enabling Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$332,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,753,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$370,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1997.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$116,596,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1997.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,408,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Tourism B.C., to 31st March 1997.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$287,510,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, British Columbia Transit, to 31st March 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.35 p.m.

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## **Tuesday, August 13, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Stephens*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

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## **Tuesday, August 13, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Neufeld*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Rural Health Transportation Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.



Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General) tabled the Report on Multiculturalism, 1994-1995.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Ministry of Forests Annual Report, 1994/95.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of July 10, 1996.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of July 10, 1996.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of July 10, 1996.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of July 10, 1996.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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The motion that Section B rise and report progress was passed, on division.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.27 p.m.

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**Wednesday, August 14, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *van Dongen*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Gingell* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the First Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

*Resolved*, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

The Hon. A. *Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the Auditor General Annual Report, 1996.

**44** By leave, the Hon. U. *Dosanjh* moved —

That a Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives be appointed for the 36th Parliament, pursuant to Section 9 of the *Recall and Initiative Act* (SBC 1994) Chapter 56, the said Committee to be composed of:

Mr. *Bowbrick* (Convener), Messrs. *Randall*, *Waddell* and *Stevenson*, Ms. *Sawicki*, Mr. *Lali* and Ms. *McGregor*, Messrs. *Farrell-Collins*, *Nettleton* and *Thorpe* and Ms. *Whittred* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the following:

Forest Renewal BC Annual Report, 1994/95;

Forest Renewal BC Business Plan 1996/97; and

Forest Renewal BC Financial Statements as at March 31, 1996.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the following:

BC Ferries Annual Report, 1995/96;

Victoria Line Ltd. Annual Report, 1995;

Ministry of Municipal Affairs Annual Report, 1993-1994;

Ministry of Housing, Recreation and Consumer Services Annual Report, 1994/95;

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ministry Report, 1996;

British Columbia Assessment Authority Annual Report, 1994;

BC Housing Annual Report, 94/95;

Ministry of Employment and Investment Annual Report, 1993/94;

British Columbia Heritage Trust Annual Report, 1994/1995; 1995/1996;

BC Buildings Corporation Annual Report, 1995; 1996; and

British Columbia Inquiry into Gasoline Pricing Interim Report, July 5, 1996.<sup>42</sup>

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved — That a Special Committee be appointed to monitor and evaluate the progress of the work of the Transition Commissioner in respect of recommendations arising out of the Gove Inquiry into Child Protection, and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;
- (e) to permit minority opinions in a report of the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and, upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly. The said Special Committee is to be composed of Ms. *Gillespie* (Convener), Messrs. *Kasper*, *Hartley* and Ms. *Kwan*, Ms. *McKinnon* and Mr. *Coell* and Mr. *Neufeld*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved — That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of a Commissioner or Commissioners of Conflict of Interest pursuant to the Committee's Final Report on the matter of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Mr. *Campbell* moved that Vote 8 be amended by reducing the amount of \$2,409,000 therein to \$1.00.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—35

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	

NAYS—38

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>McGregor</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>		

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,409,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March 1997.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,819,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ombudsman, Ombudsman, to 31st March 1997.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,630,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Information and Privacy Commissioner, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March 1997.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,967,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Elections B.C., Elections B.C., to 31st March 1997.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$178,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March 1997.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,040,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Child, Youth and Family Advocate, Office of the Child, Youth and Family Advocate, to 31st March 1997.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,392,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Auditor General, Auditor General, to 31st March 1997.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,294,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Legislation, to 31st March 1997.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner, to 31st March 1997.

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.59 p.m.

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**Thursday, August 15, 1996**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Whittred*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

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**Thursday, August 15, 1996**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *J. D. Wilson* tabled copies of correspondence related to Forest Renewal BC.

Mr. *Krueger* presented a petition.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the following:

Pacific Racing Association Annual Report for 10 Months ended January 31, 1996;  
Statement of Crown Proceeding Payments, for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1995, pursuant to the *Crown Proceeding Act*;  
Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued by Treasury Board or the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1996; and  
Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits pursuant to the *Unclaimed Money Act* for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1996.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

By leave, the Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) moved —

That in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and, upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved —

That reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment during the First Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts; and that in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee, the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$462,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, Minister’s Office, to 31st March 1997.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,811,166,017 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors: Ministry Operations (Per Estimates), \$6,812,927,878; Reduction to Vote 40, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, \$1,537,361; Provincial Capital Commission Grant, \$224,500; to 31st March 1997.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,992,122 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, Vital Statistics, to 31st March 1997.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered forthwith. The Hon. A. Petter moved —

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on July 18, 22, 23, 25, 30, 31, and August 1, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, and 15, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. A. Petter moved —

That there be granted from and out of the consolidated revenue fund the sum of 20 billion, 254 million, 65 thousand, 118 dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under: section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 1996, and is granted by Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1997.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. A. Petter (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Supply Act, 1996-97* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
August 1, 1996.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker made the following statement:

*Honourable Members:*

This House now has before it the *Supply Act, 1996-97* which has been introduced and read a first time. The basic question which the Chair has had to consider is whether or not this Bill can indeed be advanced more than one stage at this time.

