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Prayers by Elmer George Sr., Elder, Songhees First Nation.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 2nd day of February, 2006, the Members took their seats.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature:

As we start a new session of our Legislature, it is important that we take time to remember the contributions of British Columbians we have lost since we last came together.

William Procter, British Columbia's last surviving veteran of World War I, passed away late last year — our nation's Year of the Veteran.

We join family and friends in mourning the loss of community leaders George Preston and Gil Blair, philanthropist Jack Bell, journalist Patrick Nagle, golf legend Stan Leonard, former member of the Legislature Dave Stupich, musician and Western gentleman Mart Kenney, and just yesterday we lost impresario Hugh Pickett. We mourn the passing of Lawrence Wallace also, a dedicated public servant who capably served British Columbians over the course of 30 years.

The New British Columbia

In two years, British Columbia will celebrate its 150th anniversary since its founding as a Colony. We will celebrate 150 years of progress and positive change. We will celebrate 150 years of hard work, vision, and personal sacrifice.

Planning and preparation for that milestone will begin across B.C. this year, to help all British Columbians make 2008 a birthday to remember.

This is our time to reflect on our history, our First Nations heritage, our rich cultural diversity, our achievements, and our future. This is our home — a place of promise whose story is one of unfolding human potential.

Underlying each chapter is one constant fact: our ability to capture the positive energy of transformative change.

That fact now calls us to action. It lies at the heart of your government's agenda.

Transformative change was the key to British Columbia's progress in the past four-and-a-half years.

It has been a remarkable transformation of economic revitalization, fiscal renewal, and social achievement.

The Conference Board now rates our health care system the best in Canada. We are leading the nation in creating new nurse and physician training, and new access to advanced education. We now have the lowest unemployment rate on record.

Optimism abounds. People are excited about B.C.'s future. Families, jobs, and investment are all moving back to B.C. Every region of the province is moving forward again with pride and confidence.

This great transformation reflects fundamental changes in energy, forestry, mining, tourism, technology, manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, education, and health.

It is the legacy of conscious decisions to improve health care, education, child care, employment assistance, and environmental stewardship — within taxpayers' means. It is the product of new relationships with First Nations and collaborative new relationships with governments at every level.

Yet far more remains to be done to realize British Columbia's full potential in this golden decade now underway.

To that end, your government has set five great goals. They will test the limits of our imaginations and oblige us to reach higher through transformative change.

Harnessing Change for British Columbians' Advantage

To make the most of all the 21st century offers, we must understand the currents of change that will shape our lives. We must harness those forces to build positive momentum for all British Columbians.

This is your government's abiding purpose — to lead and transform our province into a global powerhouse of innovation, inspiration, and wealth creation. To liberate its full potential for British Columbians.

The comfortable course of complacency is not a path for long-term prosperity. It is the dead-end route of inevitable decline.

Yet the fear of fundamental change is always a powerful presence where going back or doing nothing seem to be viable alternatives. Simply doing more of the same with more funding is not a path to progress. In a world that is changing faster than at any time in human history, it is a dangerous deception.

The status quo is not an option. Three waves of enormous and irrevocable power are sweeping across our social landscape. The Western world is rapidly aging. Knowledge and technology are driving a new global economy. And the Asia-Pacific is now the world's front-door to growth and opportunity.

These forces are transforming our planet. They demand us to rethink the assumptions of the last century, and to change with the times, to maintain and improve our quality of life.

In each instance, British Columbia is strategically well-positioned to move with the times to build a brighter future.

The Transformational Force of our Aging Population

The Western world is getting older. People are living longer. Families are getting smaller.

These facts are well known, but over the last two decades, their ramifications have seldom been reflected in government decision-making. Too often short-term thinking and election cycles blind us to generational needs. Together, we must strive to change that.

The findings of the Premier's Council on Aging and Seniors' Issues will provide new insights for our consideration and action. As our population ages, there will be ever-fewer taxpayers, supporting ever-more seniors with increasingly complex needs.

There will be fewer new workers to fuel our economy. Skilled workers will be even more in demand. Canada will look to address that imbalance through immigration and new use of knowledge

and technology. Our country will increasingly open its arms to the Asia-Pacific as a primary new source of human capital and productivity.

Today, seniors account for one-in-seven British Columbians. By 2030, they will account for one-in-four. This obliges us to change.

Nowhere is that need more profound than in health care. As our population ages, the demand for health services grows exponentially.

It is not just that people are living longer and that we are challenged to provide more care and new options for independent living. The demand for health care is rapidly outstripping our ability to supply health professionals, equipment, and facilities.

New knowledge and new technology drive up drug costs and diagnostic costs, and create new demands for expensive new services and treatments.

Governments around the world are struggling to keep up with this reality. The profile of health needs is radically changing.

The increase in dementias is one such example. To increase efforts to help find a cure for these debilitating and destructive diseases, your government will strive to establish a national research collaborative, working together with the Pacific Alzheimer Research Foundation.

If we can impede and eliminate these dementias we will improve our citizens' quality of life and also reduce pressure on health budgets in the years ahead.

In Canada, we have known for many years that the escalation in health care costs is not sustainable.

The question for all British Columbians is this: Are we prepared to change to face up to that fact?

What are the fundamental changes we must make to improve our health and to protect our precious public health care system for the long-term?

Your government will initiate a province-wide conversation to tackle that question head-on. It will build on the transformative changes already undertaken to renew our health care system here in B.C.

We will seek the world's best advice on how to improve our health care system in British Columbians' long-term interests. A new, independent Foundation for Health Care Innovation and Renewal will be established to help identify new ways of better serving our citizens' health needs through careful examination of successful health models now working around the world.

This month, the Premier and Health Minister will travel to Sweden, Norway, France, and the United Kingdom to learn first-hand how those jurisdictions are acting to transform their health care systems.

Your government will ensure that any changes it makes are consistent with the *Canada Health Act*. That Act holds out the promise of universal, accessible, comprehensive, portable, and publicly administered health care.

Yet after four decades of public health care, supported by over \$1.5 trillion dollars in public expenditures, those five principles remain largely undefined.

What does the principle of "universality" mean when some citizens have special access to services and surgical options that others do not have, for lack of extended or private insurance? Or when only a handful of provinces even offer catastrophic drug coverage?

What does the principle of "accessibility" really mean, in light of existing access to primary care, surgical care, or extended care across Canada?

What does "comprehensive" and "portable" mean to Canadians, given the wide discrepancy in insurable services across our country?

How should we define concepts like "reasonable access" to "medically necessary" services, so that the courts are not left to interpret them for us?

Does it really matter to patients where or how they obtain their surgical treatment if it is paid for with public funds?

Why are we so afraid to look at mixed health care delivery models, when other states in Europe and around the world have used them to produce better results for patients at a lower cost to taxpayers?

Why are we so quick to condemn any consideration of other systems as a slippery slope to an American-style system that none of us wants?

And why shouldn't we build our health care system on a foundation of sustainability? Are we really ensuring that the health care entitlements we enjoy as Canadians will be there for our children and future generations as our population ages?

These are just some of the tough questions that British Columbians — and all Canadians — should have the opportunity to consider.

Not through another Royal Commission. Not through another exercise in avoidance, designed to produce more of the same.

But through real dialogue.

Through open conversations and rational discussion aimed at improving and transforming our Canadian health care system.

The *Canada Health Act* needs to be updated. Not to make it weaker — but to make it stronger and consistent with its original vision and intent — to preserve public health care for all Canadians.

Your government will advance that goal in Ottawa and here in B.C. It will lead an extensive discussion with British Columbians to guide this Assembly in furthering fundamental health reform within this mandate.

British Columbia will define and enshrine in provincial law the five principles of the *Canada Health Act*, and it will add to those a sixth — the principle of sustainability.

British Columbians want better access, greater choice, increased flexibility, and new options under their public health care system. They want high quality health care that is fair and equitable to all British Columbians regardless of their incomes. And they want to know that their public health care system is going to be there for them and their families as they get older.

Canadians are well ahead of their political leaders on this issue. They are right to demand reform and improvements — and B.C. is leading the way.

Significant system reforms have been made to improve patient care — in regional health delivery, primary care, telehealth, ambulatory care, and assisted living.

B.C.'s income-sensitive Fair PharmaCare program is now widely recognized as the best in Canada. We are the only province with a zero deductible for drug coverage for low income earners not on income assistance. B.C. has Canada's best immunization program.

We are building, expanding, and upgrading hospitals all across the province, with new public-private partnerships. The new 300-bed Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre is on track to open in 2008.

The Vancouver General Hospital tower that sat empty for over a decade now has 459 additional beds for patients. The new 11-story Academic Ambulatory Care Centre will be opened this year, to provide new outpatient services, new physician training, and new research for health care.

A sweeping plan to dramatically expand and modernize the Surrey Memorial Hospital is underway. It includes a new state-of-the-art emergency care and urgent care facility; a new 148,000-square-foot outpatient hospital; new beds in Surrey Memorial; and a new perinatal care facility.

Major capital expansions have been made to hospitals in Prince George, Kamloops, Kelowna, Cranbrook, Terrace, Victoria, and Nanaimo.

Since health renewal began in 2001, your government has increased the number of dialysis stations by over 60 per cent in communities across the province. It has increased the number of MRI machines by nearly 90 per cent and added eight new CT scanners to communities across B.C.

Ambulances have now been equipped with cardiac defibrillators and paramedics have been given increased training.

An extra \$9.7 billion has been added to health care in B.C. since your government first came to office, for a total investment of \$57.4 billion in the last five years.

Much of that funding has gone to substantially increase compensation for doctors, nurses, and other health professionals. Half of every new dollar available in the next four years has been budgeted to provide health care providers and other public sector workers with new wage and benefit increases.

More still is being invested in training. New medical schools have been opened in Prince George and Victoria with expanded seats at UBC to double the number of doctors in training. Another new medical school will soon be added in Kelowna.

The number of nurse training spaces has been increased by 62 per cent — with nearly 6,700 new nurses in training and over 2,100 more nurses now serving patients. Our efforts to train, attract, and retain nurses are paying off, and a major new campaign will be launched this year.

For the first time ever, B.C. is now training nurse practitioners, with the first graduates now playing an important part in our health care system. The BC Nurseline now offers round-the-clock access to health services in 130 languages and it will be expanded again this year.

All of this is aimed at providing better access to health care for all British Columbians.

B.C. now has the best health services and best health outcomes in Canada — according to an independent factual assessment by the Conference Board of Canada.

Yet challenges remain.

B.C.'s patient satisfaction levels are nowhere near as high as they should be given B.C.'s outstanding health system — and we must ask ourselves, why?

Despite a 65 per cent increase in knee replacements and a 35 per cent increase in hip replacements, the surgical backlog for those procedures has grown.

To reduce that backlog, a \$60.5 million strategy has been announced. It includes a new Centre for Surgical Innovation, to be opened this April. It includes an additional 35 per cent increase in hip and knee surgeries — in one year. There will be new funding for hip health research, and a new provincial surgical patient registry.

New investments will provide an additional 1,000 children with the procedures they need and are waiting to receive.

Innovation, research, and funding are keys to our strategy. We know that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The best way to assure our children lead healthy lives is to give them a strong start in life.

Later this year, your government will launch a comprehensive Strong Start BC initiative that will speak to this in greater detail. It will outline concerted actions to provide early diagnosis for hearing, sight, and dental problems and open early learning centres in underutilized schools.

The new ActNow initiative will improve British Columbians' health through healthy living, physical fitness, and nutritious eating.

A comprehensive strategy will be developed with the Union of B.C. Municipalities to help communities build bicycle paths that are safe and enticing for cyclists. The new Gateway Program's \$50 million bicycle network is the largest single investment in bikeways in the history of the province.

To support amateur sport and promote physical fitness, the B.C. Lottery Corporation has launched a new game tied to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. All proceeds of that game will be dedicated to amateur sport.

Your government will act now to integrate physical fitness and healthy eating habits throughout B.C.'s public schools. It is acting to get rid of junk food in schools, and will do more this year to put healthy food in school vending machines and cafeterias.

A new agriculture plan will encourage B.C. farmers to come forward with proposals to put more of their produce and products in B.C. schools. The Action Schools program will be expanded to extend its benefits to even more students. And new standards will be set to ensure all students have a minimum level of physical activity in every school, without exception.

All of these measures will help lead a transformational shift in healthy living that is critical to sustaining the excellent health services we currently enjoy in British Columbia.

Harnessing the Power of New Knowledge and Creativity

The transformational force of knowledge and technology is reinventing our world. The new world is a truly global economy, driven by information, ideas, and discoveries.

It is a creative economy, where art and culture are the building blocks of innovation, invention, and understanding. Your government wants to unleash the talent, creativity, and skills of all who live here.

Education is the key to that endeavour.

Over the coming months, the Premier and Education Minister will visit every school district in B.C. They will meet with educators, parents, and students to seek their ideas for positive change in education.

Your government wants to hear from teachers in their staffrooms and from students in their classrooms. It ran on a pledge to communicate directly with all teachers in B.C. — and it will act to make that possible. It wants to listen and learn at the community level, at the new Learning Roundtable, and at a first-ever Teachers' Congress, to be held later this year.

Although the education budget will go up again this year, we must ask ourselves how we can use that funding to best serve students.

The information your government has recently collected and published on class sizes gives us new data for discussion. It points to the need for legislative changes that will ensure all school districts live within the current class size limits established in law.

If there are variations that make sense for students, parents should have a say in those decisions. While superintendents should be required to approve those decisions, school boards must ultimately be accountable.

The issue of class composition is even more challenging and demands a rational discussion. What more can we do to help all students in every classroom?

How can we better help those with special needs, in public schools and independent schools alike?

Are there ways to better maximize the benefit of our capital investments in education?

What more can we do to ensure greater accountability to taxpayers? What is the appropriate mix of local autonomy and flexibility in decision-making?

How might we modernize our curriculum to ensure it offers relevant instruction for the modern world? What changes might be made to give our students a better understanding of our province's rich, colourful history and a fuller appreciation of our Aboriginal heritage and culture?

What new content should be taught about the importance of forestry, mining, energy, agriculture, and sustainable stewardship to our communities and our economy?

How can we foster a culture of excellence in teaching and learning that builds upon individual strengths and celebrates achievement?

All of these questions oblige us to open our minds to new possibilities for improving public education. We will not succeed in providing our children the best education if we fail to ask the critical questions and refuse to consider changes that will make our education system the best it can be.

We must aspire to make public education more relevant to students' needs and more accountable at every level. We must aspire to excellence in teaching and learning, through greater choice and flexibility, and new opportunities for parental involvement.

This is your government's vision for education and literacy.

It is an agenda of transformative change that looks at the new world through new eyes, with new intent to act.

The Internet offers incredible potential in that regard. This year, your government will initiate a new "virtual" school to provide B.C. students a new option for learning that is accessible from their local schools and within their homes.

Supported by Network BC, it will offer a full range of courses that will especially benefit students in rural communities. It will enable students to construct high quality programs of instruction that are

more relevant to their individual interests and that are open for learning at any time, at any pace, and from any place.

The virtual school will also provide free, on-line tutoring to help secondary school students successfully complete their studies. That tutoring service will be extended to earlier grades in coming years. Several jurisdictions have successfully developed cyber schools and British Columbia will not allow our students to be left behind.

All British Columbians will have equal opportunity to benefit from the knowledge economy.

In 2006, your government will fulfill its commitment to bridge the digital divide by bringing high-speed Internet access to 366 communities across B.C. that previously lacked broadband access. New steps will be taken to extend that access to First Nations communities, working in partnership with the federal government.

Your government will continue to encourage the full participation of parents in their children's education. Parents will be critical drivers as we transform education services across our province to meet the needs of their children.

This year, a new province-wide Parents' Education Network will be launched to provide parents with up-to-date information on programs and research

that can help their children excel in school. The Parents' Education Network will help parents answer questions and engage in discussions about the challenges, opportunities, and possible solutions they see in education.

Parents want greater access to information in education. Your government committed to publish annual reports for all public schools on the key statistics relating to class size, class composition, and teacher hirings, terminations, disciplinary actions, and professional development. That commitment will be fully realized this year.

It will also act on its pledge to establish a teacher employment registry that is administered by the College of Teachers, to publicly report the names of teachers disciplined for misconduct involving emotional, physical, or sexual abuse.

New investments will be made to give all British Columbians new options and better access to higher learning. Your government is creating 25,000 new post-secondary spaces — the largest expansion in advanced education in 40 years.

Additional steps will be taken to allow new transferability of credits for students attending accredited private post-secondary institutes.

All of these measures will help British Columbians gain the education and skills they need to successfully compete in the new knowledge economy.

We will need more skilled workers in energy, construction and related trades, forestry, mining, agriculture, engineering, and technology. Filling all of those jobs requires us to expand training for British Columbians and to compete for more foreign-trained workers.

There is no place for parochialism or provincialism in the new world. Your government will work with other provinces and the federal government on a national action plan for skills development.

It will act this year to further expand the provincial nominee program. It will act to expedite the flow and credentialing of foreign-trained workers who are needed now to meet domestic demands.

The Industry Training Authority will expand its programs in trades training and apprenticeships. New initiatives will be launched to encourage employers to renew their efforts and investments in skills training.

The new global economy is ultimately driven not just by mastering what we have learned, but by the pursuit of new knowledge. As such, more will be invested this year in new research aimed at leading discoveries and commercializing their potential.

Your government will work with B.C.'s technology industry to pursue its vision for a comprehensive technology strategy. The BC Hub strategy will transform our approach to technology research, commercialization, and capital expansion, with new efforts to integrate science, technology, and knowledge into our resource industries, agriculture industry, and manufacturing economy.

British Columbia is becoming world-renowned in life sciences and biotechnology. We led the world in fighting SARS and continue to lead in genome research. Both are critical tools as we prepare for the next global pandemic.

Genome British Columbia is producing ground-breaking discoveries that will benefit our natural resource industries, our environment, our agricultural industry, and the future health of our population.

Major new research investments will be made this year to support the work of Genome BC and to accelerate discovery in spinal cord research through the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation.

Your government will work with the Canadian Cancer Society, B.C. and Yukon Division, to establish a research chair in primary prevention of cancer.

A new B.C. Foundation for Natural Resources and Engineering Research will also be launched this year. It will support advanced training, research and development, technology transfer, and commercialization in natural resources, engineering, and applied sciences.

This will help keep our resource sector competitive and sustainable in the face of challenges like the mountain pine beetle, while growing new sectors and fueling economic growth.

Alternative energy will form an integral part of your government's expanded energy vision. It is a critical part of your government's goal to improve air and water quality, and fisheries management.

That goal also obliges us to set new goals in conservation. The updated energy vision will include new conservation targets to help make British Columbia electricity self-sufficient within the decade ahead.

Your government will also provide the financial thrust to create a leading edge new digital media centre at Great Northern Way, through a collaborative partnership of UBC, SFU, BCIT, the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, and the private sector.

This will confirm B.C.'s global reputation as a leader in digital media and will further stimulate opportunities for growth in digital entertainment.

Building On The Transformational Force of Canada's Pacific Gateway

The world's re-orientation to the Asia-Pacific is one of the central transformational changes in our time. It is also British Columbia's most strategic competitive advantage.

In the new map of the world, British Columbia is poised at the centre, not at the periphery. Europe and America are looking to the Pacific for growth. Asia is looking across the Pacific to North America as the heart of the Western world.

And British Columbia stands right in the middle.

As China, India, Japan, Korea, and other Asian countries look abroad to invest, visit, and emigrate — your government wants them to look here first. British Columbia has enormous potential as the world's crucial crossroad to Asian-Pacific commerce.

Several elements are essential to maximizing that opportunity.

The Pacific Gateway Strategy is about opening up our province to new trade, investment, and opportunity. It is about opening up our ports, airports, rail networks, and roads from all points east, to all points west.

Your government is opening up the Port of Prince Rupert and opening up the North to capitalize on all the advantages our Pacific Gateway has to offer. It is transforming the future for Northern British Columbians and citizens in every region, through new investments in regional development and transportation infrastructure.

It is opening up our borders to the free flow of goods, services and people, through the new Gateway plan to build the Pitt River Bridge, twin the Port Mann, and build a new South Fraser Perimeter Road. These investments complement multi-billion dollar investments in rapid transit, bicycling networks, and transportation improvements that will also improve our environment.

To fully capitalize on British Columbia's strategic potential as Canada's Pacific province, we need to also reach out to the Asia-Pacific. Your government will work with the federal government, the

Vancouver Airport Authority, and international airlines to open our airways with direct flights to India, China, and other Pacific nations.