An examination of the *Journals* and *Hansard* of this House discloses various and, frankly, somewhat inconsistent procedures surrounding introduction and passage of the Supply Act. Because of the importance of this process, and for the guidance of the House, the Chair wishes to make some observations relating to the closing of Estimates and the final Supply Act.

Honourable Members will be aware that the final Supply Act is unique in its nature, being founded on the financial resolutions which are passed by this House immediately upon completion of the Estimates process. The first of those resolutions is the motion that the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply be now received, taken as read and agreed to. Upon passage of this motion, a second motion is moved that there be granted from and out of the consolidated revenue fund the amounts as authorized by the resolutions passed in the Committee of Supply which include the amounts authorized by earlier interim Supply Acts.



Immediately following the acceptance by the House of the two resolutions above mentioned, the Supply Act itself is introduced to the House for first reading. At this point it must be emphasized that the final Supply Act is an administrative act only, confirming and appropriating the grants previously agreed to by the motions above described. This House has spoken clearly on this matter and I refer Honourable Members to the debates of this House to be found in *Hansard* of July 26 and 27, 1993.

The general rule applicable to bills requiring three readings on different days does not apply to the final Supply Act for the reason that this Act is squarely founded upon resolutions from the Committee of Supply to which the House has previously agreed. In this regard, I refer Honourable Members to Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 17th edition, at page 771 and I quote from this authority, in part, as follows:

"All grants of supply voted by the Committee of Supply in respect of whatever estimate ... after being covered by grants of ways and means, require to be authorized by legislation. It will be remembered that such bills are exempt from the operation of the 'Ten o'clock rule' and that the practice of the House which forbids the transaction of more than one stage of financial business on the same day is so far relaxed in their case as to allow the committee and subsequent stages to be taken on the same day."

In light of the authorities quoted, it is the Chair's view, that quite apart from the operation of Standing Order 81, the final Supply Act, being only an administrative act founded on resolutions passed by the House, may be advanced one or more stages in one day. The Chair would also observe that the unique wording of our Standing Order 81 permits a bill to be read twice or thrice, or advanced two or more stages in one day on "urgent or extraordinary occasions". It could be logically argued that the final Supply Act is a unique or extraordinary Bill, being founded on resolutions already agreed to by the House, and as such this would permit the Supply Act to qualify for three readings on one day under the authority of Standing Order 81. In light of the findings stated above, it becomes unnecessary to make this determination.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

The Speaker declared a short recess for distribution of the Bill.

Bill (No. 18) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. A. Petter, Bill (No. 18) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 18) intitled *Supply Act, 1996-97* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair — E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:

Bill (No. 19) *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1996*.

His Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Bill.

The said assent was announced by E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to this Bill."

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:

Bill (No. 18) *Supply Act, 1996-97*.

His Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Bill.

The said assent was announced by E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Honour the Administrator doth thank Her Majesty’s loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved —

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the First Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3.12 p.m.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

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### **Monday, March 24, 1997**

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ELEVEN THIRTY O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brewin*.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General 1996/97: Report 1 — Performance Audit — Management of Child Care Grants, Ministry of Women’s Equality;

Auditor General 1996/97: Report 2 — Crown Corporations Governance Study;

Auditor General 1996/97: Report 3 — Performance Audit — Vancouver Island Highway Project: Planning and Design — Ministry of Transportation and Highways;

Auditor General 1996/97: Report 4 — Performance Audit — Trucking Safety — Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Motor Vehicle Branch;

Auditor General 1996/97: Report 5 — A Review of Government Revenue and Expenditure Programs Relating to Alcohol, Tobacco, and Gaming;

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the Statement of Votes of the Thirty-Sixth Provincial General Election held on May 28, 1996, pursuant to section 13 of the *Election Act*; and

Report entitled Opinion of the Acting Commissioner of Conflict of Interest in the Matter of Alleged Contravention of Provisions of the *Members’ Conflict of Interest Act* by the Honourable Member for Esquimalt-Metchosin.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a point of order namely to inquire whether a nomination for an appointment pursuant to section 5 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* had been made.

The Speaker advised that the matter was under consideration.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege.

Mr. *Gingell* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege.

Mr. *de Jong* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege.

The Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was about to enter the Chamber.

The Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

*Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In closing this first session of the thirty-sixth parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you on the accomplishments of the past year. This session has seen the passage of measures of wide-ranging and significant importance to the people of our province.

Honourable Members, on behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your legislative duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General) then said:

*Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

And then the House prorogued at 11.44 a.m.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

## PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

G. B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

CANADA:  
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories,  
QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

*To all to whom these presents shall come* — GREETING

*To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, at Our City of  
Victoria* — GREETING

## PROCLAMATION

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven at 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon at Our City of Victoria.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, the Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven, and in the forty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

## SUMMARY

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Number of sittings—	
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	49
Debates (number of sittings)—	
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(Resolutions: Section A: 8; Section B: 8)	
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Private.....	—
Members.....	—
	18
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