It will intensify its efforts to open up new Asian markets in forestry, energy, mining, tourism, education, and manufacturing through trade missions and new on-site presence in key strategic locations.

New Dream Home China projects will be launched in Beijing and Guangzhou to build on the successful effort in Shanghai that is already opening new markets for B.C. forest products.

The Asia-Pacific Trade Council and the B.C. Competition Council will recommend ways to maximize British Columbia's competitiveness and productivity.

Your government will work closely with B.C.'s tourism associations to help British Columbia become the destination of choice for Asian tourists, as China opens its doors to foreign travel. We have incredible competitive advantages in cultural tourism, eco-tourism, agri-tourism, resort tourism, and Aboriginal tourism to capture the world's attention.

In the new creative economy, investment and workers around the Pacific Rim will choose to locate in places that understand their culture, speak their language, and meet their needs.

New investments in languages, research, art, culture, and urban revitalization are not just critical elements in building an enlightened society. They are competitive advantages we will use to attract talent and create jobs.

New Pacific Studies Programs will be developed and offered at key universities, colleges, and institutes across B.C.

New Internet access to government services and programs will be offered in multiple languages. Your government will act to expand training in Mandarin, Japanese, Punjabi, and Korean. It will develop new incentives for students to take these courses and carry them to successful completion.

The One World Scholarship will be introduced this year to help post-secondary students pursue their studies in other Pacific nations. A new Pacific Horizons for Youth program will be developed to support student travel exchanges with families across the Pacific.

New steps will be taken to support our arts community. A new Asia-Pacific Museum of Trade and Culture, a new national Centre of Northwest Aboriginal Art and Culture, and a World Women's History Museum will all be initiated.

The world we want for ourselves and our children is what the entire world wants and should find in British Columbia. We want sustainable, vibrant, creative communities and a province that lives in balance with all it has been blessed with by Nature.

The new Central Coast and North Coast land use plans cover an area twice the size of Belgium and a protected area three times the size of Prince Edward Island.

They represent an unprecedented collaboration between communities, First Nations, industries, environmental organizations, and government. At the heart of those plans is a new eco-system based management model that balances community stability and job creation with conservation.

The new KITASOO Spirit Bear Conservancy will ensure important habitat for the precious Kermode bear is protected for evermore.

The Spirit Bear is a magnificent symbol for British Columbia.

It speaks to the majesty, uniqueness, and mystery of our province. It is a powerful presence and a thing of wonder that lives in a magical land of beauty, grace, and unbridled potential.

The B.C. Spirit Bear symbolizes the essence of the spirit of British Columbia. It evokes our unique Aboriginal heritage and First Nations' special relationship with this land and all who live upon it.

The B.C. Spirit Bear is such a compelling symbol and such an inspiration, that your government will act to make it our official provincial animal.

Transforming British Columbians' Quality of Life

Our changing world is also challenging families and communities.

The transformation your government seeks has one purpose in mind: to help all British Columbians make the most of their potential, supported by loving families and safe communities.

In that regard, four key challenges are evident: the need to improve child and family services; the need to combat substance abuse and crime; the need to forge a New Relationship with First Nations; and the need to provide new options for housing.

Advances will be made on all of those priorities in the year ahead.

New efforts will be made to improve and modernize child protection services, and to learn from the independent reviews now underway.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development has faced many challenges over the years. Although its failings have been well-documented, its successes have attracted little notice. Your government applauds the work of all those who do so much to help protect children-at-risk, day in and day out.

Yet improvements in child protection can and must be made. Your government will act to advance that goal through the regionalization of Aboriginal child and family service delivery.

The new regional authority model for the delivery of child protection services is the product of years of consultation and expert advice. It is aimed at better serving Aboriginal children's needs and better supporting First Nations families in their communities.

The new delivery model will not be flawless. But it is aimed at improving children's lives and fostering a new relationship with First Nations.

Working closely with First Nations leaders and other governments across Canada, we can close the gaps that have disadvantaged Aboriginal children and families in the past. That is the point of the Kelowna Accord.

It is vital that Aboriginal people have the same economic and social opportunities as any of our citizens.

New incentives will be put in place to help Aboriginal students who have dropped out of school complete their studies. New steps will be taken to recruit qualified Aboriginal individuals to fill openings in the public sector. A new Aboriginal internship program will be established to provide opportunities for learning throughout the provincial and municipal public services.

The new relationship your government hopes to build is a true partnership of opportunity. It obliges us to build on Canada's First Nations heritage as a critical advantage in nation-building. It obliges us to forge a new relationship based on mutual respect, recognition, and Aboriginals' constitutional rights.

British Columbia is determined to lead Canada and walk the path together to lasting reconciliation.

The growing problem of substance abuse is another challenge that demands our urgent attention. Your government will act now to expand its efforts to prevent and reduce substance abuse.

Efforts to fight and treat the scourge of crystal meth will be backstopped by a major new public awareness campaign. New funding will be provided to support prevention and treatment programs at the community level.

Your government will continue to push for tough new minimum sentences under the Criminal Code for drug traffickers, as well as for immediate extradition of foreign traffickers. When drug traffickers ply their poison and prey upon the most vulnerable in our society, they know exactly what they are doing.

They are trading in human misery, dependency, and death. And it is up to all levels of government to do what they can to stamp that out.

New technology will be used to give police new tools in law enforcement and integrated policing strategies. New teams are now fighting cyber crime, sexual predators, and gang violence, and others are working together to solve homicides.

Those measures will be bolstered this session with amendments to strengthen and expand requirements for criminal record checks to better protect children.

The Coroner's Office will also be strengthened to help prevent avoidable deaths. Several steps have been taken to prevent violence against women — and more will be taken this year.

Community courts and Aboriginal courts offer the potential to take pressure off our traditional court system through innovative approaches that have worked well in other jurisdictions. These new courts for communities and First Nations will form part of your government's integrated strategy to improve public safety and combat property crime.

Working with Aboriginal leaders, your government will examine the potential for correctional facilities that better meet Aboriginal cultural needs while enhancing protection to all communities in our society.

Your government will act to strengthen families and communities in other ways.

It will change employment programs to help people on income assistance overcome their challenges in finding employment. Today's employable welfare recipients often face persistent and multiple barriers to employment that beg to be addressed. Your government will act to help them.

The problem of homelessness is growing. Homelessness leads to despair, which sadly leads to addiction, which too often leads to crime. The Premier's Task Force on Homelessness, Addictions and Mental Health has developed strategies to help.

Your government's \$263 million mental health strategy has helped as well. Yet there are far too many people living on our streets and far too many people waiting for housing.

This year, your government will act to address these needs with a ground-breaking new housing strategy aimed at helping those most in need, more quickly and effectively. The new housing program will give individuals greater choice and new flexibility. It will transform housing options to help people positively transform their lives.

Conclusion

In the last four-and-a-half years, British Columbians have seen how far they can come when they work together to reach a goal.

The changes made were not easy. But they have put us on a footing that few could have imagined only a few short years ago.

Our work is far from done. British Columbia's great transformation has just begun.

The strength of our province has always been the strength of its people — as leaders, builders, innovators, risk-takers, and pioneers of opportunity.

These are exciting times of monumental potential.

Let us reach for the great promise of British Columbia and fashion our golden decade together.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General), Bill (No. 1) intitled *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.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Sindi Hawkins*, Member for Kelowna-Mission Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. *Farnworth*, seconded by the Hon. *M. de Jong*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Sue Hammell*, Member for Surrey-Green Timbers Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Harry Bloy*, Member for Burquitlam 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. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General), it was *Ordered*—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. 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. Campbell* (Premier) moved that the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Aboriginal Affairs;
2. Education;
3. Finance and Government Services;
4. Health;
5. Public Accounts;
6. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
7. 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. *M. de Jong* (Convener), Messrs. *Cantelon*, *Hogg*, *Jarvis*, *Nuraney*, Ms. *Roddick*, Messrs. *Farnworth* and *Horgan*, Ms. *Conroy* and Ms. *Kwan*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.55 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows:

1. That Standing Order 14 be amended by adding a further sentence at the end of the Standing Orders as follows:

“In addition, the House may appoint one of the Members of the Official Opposition to be Assistant Deputy Speaker.”

2. That Standing Order 25B be amended by deleting the words “Three Private Members” in the first sentence and substituting the words “Six Private Members”, and further by amending Standing Order 25B (2) by deleting the words “three Members” and substituting the words “six Members”.

3. That Standing Order 47A be amended by deleting the words “15 minute” in the first sentence and substituting the words “30 minute”.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Mr. *Black* moved, seconded by Ms. *Whittred*—

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.

The debate continued.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Krog* rose on a point of order and apologized for comments made earlier in debate.

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Thursday, February 16, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

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 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, February 16, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

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 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.41 p.m.

Monday, February 20, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Karagianis*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

36 By leave, Mr. *Hayer* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports the comprehensive, wide-ranging \$3 billion Gateway Transportation Program to open up British Columbia's transportation network which will reduce congestion, meet the needs of our growing economy, increase Asia-Pacific trade, and a growing population.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, February 20, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 38th Provincial General Election and the Referendum on Electoral Reform held on May 17, 2005.

Mr. *Lekstrom* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the First Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Lekstrom* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered:

1. To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the pre-budget consultation report prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* and, in particular, to:

- (a) Conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings, telephone and electronic means;
- (b) Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2006 on the results of those consultations; and

2. (a) To consider and make recommendations on the annual reports, rolling three-year service plans and budgets of the following statutory officers:

- Auditor General;
- Chief Electoral Officer;
- Conflict of Interest Commissioner;
- Information and Privacy Commissioner;
- Ombudsman;
- Police Complaint Commissioner; and,

- (b) To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by any of the Officers listed in 2(a) above.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, the committee shall be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned and during any sitting of the House;

- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain 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. *M. de Jong* moved—

1. That the reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly during the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth parliament be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, with the exception of the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act*, which is referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. And, in addition, that the following reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

- a. Government of BC and Office of the Auditor General Report *An Assurance Program for BC: A Progress Report on the February 2002 Recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee of BC Related to Building Better Reports* (September 2004).
- b. Auditor General Report No. 6, 2004/2005 *Leading the Way: Adopting Best Practices in Government Financial Reporting -- 2003/2004* (November 2004).
- c. Auditor General Report No. 8, 2004/2005 *Follow-up of 2002/2003 Report 5: Managing Contaminated Sites on Provincial Lands* (November 2004).
- d. Auditor General Report No. 9, 2004/2005 *Follow-up of Two Health Risk Reports* (December 2004).
- e. Auditor General Report No. 12, 2004/2005, *Third Follow-up Report of Management Consulting Engagements in Government* (March 2005).
- f. Auditor General Report No. 13, 2004/2005, *Building Momentum for Results-based Management: A Study about Managing for Results in British Columbia* (March 2005).
- g. Auditor General Report No. 1, 2005/2006, *Follow-up of the Recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts contained in its Fourth Report of the 3rd Session of the 36th Parliament: Earthquake Preparedness; Performance Audit* (May 2005).
- h. Auditor General Report No. 2, 2005/06, *Joint Follow-up of 2001/2002: Report 1 Managing Interface Fire Risks and Firestorm 2003 Provincial Review* (May 2005).
- i. Auditor General Report No. 3, 2005/2006, *Audit of the Government's Corporate Accounting System: Part 1* (June 2005).

2. That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be the committee referred to in sections 2, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act*.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, 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 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. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be appointed to review the annual reports and service plans of British Columbia Crown Corporations.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, 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 and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain 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. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Education be empowered to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to finding effective strategies to address the specific challenge of adult literacy and, in particular, to conduct consultations to consider:

1. Successful strategies from other jurisdictions on the promotion of adult literacy.
2. Specific strategies to improve literacy rates among aboriginal people, English-as-a-Second-Language adults, and seniors.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Education, the Committee shall be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned 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 no later than November 30, 2006, 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. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Health be empowered to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to finding effective strategies to change behaviour and encourage children and youth to adopt lifelong health habits that will improve their health and curb the growing rate of obesity to achieve the great goal of leading the way in North America in healthy living and physical fitness.

The Committee is also empowered to conduct consultations and to:

1. Report on recommendations from the Select Standing Committee on Health Report from 2004 titled *The Path to Health and Wellness: Making British Columbians Healthier by 2010*.

2. Conduct research into other successful childhood health and wellness promotion campaigns in other jurisdictions to analyze their potential effectiveness in BC.

3. Undertake discussions on how to promote childhood health and wellness including the appropriate use of incentives and disincentives to help influence behaviour, particularly as it relates to healthy nutrition and physical activity.

4. Undertake discussions with experts and if necessary undertake research into the factors contributing to unhealthy eating and physical inactivity in youth of today.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Health, the Committee shall be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned 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 no later than November 30, 2006, 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. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture be appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to Sustainable Aquaculture in British Columbia and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing to consider:

- 1. The economic and environmental impacts of the aquaculture industry in B.C.
- 2. The economic impact of aquaculture on B.C.'s coastal and isolated communities.
- 3. Sustainable options for aquaculture in B.C. that balance economic goals with environmental imperatives, focusing on the interaction between aquaculture, wild fish and the marine environment.
- 4. B.C.'s regulatory regime as it compares to other jurisdictions.
- 5. Solicit and consider written and oral submissions from any interested person or organization by any means the Committee considers appropriate;

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 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 but no later than May 31, 2007 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. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 5.01 of the *Public Service Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385, the appointment of an individual to hold office as the Merit Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia, 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 any 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 of the House, 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 the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend the appointment of an Ombudsman, pursuant to Section 2 (2) of the *Ombudsman Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 340), and that the said Committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition is 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.

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 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thorne*.

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 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion of the Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance), 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. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith:

Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2007; and

Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2007;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 20, 2006.

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

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier), “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 Ms. *Kwan*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bills (Nos. 2, 3 and 4) intituled:
Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2006;
Public Agency Accommodation Act; and
Agriculture and Lands Statutes Amendment Act, 2006;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 20, 2006.

Bills introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Budget and Fiscal Plan 2006/07 – 2008/09 required under section 7 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Government’s 2006/07 – 2008/09 Strategic Plan required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Advanced Education; Ministry of Agriculture and Lands; Agricultural Land Commission; Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Community Services; BC Public Service Agency; Ministry of Economic Development; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Ministry of Environment including Environmental Assessment Office; Ministry of Finance and Associated Entities; Ministry of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing; Forest Practices Board; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Labour and Citizens’ Services; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Small Business and Revenue; Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts; Ministry of Transportation;

Crown Agencies Service Plans: BC Assessment Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; British Columbia Innovation Council; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation (PavCo); BC Railway Company; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; BC Transmission Corporation; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; First Peoples’ Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Homeowner Protection Office; Industry Training Authority; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Partnerships British Columbia; Provincial Capital Commission; Royal BC Museum Corporation; Tourism British Columbia; Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Limited; and

List of Organizations that have been exempted from section 13 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, and for which service plans are not being filed.

And then the House adjourned at 3.40 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cubberley*.

On the motion of Mr. *Cubberley*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2006* 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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *M. de Jong* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection, which read as follows:

FIRST REPORT

OAK COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
FEBRUARY 22, 2006

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on February 14, 2006 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Committees of this House reports that the following is the list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees and Special Committees for the present Session:

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — Ms. *Polak* (Convener), Messrs. *Austin, Coons, Fraser, Mr. Horning, Mr. Lali, Mr. MacKay, Mmes. McIntyre, Roddick and Whittred*.

CROWN CORPORATIONS — Mr. *Black* (Convener), Mr. *Cantelon*, Messrs. *Chudnovsky, Evans, Gentner, Messrs. Jarvis, Lekstrom, MacKay, Mr. Puchmayr and Mr. Rustad*.

EDUCATION — Mr. *Nuraney* (Convener), Mr. *Horgan*, Messrs. *Jarvis, Lee, Mayencourt, Ms. Polak, Messrs. Robertson, Routley, Mr. Rustad and Ms. Thorne*.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES — Mr. *Lekstrom* (Convener), Messrs. *Bloy, Hayer, Hogg, Ms. Karagianis, Mr. Krog, Ms. Kwan, Mr. Lee, Mr. Simons and Mr. Yap*.

HEALTH — Mr. *Sultan* (Convener), Ms. *Conroy, Mr. Cubberley, Messrs. Hayer, Jarvis, Nuraney, Ms. Roddick, Mr. Sather, Ms. Whittred and Mr. Wyse*.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS — Mr. *Horning* (Convener), Mr. *Bloy, Messrs. Chouhan, Cubberley, Farnworth, Fleming, Messrs. Hawes, Hogg, Krueger and Mayencourt*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS — Mr. *Fleming* (Convener), Mr. *Bains*, Messrs. *Black*, *Cantelon*, Mr. *Dix*, Mr. *Hawes*, Ms. *Karagianis*, Mmes. *McIntyre*, *Polak*, Mr. *Ralston*, Messrs. *Rustad*, *Sultan*, Ms. *Thorne* and Mr. *Yap*.

SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE — Mr. *Austin* (Convener), Mr. *Cantelon*, Messrs. *Coons*, *Fraser*, Messrs. *Hogg*, *Jarvis*, Messrs. *Robertson*, *S. Simpson*, Ms. *Trevena* and Mr. *Yap*.

APPOINT AN OMBUDSMAN — Mr. *Rustad* (Convener), Mr. *Cantelon*, Mr. *Krog*, Ms. *Polak* and Ms. *Thorne*.

APPOINT A MERIT COMMISSIONER — Mr. *Rustad* (Convener), Mr. *Cantelon*, Mr. *Krog*, Ms. *Polak* and Ms. *Thorne*.

HON. M. DE JONG, *Chair*

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

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. *Hayer*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 23, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith:

Supplementary Estimates No. 1 — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2006;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 23, 2006.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates — Other Appropriations, Contingencies).

(IN COMMITTEE)

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The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, February 23, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE)

48 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies – Negotiating Framework Initiative (All Ministries) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

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The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That the report of resolution from the Committee of Supply on February 23, 2006, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of \$1,000,000,000. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act, 2005-2006* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

Motion agreed to.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act, 2005-2006 (Supplementary Estimates No. 1)* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 23, 2006.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Speaker stated that pursuant to established practice, the Bill would proceed through all stages in one day.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act, 2005-2006 (Supplementary Estimates No. 1)*, the House divided.

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

YEAS—58

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Oppal</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>		

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

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. *Puchmayr*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.41 p.m.

Monday, February 27, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Whitted*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The Hon. *M. deJong* rose on a point of order regarding the admissibility of Bill (No. M 201).

Mr. *Farnworth* made representations.

The Speaker ruled as follows:

Honourable Members:

Section 16 of the *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2003* provides that the Act comes into effect by regulation of the Lieutenant Governor.

Bill M 201, *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2006*, was introduced by the Member for Saanich South and would alter section 16 by deleting the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council and substituting a fixed date, namely February 22, 2006.

On a number of occasions, Speakers in this House have ruled that a bill in the hands of a private member which concerns prerogatives of the Crown is out of order unless sanctioned by the Crown. (See *Journals* 1965, March 17th, page 139 and *Journals* 1881, pages 22 and 23.)

BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

10 By leave, Mr. *Chudnovsky* moved—

Be it resolved that this House call upon the BC government to establish a public inquiry into the sale of BC Rail.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, February 27, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Mayencourt*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Apology 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Community Services) tabled the Twenty-Ninth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act* for the year ended March 31, 2005.

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. *Jarvis*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

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. *C. Richmond*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General Service Plan 2006/2007–2008/2009.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* 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. Section A shall consist of 18 Members, being 11 Members of the B.C. Liberal Party and 7 Members of the New Democratic Party. 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 second session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Cantelon, Hayer, Horning, Krueger, Lee, Lekstrom, MacKay, Nuraney* and *Yap*, and Ms. *Polak* and Ms. *Roddick*, Messrs. *Bains, Chouhan, Cubberley, Evans, Farnworth, Fraser* and Ms. *Conroy*.

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) Opposition; and
- (3) Government.

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 A 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 A, and for all purposes Section A shall be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole. Such referrals to Section A 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 Rule Nos. 3 and 9.

Motion agreed to.

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. *McIntyre*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cantelon*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *B. Simpson* tabled a petition regarding the revoking of coal license tenures.

Mr. *Fleming* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the First Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament, entitled Annual Review of Auditor General Reports.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Fleming* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

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. *Cantelon*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Thursday, March 2, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Roddick*.

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. *C. Richmond*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, March 2, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

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—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—23

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Monday, March 6, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Routley*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Apology Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Monday, March 6, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

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.

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

The debate continued.

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

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. Hansen*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.42 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Simons*.

The House recessed until 11.10 a.m.

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, having entered the chamber, addressed the Assembly.

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made remarks.

Ms. *C. James* (Leader of the Official Opposition) made remarks.

Her Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 11.41 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

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.

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

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Robertson*.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 7, 2006.*

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. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 1, 2006.*

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 “Members’ Statements.”

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.

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

The debate continued.

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

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>		

NAYS—27

S. Simpson
Evans
Fleming
Farnworth
Kwan
Brar
B. Simpson

Cubberley
Hammell
Coons
Simons
Puchmayr
Gentner
Fraser

Horgan
Lali
Dix
Trevena
Bains
Karagianis
Ralston

Austin
Chudnovsky
Chouhan
Sather
Macdonald
Conroy

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.34 p.m.

Thursday, March 9, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Dix*.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens’ Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 7, 2006.

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 House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, March 9, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Public Agency Accommodation Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 3) 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. 4) intituled *Agriculture and Lands Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

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.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,888,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,724,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Public Affairs Bureau, to 31st March, 2007.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$617,800,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 2007.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$740,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs, to 31st March, 2007.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Family Bonus, to 31st March, 2007.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Commissions on Collection of Public Funds, to 31st March, 2007.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.

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 Finance) to be considered at the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2006*, 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.26 p.m.

Monday, March 20, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

49 By leave, Mr. *Brar* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the importance of the anniversary of the creation of the Khalsa, celebrated every year as the festival of Vaisakhi; and the contributions Canadian Sikhs have made to our country and our province; and that this House also recognize the importance of the Panj Kakkaar: the **Kirpan** — a ceremonial sword representing indomitable spirit; the **Kes** — unshorn hair, representing a simple life, saintliness and devotion to God; the **Kara** — a steel bangle worn as a sign of eternity of God; the **Kanga** — a wooden comb worn to represent a clean mind and body; and the **Kacha** — short breeches, representing hygienic living.

The debate continued.

Motion unanimously agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, March 20, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Tobacco Sales (Preventing Youth Access to Tobacco) Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Vancouver Law Courts,
March 20, 2006.*

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. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens’ Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2005-2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Vancouver Law Courts,
February 23, 2006.*

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. *I. Chong* (Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Community Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
March 17, 2006.

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. *Polak*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Patricia Community Club (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2006* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2005/06 Report 7: Follow-up of 2003/2004 Report 4: Alternative Payments to Physicians: A Program in Need of Change.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Public Agency Accommodation Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business and Revenue, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.

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 and Revenue) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.50 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Yap*.

The Hon. *T. Christensen* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *New Relationship Trust Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
March 17, 2006.

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. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2005/2006 Report 8: Managing PharmaCare: Slow Progress Toward Cost-Effective Drug Use and a Sustainable Program.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2005-2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—70

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>		

Bill (No. 6) 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, 2006* 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)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2004.

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.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2006* was again committed.

In consideration of sections 29 and 30 of Bill (No. 2) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>			

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<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	

Bill (No. 2) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Tobacco Sales (Preventing Youth Access to Tobacco) Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Agriculture and Lands Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

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.

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cantelon*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) presented the Office of the Auditor General 2005/2006 Report 9: Leading the Way – Adopting Best Practices in Financial Reporting 2004/05.

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.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2005-2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *New Relationship Trust Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

The debate continued.

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. 12) intituled *Tobacco Sales (Preventing Youth Access to Tobacco) Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.02 p.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *MacKay*.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Community Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

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. 11) intituled *New Relationship Trust Act* was committed.

Section 13 of Bill (No. 11) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 11) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Deregulation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 22, 2006.*

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. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Income Trust Liability Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 22, 2006.*

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. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services), on behalf of the Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 21, 2006.*

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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) tabled Major Capital Project Plans required pursuant to the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* with respect to Aberfeldie Redevelopment and Coquitlam Dam Seismic Improvement Project.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,234,026,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$602,269,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Living Services, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

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 Children and Family Development) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

Monday, March 27, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Brar*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

57 By leave, Ms. *Whittred* moved—

Be it resolved that this House encourages the government to end the practice of mandatory retirement.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Monday, March 27, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

F. ALLEN MELVIN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
March 27, 2006.

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. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 2006.

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. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 2006.

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 Mr. *Hayer*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Christ for the Nations Bible College Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

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 and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,369,415,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.46 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Austin*.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

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

Government House,
March 26, 2006.

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. *B. Penner* (Minister of Environment and Minister Responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities) tabled a petition regarding affordable housing.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsman Special Report No. 28: Ombudsman Investigation of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre's Complaints about the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

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.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Community Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

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.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* 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)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Cubberley*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Tobacco Statutes (Prohibiting Tobacco Sales From Pharmacies) Amendment Act, 2006* 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Conroy* tabled a petition regarding the Health Team at Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital and Continuing Care.

Mr. *B. Simpson* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

By leave, Mr. *Mayencourt* moved—

That Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Apology Act* be withdrawn from the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) tabled the following:

Copy of a letter to the Deputy Minister of Forests and Range and Ministry Responsible for Housing dated November 14, 2005; and

Copy of a letter from the Conflict of Interest Commissioner dated November 17, 2005.

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.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was again committed.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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 titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 3) *Public Agency Accommodation Act.*

Bill (No. 4) *Agriculture and Lands Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 6) *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2005-2006.*

Bill (No. 8) *Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 10) *Community Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 11) *New Relationship Trust Act.*

Bill (No. 12) *Tobacco Sales (Preventing Youth Access to Tobacco) Amendment Act, 2006.*

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

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 these Acts.”

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 5) *Supply Act, 2005-2006 (Supplementary Estimates No. 1).*

Bill (No. 7) *Supply Act (No. 1), 2006.*

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

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 these Acts.”

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Wyse.

Order called for “Members' Statements.”

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.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, 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. 19) intituled *Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act*, a debate arose.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Income Trust Liability Act*, a debate arose.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 18) 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 *Apology Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.48 p.m.

Thursday, March 30, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Simons*.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 2006.

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. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2005/06 Report 10: Building Better Reports: Our Assessment of the 2004/05 Annual Service Plan Reports of Government.

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.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of Transportation) tabled a petition from British Columbia Parents and Teachers for Life.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Income Trust Liability Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,195,667,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.

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 Education) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, March 30, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *L. Reid* (Minister of State for Childcare) advised the House of the death of Val Anderson, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly, and requested the House observe a minute of silence.

The House observed a minute of silence.

Mr. *Farnworth* made a statement.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Recommendations for Legislative Change, March 2006.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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 titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 9) *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 13) *Income Trust Liability Act.*

Bill (No. 14) *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 15) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 17) *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 18) *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 19) *Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act.*

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

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 these Acts.”

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.37 p.m.

Monday, April 3, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members' Statements.”

59 By leave, Mr. *Dix* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the genocide of the Armenians as a crime against humanity. Be it further resolved that this House urge the BC government to designate April 24th of every year hereafter throughout BC as a day of remembrance for the 1.5 million Armenians who fell victim to the first genocide of the 20th Century.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Monday, April 3, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Minister of Employment and Income Assistance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

F. ALLEN MELVIN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Employment and Income Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
March 29, 2006.

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. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

F. ALLEN MELVIN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Supplements Repeal Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
March 29, 2006.

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. *O. Ilich* (Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

F. ALLEN MELVIN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Resort Timber Administration Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
March 29, 2006.

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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Routley* tabled a petition regarding new meat processing regulations on Vancouver Island.

Mr. *Horgan* tabled a petition regarding new meat processing regulations on Vancouver Island.

Ms. *Conroy* tabled a petition regarding the Health Team at Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital and Continuing Care.

Ms. *Conroy* tabled a petition regarding the quality of provided care at the Kelowna Regional Hospital.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,778,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.53 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Lee*.

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

F. ALLEN MELVIN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
March 29, 2006.

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 House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$84,868,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,108,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2007.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,984,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Integrated Land Management Bureau, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

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 and Lands) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.46 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *James* tabled a petition regarding eligibility of float home owners for the Home Owner Grant.

The Hon. *J. Les* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Report, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

By leave, the Hon. *P. Bell* (Minister of Agriculture and Lands) tabled a decision document from the Agricultural Land Commission for Sun River Developments.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Lee*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

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 and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.48 p.m.

Thursday, April 6, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Polak*.

The Hon. *J. Les* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) on behalf of the Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

F. ALLEN MELVIN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Safety Standards Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
March 29, 2006.

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.

Mr. *Lee* presented a petition to halt the Gateway Project.

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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Apology Act*.

Mr. *Krog* moved the following amendment:

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Apology Act*, be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting “the bill not be read a second time now because, generally, the content and subject matter of the bill require further study and discussion, including public hearings and consultations, and specifically:

- (a) statutory protection for an apology is a novel concept in British Columbia and Canada and must be the subject of further public debate before proceeding with legislation;
- (b) the purposes and implications of providing statutory protection for an apology are understood differently by different individuals and groups in British Columbia and have not been fully and fairly considered;
- (c) the bill is vague and its scope and application are unclear; and
- (d) the bill’s omissions must be studied and discussed, including the omission of exceptions to prohibit statutory protection for an apology in relation to liability in connection with specific matters, such as
 - (i) intentional acts meant to cause personal injury or death,
 - (ii) sexual offences, and
 - (iii) personal injury or death resulting from the use of tobacco products.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—27

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

NAYS—39

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16), the House divided.

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

YEAS—66

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Horgan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>		

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.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, April 6, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

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 and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$152,559,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,575,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2007.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,961,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 2007.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

Monday, April 24, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The Hon. *B. Penner* (Minister of Environment and Minister Responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Park (Conservancy Enabling) Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 5, 2006.

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 Mr. *Mayencourt*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Safe Schools 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.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

36 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 36 with respect to the Gateway Transportation Program.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, April 24, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made a statement regarding the 80th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made a statement regarding the death of Myles Mansell of Victoria, one of four Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

Ms. *James* made a statement.

Mr. *Horgan* made a statement.

The House observed a minute of silence.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

F. ALLEN MELVIN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Public Inquiry Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Victoria Law Courts,
April 3, 2006.*

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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That Standing Order 68 (1) be amended to include a ninth Select Standing Committee intituled Children and Youth.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 20) 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. 26) intituled *Supplements Repeal Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 26) 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. 21) intituled *Employment and Income Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 21) 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. 24) intituled *Resort Timber Administration Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—33

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>			

Bill (No. 24) 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. 22) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 22) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,674,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,560,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Contracts and Funding Arrangements, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

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 Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.53 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

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.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 2006* 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)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 21, 2006.

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 “Members’ Statements.”

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.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 2006* was again committed.

Ms. *Kwan* moved an amendment to section 19 of Bill (No. 20) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—32

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>

NAYS—42

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>		

Section 19 of Bill (No. 20) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 20) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Supplements Repeal Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Apology Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Resort Timber Administration Act* 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)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

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.

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Chouhan*.

The Hon. *J. Les* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Public Safety and Solicitor General Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 26, 2006.

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. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health), on behalf of the Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing), presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

F. ALLEN MELVIN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
March 29, 2006.

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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Rustad* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint an Ombudsman for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Rustad* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Rustad* moved—

That this House recommend to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Ms. Kim Carter as a statutory Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Ombudsman for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Ombudsman Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 340).

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.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Resort Timber Administration Act* was again committed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report the Bill complete without amendment was agreed to *nemini contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—63

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	

Bill (No. 24) was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 24), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>			

NAYS—23

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>	

Bill (No. 24) was read a third time and passed.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Employment and Income Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 21) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—42

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>		

NAYS—25

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Hammell</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 \$1,981,707,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education and progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

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 Advanced Education) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.52 p.m.

Thursday, April 27, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thorne*.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Adult Guardianship and Personal Planning Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 26, 2006.

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 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.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Employment and Income Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was again committed.

Section 5 of Bill (No. 21) passed, on division.

Section 9 of Bill (No. 21) passed, on division.

Section 12 of Bill (No. 21) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 21) was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 21) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—43

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	

NAYS—25

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Hammell</i>			

Bill (No. 21) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Park (Conservancy Enabling) Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 28) 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. 29) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Abbott*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, April 27, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Education and Deputy Premier and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 33) intituled *Education (Learning Enhancement) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 27, 2006.*

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. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 27, 2006.*

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 "Members' Statements."

The House observed a minute of silence for workers who have lost their lives or have been injured as a result of their work in British Columbia.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the referendum on electoral reform.

Mr. *Krog* made a statement.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled the WorkSafeBC Annual Report, 2005 and 2006–2008 Service Plan together with a Report on Statistics, 2005.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

Monday, May 1, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Whittred*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

60 By leave, Mr. *Bains* moved—

Be it resolved that this House urge the government to ensure that, when a landlord of a manufactured home-park gives notice to end a tenancy agreement in order to convert all or a significant part of a manufactured home-park to another use, manufactured homeowners receive adequate compensation from the landlord and the landlord is required to put in place a relocation agreement that is satisfactory to the manufactured homeowners.

The debate continued.

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

62 By leave, Mr. *Lali* moved—

Be it resolved that this House requests TransLink to name the RAV Canada Line station at 49th and Cambie Street the “Punjabi Market - Langara Station” to reflect the ethnic diversity of the neighbourhood.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, May 1, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

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 and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$236,621,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,518,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community Services, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2007.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,695,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services and the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts.

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 Community Services and Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts) to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 1: Strengthening Public Accountability: (a journey on a road that never ends).

And then the House adjourned at 8.52 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Children and Family Development) tabled a petition regarding reinstatement of the Children's Commission.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Chouhan*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2006* 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Les* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 2005.

Mr. *Horning* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT

BIRCH ROOM,
APRIL 26, 2006

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

(1) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Patricia Community Club (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2006* has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;

(2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Christ for the Nations Bible College Act* has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HORNING, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Horning* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bill (No. Pr 401) and Bill (No. Pr 402) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cantelon*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

By leave, Ms. *Kwan* tabled a letter referred to during Oral Question Period.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Safety Standards Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—67

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Horgan</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	

Bill (No. 25) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*.

Bill (No. 29) 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. 28) intituled *Park (Conservancy Enabling) Amendment Act, 2006* was committed.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Bill (No. 28) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Public Safety and Solicitor General Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 31) 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)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$309,328,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resoluton and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

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 Economic Development) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.50 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Polak*.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 34) intituled *Representative for Children and Youth Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
April 4, 2006.

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 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.

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Public Safety and Solicitor General Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed.

Mr. *Gentner* moved a proposed amendment to section 6 of Bill (No. 31), which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 31) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *Education (Learning Enhancement) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Abbott*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.46 a.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the Kelowna Accord.

Mr. *Farnworth* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Farnworth* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the failure of the federal government to honour its commitment to the Transformative Change Accord, known as the Kelowna Accord.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made a statement.

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

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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *Education (Learning Enhancement) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—54

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Horgan</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>		

Bill (No. 33) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

By leave, Mr. *Farnworth* moved—

That the House do now adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the failure of the federal government to honour its commitment to the Transformative Change Accord, known as the Kelowna Accord, abandoning the tri-partite agreement and action plan to improve the socio-economic conditions of Canada's Aboriginal peoples and, as a result, putting the honour of the Crown into disrepute.

A debate arose.

By leave, the Hon. *T. Christensen* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) tabled the following:

A document entitled First Ministers and National Aboriginal Leaders Strengthening Relationships and Closing the Gap; and

A document entitled Transformative Change Accord between the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Canada and The Leadership Council Representing the First Nations of British Columbia.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* tabled a document relating to the Transformative Change Accord.

The debate continued.

The House returned to "Orders of the Day."

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$473,203,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,511,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Direct Fire, to 31st March, 2007.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$209,702,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Housing and Homelessness, to 31st March, 2007.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,637,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

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 Forests and Range) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Trevena*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

36 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 36 with respect to the Gateway Transportation Program.

The debate continued.

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

13 By leave, Mr. *Lee* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the Foundation Skills Assessment as it provides valuable information on how well BC students are learning skills necessary to succeed in life.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, May 8, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Fleming*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Payday Lending Act, 2006* 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 "Members' Statements."

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.

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Safety Standards Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.50 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Puchmayr*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.
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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2005.

Mr. *Puchmayr* presented a petition in support of medical safety sharp regulation.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health. 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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.
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.

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thorne*.

On the motion of Mr. *Brar*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Crystal Meth Prevention Act, 2006*, 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 "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made a statement pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (1) regarding the completion of scheduled business within the allotted time.

Mr. *Farnworth* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Horning* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT

BIRCH ROOM,
MAY 10, 2006

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

That the Revision of the *Union of British Columbia Municipalities Act* prepared pursuant to the *Statute Revision Act* and attached hereto, is approved and the Committee recommends that it be brought into force.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HORNING, *Chairman*

The Report was read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Horning* moved that the Report be adopted.

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.

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Education (Learning Enhancement) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

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<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Lali</i>		

Bill (No. 27) 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)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$839,458,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

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 Transportation) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.01 p.m.

Thursday, May 11, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Karagianis*.

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.

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Education (Learning Enhancement) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was again committed.

Section 11, as amended, of Bill (No. 33) passed *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—67

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	

Bill (No. 33) was reported complete, with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 33), the House divided.

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

YEAS—69

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hagen</i>			

By leave, Bill (No. 33) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.03 p.m.

Thursday, May 11, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled a Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner pursuant to section 19 (1) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* in the Matter of an Application by *Shane Simpson*, MLA for Vancouver-Hastings, Opposition Critic for Environment, with respect to Alleged Contraventions of Provisions of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* by the Honourable *Pat Bell*, MLA for Prince George North, Minister of Agriculture and Lands.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2005.

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.

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Patricia Community Club (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2006*, was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Christ for the Nations Bible College Act*, was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2006*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—39

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	

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<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Conroy</i>

Bill (No. 30) 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)

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,767,963,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

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 Health) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Monday, May 15, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

Mr. *Dix* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

64 By leave, Ms. *James* moved—

Be it resolved that this House act on the advice of the Chief Electoral Officer and address public concerns regarding the financing of political parties and third-party election campaign spending by referring the issue to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills. Specifically, that the Select Standing Committee be empowered to:

(a) examine and make recommendations regarding appropriate limits on, and accounting of, fundraising by, and donations to, political parties; and

(b) examine and make recommendations on the definition of the election campaign period for the purposes of election expenses and the identification of election advertising sponsors.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, the Committee be empowered:

(a) to review all current election financing provisions and report back to the Legislature;

(b) establish a definition of the election campaign period for the purposes of election expenses and the identification of election advertising sponsors and report back to the Legislature;

(c) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;

(d) 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;

(e) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and

(f) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, May 15, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Cubberley* presented a petition in support of medical safety sharp regulation.

Ms. *Hawkins* presented a petition in support of medical safety sharp regulation.

Mr. *B. Simpson* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, loss of sovereignty under the accelerated negotiation and ratification of the softwood lumber framework agreement.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* reserved his right to respond.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the British Columbia Legislative Library Annual Report, 2005.

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.

Bill (No. 30) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2006* was committed.

In consideration of section 12 of Bill (No. 30) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Roddick</i>			

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<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>

Section 50 of Bill (No. 30) passed, on division.

In consideration of section 56 of Bill (No. 30), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—42

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>		

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<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>

On the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 30) complete with amendment, the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—43

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	

NAYS—31

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

Bill (No. 30) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made representations with respect to the Standing Order 35 application.

Mr. *Farnworth* made representations.

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

The House recessed until 7.00 p.m.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier the Honourable Member for Cariboo North sought leave under Standing Order 35 to move adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the provincial and federal governments have fast-tracked the final softwood agreement with the United States to conclude as early as June 15 and the House should be adjourned in order to address the question of surrender of sovereignty that both the federal and provincial ministers have accepted as a feature of that agreement.

In support of his application, the Honourable Member for Cariboo North specifically noted that the accelerated nature of the negotiations has not provided for any public review of the agreement and its terms. He also noted that the availability of new information regarding the proposed agreement, was recently confirmed by the federal International Trade Minister.

The Government House Leader responded briefly to this submission just prior to the dinner break. In his remarks, he reminded the Chair that the issue of the softwood lumber negotiations has been ongoing in nature, and this new information with respect to the ongoing dispute should not successfully qualify the Member's application of Standing Order 35 for an emergency debate on this issue. I thank both Members, as well as the Opposition House Leader, for their helpful comments in this matter.

An examination of the *Journals* of this House will reveal many Speakers' opinions which set forth the essential criteria consistently applied to Standing Order 35 applications. The criteria adopted in this House, as well as other provincial legislatures, are taken from the practice at Westminster set forth in *May's Parliamentary Practice*, 22nd edition, pp. 309–311.

Among the special restrictions which the Chair must apply, is the requirement that the matter must be of recent occurrence and that there is a proven cause for urgency of the debate, not simply urgency of the important matter at hand (See: *MacMinn's Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, p. 62). Honourable Members will be well aware the issues relating to softwood lumber negotiations have been ongoing for more than four years. In fact, Members have had the opportunity to discuss the negotiations in this House on numerous times during this session, including recent instances during Oral Question Period and Estimates for the Ministry of Forests and Range (See: *Hansard*, May 1, May 2, and today May 15, 2006).

It may be argued that the confirmation of the new information as described by the Member for Cariboo North ought to convert the matter from the ongoing status, to one of recent occurrence. However, long standing practices of this House illustrate that 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.

Although only three days in this spring session remain, I remind the Members that other parliamentary opportunities for debate on this matter are available.

The issue raised by the Honourable Member for Cariboo North is manifestly of great importance, but nevertheless, for the reasons stated, I must rule that the matter fails to qualify under Standing Order 35.

BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier. 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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and the Ministry of Attorney General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.54 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Polak*.

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Community Services) presented a petition in support of medical safety sharp regulation.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier. 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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General.

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.

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Gentner*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2006*, 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Cubberley* presented a petition in support of medical safety sharp regulation.

Ms. *Kwan* presented a petition regarding cuts to the emergency department of Mt. St. Joseph's Hospital.

Ms. *Karagianis* presented a petition regarding access to Royal Roads University.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,482,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2007.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Office of the Premier.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$377,024,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,722,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2007.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, *Crown Proceeding Act*, to 31st March, 2007.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 2007.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,264,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Electoral Boundaries Commission, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General.

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 Attorney General) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *MacKay*.

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made a statement regarding four deaths in an accident at the Sullivan mine in Kimberley.

Ms. *James* made a statement.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Rustad* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Merit Commissioner.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Rustad* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Rustad* moved—

That this House recommend to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Ms. Joy Illington as a statutory Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Merit Commissioner for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Public Service Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 385).

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Representative for Children and Youth Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—69

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Horgan</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>			

Bill (No. 34) 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. 27) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was committed.

Mr. *Routley* moved a proposed amendment to section 1 of Bill (No. 27), which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—24

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Coons</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>

NAYS—42

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>		

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 27) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—42

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>		

NAYS—24

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Coons</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$205,765,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services.

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 Labour and Citizens' Services) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.55 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

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.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was again committed.

Ms. *Conroy* moved a proposed amendment to section 70 of Bill (No. 27), which was defeated, on division.

Mr. *Routley* moved a proposed amendment to section 71 of Bill (No. 27), which was defeated, on division.

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 of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

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, May 18, 2006

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Statement of 2005/06 Borrowings pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedules A and Schedules B.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the Multiculturalism Annual Report, 2004-2005.

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.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006* was again committed.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 27) complete without amendment, the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—42

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>		

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<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

Bill (No. 27) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Representative for Children and Youth Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to unanimously recommend to the House the appointment of a Representative for Children and Youth and that the said Committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition is 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.

The said Special Committee is to be composed of: Messrs. *Rustad* (Convener), *Cantelon*, Mr. *Dix*, Ms. *Polak* and Ms. *Thorne*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be composed of: Messrs. *Hogg*, (Convener), *Black*, Messrs. *Chouhan*, *Dix*, *Krog*, Messrs. *MacKay*, *Krueger*, Ms. *Polak*, Ms. *Thorne* and Ms. *Whittred*; and that the committee be empowered to foster greater awareness and understanding among legislators and the public of the BC child welfare system, and in particular to:

1. Be the committee that receives and reviews the annual service plan from the Representative for Children and Youth (the “Representative”) that includes a statement of goals and identifies specific objectives and performance measures that will be required to exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the Representative during the fiscal year;
2. Be the committee to which the Representative reports, at least annually;
3. Refer to the Representative for investigation the critical injury or death of a child; and
4. Receive and consider all reports and plans, other than financial reports, delivered by the Representative (if any during the time period of these terms of reference) to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia beginning with the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth 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 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. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Terms of Reference for the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, as adopted on February 20, 2006 by the Legislative Assembly, be amended in section 2 (a) by adding “Representative for Children and Youth” after “Police Complaint Commissioner”.

Motion agreed to.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$523,967,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2007.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,634,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, to 31st March, 2007.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to be considered at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,589,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Legislation, to 31st March, 2007.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,565,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2007.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$322,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2007.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,485,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2007.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,503,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2007.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$783,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Merit Commissioner, to 31st March, 2007.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,736,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 2007.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,434,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2007.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on March 9, 20, 23, 27, 30, April 3, 4, 6, 24, 26, May 1, 3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That there be granted from out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 27 billion, 730 million, 177 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2006* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That there be granted from out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 1 billion, 616 million, 778 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2006* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the capital, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 35) intituled *Supply Act, 2006-2007* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
May 11, 2006.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Bill (No. 35) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. Taylor*, Bill (No. 35) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 35) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Her 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 titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 16) *Apology Act*.

Bill (No. 20) *Securities Amendment Act, 2006*.

Bill (No. 21) *Employment and Income Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 22) *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 24) *Resort Timber Administration Act.*

Bill (No. 25) *Safety Standards Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 26) *Supplements Repeal Act.*

Bill (No. 27) *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 28) *Park (Conservancy Enabling) Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 29) *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 30) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2006.*

Bill (No. 31) *Public Safety and Solicitor General Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 33) *Education (Learning Enhancement) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. 34) *Representative for Children and Youth Act.*

Bill (No. Pr 401) *Patricia Community Club (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2006.*

Bill (No. Pr 402) *Christ for the Nations Bible College Act.*

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

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

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 35) *Supply Act, 2006-2007.*

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

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

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* 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 Second Session of the Thirty-eighth 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 4.57 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) introduced representatives of the BC Lions Football Team, winners of the 2006 Grey Cup, at the Bar of the House.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made a statement.

Mr. *Farnworth* made a statement.

Ms. *James* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

Ms. *Karagianis* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

Mr. *Fleming* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Coons* presented a petition regarding welfare rates.

Ms. *Conroy* presented petitions regarding safety sharps regulations, and long-term care facilities.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report, 2005;

Elections BC Annual Report, 2005/06;

Elections BC Service Plan, 2006/07 – 2008/09;

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2005;

Office of the Auditor General Annual Report, 2005/2006;

Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 2: The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games: Review of Estimates Related to the Province's Commitments; and

Office of the Merit Commissioner Annual Report, 2005/2006.

Ms. *James* rose on a matter of privilege regarding statements made in the House by the Member for Chilliwack-Sumas regarding the authority of the Chief Coroner to conduct child death reviews.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* reserved the right to respond.

Ms. *Kwan* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the shelter rate for income assistance recipients.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made a statement.

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

Mr. *Rustad* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Representative for Children and Youth for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

By leave, the Report was taken as read and received.

Mr. *Rustad* asked leave to suspend the rules to permit the moving of a motion to adopt the Report.

Leave was not granted.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

And then the House adjourned at 3.29 p.m.

Thursday, November 23, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Karagianis*.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday, the Member for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant sought to move adjournment of the House under Standing Order 35 to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the need to increase the shelter portion for welfare recipients to address the growing homeless crisis in British Columbia.

The determination of whether a matter comes within the parameters of Standing Order 35 involves a finding that the business of the House should be set aside to consider the matter raised. I have carefully considered the Member's statement as well as the response from the Government House Leader.

An examination of *Hansard* reveals that issues surrounding homelessness have been the subject of on-going numerous debates during this session in Committee of Supply, during the Address-in-Reply to the Speech from the Throne, during Oral Questions by Members, Statements by Members and Private Members' Statements. The on-going nature of the matter raised by the Honourable Member has the effect of excluding the matter from the scope of Standing Order 35.

The words urgent and public importance, as stated in Standing Order 35, suggest a sudden and unexpected occurrence i.e. an essential element of suddenness. The emergence of new information, namely, the release this week of a survey on homelessness and street disorder does not, in itself, make the matter one of urgency.

The Chair is also satisfied that Members have availed themselves of numerous parliamentary opportunities during this session for raising and debating the matter.

While the Chair recognizes the seriousness of homelessness and its consequences in British Columbia, the Honourable Member's application under Standing Order 35 cannot, however, succeed.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

The Hon. *J. Les* made representations regarding the point of privilege raised yesterday by Ms. *James*.

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

Mr. *Rustad* asked leave of the House to suspend the rules to permit the moving of a motion to adopt the Report recommending the appointment of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond as B.C.'s first Representative for Children and Youth.

Leave was not granted.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

And then the House adjourned at 10.12 a.m.

Thursday, November 23, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday the Leader of the Official Opposition rose on a matter of privilege. She alleged that the Member for Chilliwack-Sumas, the Solicitor General, had deliberately misled the House in November 2005 in his description, during Question Period, of the powers of the Chief Coroner under the *Coroners Act* and in regard to administration matters in relation to child death reviews. A statement outlining the matter, a briefing note and excerpts from *Hansard* were tabled. Today the Solicitor General made a submission. I wish to thank both Members for their submissions.

I note that the quotation attributed to the Minister does not appear in the tabled excerpts from *Hansard*, although it does appear elsewhere in *Hansard* on November 17, 2005. In matters of this nature, the Speaker's role is to examine the representations of the parties and any evidence presented, to determine whether there is a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege in the parliamentary sense.

A review of the documents tabled, the *Hansard* transcript for Question Period yesterday and the Minister's submission today indicates clearly that the Minister and the Leader of the Official Opposition differ in their interpretation of the provisions of the *Coroners Act* and in the administrative arrangements put in place for child death reviews. In reviewing the briefing note, I note that opinions are presented which could be used to support both sides of the debate. I cannot, however, find any indication that a deliberate misleading of the House occurred.

A difference of opinion as to the interpretation of an Act may be the essence of debate but cannot qualify as a breach of privilege.

In numerous Speakers' decisions in this House and in other jurisdictions it has been ruled that a dispute between Members as to facts does not constitute a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege (see *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, page 294).

Accordingly, I cannot find that a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has been made out.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Robertson* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the need to ensure all British Columbians have access to safe drinking water.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made representations.

Mr. *Farnworth* made representations.

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

Mr. *Macdonald* presented a petition requesting an amendment to section 78 of the *Wildlife Act* with respect to Karelian Bear Dog teams.

Mr. *Rustad* asked leave of the House to permit the moving of a motion to adopt the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Representative for Children and Youth for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament which recommends the appointment of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond.

Leave was not granted.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

And then the House adjourned at 3.00 p.m.

Monday, November 27, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On November 23rd, the Member for Vancouver-Fairview sought to move adjournment of the House under Standing Order 35 to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the need to ensure all British Columbians have access to clean drinking water.

The determination of whether a matter comes within the parameters of Standing Order 35 involves a finding that the business of the House should be set aside to consider the matter raised. I have carefully considered the Member's statement as well as the response from the Government House Leader.

The issue of heavy rainfall and water quality has been prominently aired and is of great importance to many people. The submission speaks of the "pressing need to ensure all British Columbians have access to clean drinking water". The submission also refers to the effects of global warming. This far-reaching motion would presumably take into account the provisions of the *Drinking Water Protection Act*, SBC 2001, Chapter 9, with which the Member may be familiar.

Although the question may be important, it is clearly a question of very wide scope. In 1981, Speaker Schroeder concluded that the question of a refund of \$12.1 million of school taxes to the City of Vancouver did not qualify under Standing Order 35 (see *Journals* May 4, 1981 page 115). He quoted the words of Speaker Peel from *Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice*, 16th edition at page 368:

"What I think was contemplated was the occurrence of some sudden emergency, either in home or foreign affairs. But I do not think it was contemplated...that a question of very wide scope, which would demand **legislation** to deal with it in any effective manner, should be the subject of discussion..."

Although this matter is very important, Standing Order 35 clearly does not provide the appropriate forum for its debate.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

13 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 13 with respect to the Foundation Skills Assessment test for B.C. Students.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, November 27, 2006

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made a statement regarding the death of Dr. Frank Calder, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. *Farnworth* made a statement.

On the motion of Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Parliamentary Calendar Act, 2006* 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. *Gentner*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2006* 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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Ms. *James* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made representations.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

72 Mr. *Rustad* moved—

That the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Representative for Children and Youth for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

73 Mr. *Rustad* moved—

That the Legislative Assembly appoint Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond as the Representative for Children and Youth for the province of British Columbia for a term of five years pursuant to section 2 of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act* (SBC 2006, Chapter 29 – Bill 34).

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

YEAS—73

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>			

The Hon. *M. de Jong* 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 Second Session of the Thirty-eighth 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.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved that the House recess until 9.05 p.m. and thereafter sit until otherwise ordered.

A debate arose.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier this day, the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition sought to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance under Standing Order 35, namely “the need to send a clear unanimous message from this House to the government of Canada that British Columbia supports the United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples.”

In her submission, the Leader of the Official Opposition argued that the matter was necessary for urgent attention by this House since the United Nations is scheduled to vote on the declaration tomorrow in New York.

I note that the Honourable Member has provided me with the written documentation required by Standing Order 35, and I thank her for the courtesy of having given the Chair advance notice.

In his submission on this matter, the Government House Leader acknowledged that the United Nations declaration was a matter of importance and interest. However, he also correctly noted that the decision regarding the application must be based on — the urgency of debate in this chamber, not on the urgency of the issue.

The Chair has considered the application carefully in light of arguments put forward by both sides. While there is no doubt of the seriousness of concern for upcoming events at the United Nations, it is clearly not a matter involving the administrative responsibilities of any Ministry of the Province of British Columbia, but rather falls within the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada.

Jurisdictional issues involving Standing Order 35 were canvassed eloquently in Speaker Barnes' decision of May 24, 1994. In that decision, the Chair upheld the well-established practice of the House to proceed to emergency debate only for matters under provincial jurisdiction.

For these reasons, the Leader of the Official Opposition's application does not qualify under Standing Order 35.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

The debate continued.

The House continued to sit past midnight.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that the House adjourn to the call of the Chair.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

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<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

On the motion that the House do now adjourn, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Yap</i>
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<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
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<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

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<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

And then the House adjourned at 8.29 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the written agreement of September 19, 2006 between the Government House Leader and the Opposition House Leader be ratified, setting forth that the following Members comprise the membership of the Select Standing and Special Committees of the Legislative Assembly effective September 19, 2006:

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms. *Polak* (Convener), Messrs. *Horning*, *MacKay*, Mmes. *McIntyre*, *Roddick*, *Whittred*, Messrs. *Chudnovsky*, *Coons*, *Fraser* and *Lali*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH—Ms. *Whittred* (Chair), Messrs. *Black, Cantelon, Krueger, MacKay*, Ms. *Polak*, Messrs. *Brar, Krog*, Ms. *Karagianis* and Mr. *Simons*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS—Mr. *Black* (Chair), Messrs. *Cantelon, Jarvis, Lekstrom, MacKay, Rustad*, Messrs. *Evans, Gentner, Horgan* and *Puchmayr*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION—Mr. *Nuraney* (Chair), Messrs. *Jarvis, Lee, Mayencourt*, Ms. *Polak*, Mr. *Rustad*, Messrs. *Cubberley, Fleming, Macdonald* and *Routley*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Mr. *Lekstrom* (Chair), Messrs. *Black, Bloy, Hayer, Hawes, Lee*, Mr. *Horgan*, Ms. *Kwan*, Messrs. *Ralston* and *B. Simpson*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH—Mr. *Sultan* (Chair), Messrs. *Hayer, Jarvis, Nuraney*, Mmes. *Roddick, Whittred*, Ms. *Conroy*, Messrs. *Cubberley, Sather* and *Wyse*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—Mr. *Horning* (Convener), Messrs. *Bloy, Hawes, Krueger, Mayencourt, Sultan*, Ms. *Conroy*, Messrs. *Dix, Farnworth* and *B. Simpson*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Mr. *Horning* (Chair), Messrs. *Bloy, Hawes, Krueger, Mayencourt*, Ms. *Roddick*, Messrs. *Dix, Farnworth, Horgan* and Ms. *Thorne*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. *Fleming* (Chair), Messrs. *Black, Cantelon, Hawes*, Mmes. *McIntyre, Polak*, Messrs. *Rustad, Sultan, Yap*, Messrs. *Bains, Chudnovsky, Gentner, Ralston* and Ms. *Thorne*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE—Mr. *Austin* (Chair), Messrs. *Cantelon, Horning, Jarvis, Yap*, Messrs. *Coons, Fraser, Robertson, S. Simpson* and Ms. *Trevena*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH—Mr. *Rustad* (Chair), Mr. *Cantelon*, Ms. *Polak*, Mmes. *Karagianis* and *Thorne*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SELECTION—Hon. *M. de Jong* (Chair), Mr. *Cantelon, Jarvis, Mayencourt, Nuraney*, Ms. *Roddick*, Ms. *Conroy*, Messrs. *Farnworth, Horgan* and Ms. *Kwan*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 3: Treaty Negotiations in British Columbia: An Assessment of the Effectiveness of British Columbia's Management and Administrative Processes;

Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 4: Province of British Columbia Audit Committee: Doing the Right Things;

Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 5: Audit of Government's Corporate Accounting System: Part 2;

Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 6: Monitoring Government's Finances;

Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 7: Government's Post-Secondary Expansion — 25,000 Seats by 2010;

Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 8: Changing Course — A New Direction for British Columbia's Coastal Ferry System: A Review of the Transformation of BC Ferries;

Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 9: Seeking Best Practices in Financial Reporting; Report on the Province's 2005/06 Public Accounts;

Office of the Ombudsman Special Report No 29: Strategic Plan, 2006–2010;

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2005/2006; and

Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner pursuant to section 19 (1) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* in the matter of an Application by *John Horgan*, MLA for Malahat-Juan de Fuca with respect to alleged contraventions of provisions of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* by the Honourable *Gordon Campbell*, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, Premier of British Columbia.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this second session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you all on the accomplishments of the past year. The session saw 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 to you my appreciation for the care and attention you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your legislative duties.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Advanced Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Agriculture and Lands Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Attorney General Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
BC Buildings Corporation Annual Report, 2005-06;
BC Games Society Annual Report, 2005/2006;
BC Housing Management Commission Annual Report, 2005/06;
BC Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2005-2006;
BC Innovation Council Annual Service Plan Report Fiscal Year, 2005/2006;
BC Pavilion Corporation (PavCo), April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006;
BC Transit Annual Report, 2005/2006;
British Columbia Assessment Authority Annual Report, 2005;
British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 2005/2006;
British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 2005/06;
British Columbia Railway Company Annual Report, 2005;
British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report, 2005/06;
British Columbia Transmission Corporation Annual Report, 2006;
Children and Family Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report, 05-06;
Columbia Power Corporation Annual Report, 2005/06;
Community Living British Columbia Annual Service Plan Report, July 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006;
Community Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Economic Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Employment and Income Assistance Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Environment Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06 (including Environmental Assessment Office);

Finance and Associated Entities Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council Annual Report, 2005/06;
Forest Practices Board Annual Report, 2005-06;
Forest Practices Board Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Report, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006;
Government Annual Strategic Plan Report, 2005-2006;
Health Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Homeowner Protection Office Annual Report, 2005/2006;
Industry Training Authority Annual Report, 2005/06;
Labour and Citizens' Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Land and Water British Columbia Inc. Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Legal Services Society Annual Report, 2005-2006;
Ministerial Accountability Targets, 2005-06, Revised Schedule;
Notification of the impact of a change in accounting policy for the recognition of rate regulated accounting as of fiscal 2005/06;
Office of the Premier Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Oil and Gas Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/2006;
Partnerships BC Annual Report, 05-06;
Major capital project plans for the Peace Canyon G1-G4 Turbine Overhaul, and the GM Shrum Stator Replacement Project, pursuant to sections 14 and 18 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;
Provincial Capital Commission Annual Report, 2005/2006;
Public Accounts 2005/06 and Ministerial Accountability Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006;
Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Quarterly Report (First Quarter April to June 2006) Fiscal Year 2006/07;
Rapid Transit Project 2000 Ltd. Annual Report, 2005-06;
Royal BC Museum Annual Report, 2005/2006;
Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses for the year ending March 31, 2007 (Schedule) (Revised Schedule I);
Tourism BC Annual Report, 2005/2006;
Tourism, Sport and the Arts Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06;
Transportation Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/06; and
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Annual Service Plan Report, 2005/2006.

And then the House prorogued at 10.10 a.m.

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO
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

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 thirteenth day of February, two thousand seven at 10 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 Iona V. Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this nineteenth day of January, two thousand seven and in the fifty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Command.