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GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING

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

A PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honourable Garde B. Gardom, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this second day of March, two thousand and in the forty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

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PROCLAMATION

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GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING

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

A PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

WITNESS, the Honourable Garde B. Gardom, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this second day of March, two thousand and in the forty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mrs. Eva George.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Thirty-sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 2nd day of March, 2000.

The Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature

It's my pleasure to welcome you today to the opening of the Fourth Session of the Thirty-Sixth Parliament of British Columbia . . . and the first session of the 21st century.

All members extend their heartiest congratulations to the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson on her appointment as Governor General of Canada and their sincere thanks to the Right Honourable Romeo Leblanc for his service to our country as the Queen's representative.

British Columbians have every reason to face this new century with confidence and optimism.

But we face it without some of our brightest lights.

We note with sadness the passing those who have made public service a noble calling:

Wesley Black, who served in cabinet for 20 years;

Fred Gingell, who left his mark on this place with his unshakeable faith in the role of the legislator;

Don Munro, who served Esquimalt-Saanich as a Member of Parliament — and served this country as an ambassador in Central America;

Leo Nimsick, who represented the Kootenays in this Legislature for more than a quarter-century;

Lorne Shantz, who served this Legislature as its Speaker for five years;

And John Tisdalle, who was the MLA for Saanich and the Islands for nearly two decades.

We are saddened as well by the loss last week of Chief Joe Mathias of the Squamish First Nation.

Chief Mathias was one of those rarest of individuals: someone who had insight into the past and a strong vision of the future. He understood his people's profound connection to this land, their culture and their ancestors. He understood the injustices of the past, and their long reach into the present.

But he could also see the day when those injustices will be righted. And he worked tirelessly for that day — helping to shape the BC Treaty Commission, helping to found the First Nations Summit, and leading the Squamish First Nation.

As we remember him today, let us rededicate ourselves to that day when justice is finally done — the most truly fitting memorial for a great leader, and a great British Columbian.

We have lost other community leaders as well: former Musqueam Chief Edward Sparrow; Gerry Stoney, the former president of IWA Canada; entrepreneurs Clark Bentall and Tong Louie; Norman Richards, the first president of the BC Government Employees Union; health reform activist Sharon Martin; newspaper publisher Tara Singh Hayer, a member of the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia; and Major-General Bertram Hoffmeister commander of the Seaforth Highlanders.

We marked the passing of well-known British Columbians like Beachcombers icon Robert Clothier; music producer Bruce Fairburn; mountain climber and author Jim Haverl; racing car driver Greg Moore; author and social activist Bridget Moran; the acclaimed contemporary artist Jack Shadbolt; and internationally respected composer Jean Coulthard.

And one year ago this month, we said farewell to Jack Webster — a tough, but fair-minded scourge of many who have occupied these seats and a great believer in the wisdom of the ordinary person.

The past year and a half have seen many changes in British Columbia. Changes in political leadership, and changes in the political landscape.

Now it is time for changes in the way we conduct politics in this province.

New budget transparency law

My government recognises the fundamental importance of transparency in budgeting.

It is critical that British Columbians have the highest confidence in the budget numbers. Citizens may argue about the choices made in the budget. But they must have confidence that these choices, and the facts and assumptions behind them, are fully and fairly presented.

My government has accepted a broad range of advice on the budget-making process. The Auditor General, the Enns Panel, the Official Opposition and individual British Columbians have been heard — and heeded.

In this session, my government will introduce a new law: the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*.

The aim of this act is to give British Columbians the facts, all the facts, and nothing but the facts.

The new law will make important changes to the budget-making process.

The process of building the annual budget will start with an all-party committee of the Legislature. This committee will be provided with up-to-date information from the Finance Minister on the province's economic and fiscal performance. It will then consult with British Columbians on the provincial budget, and make a public report on its consultations by December 31st of each year.

The new law will set a fixed budget deadline. This will ensure that the budget debate is conducted earlier and is completed prior to March 31st each year.

The new law will require complete disclosure of all budget assumptions and forecasts, including the advice of the Economic Forecast Council. The completeness of this disclosure will be certified in writing by the Secretary of the Treasury Board.

The new law will require the government's bottom line now include the bottom lines of crown corporations and other government agencies.

The new law will open the books on all major capital projects, fully disclosing their objectives, business case, performance targets and, each and every year, the current and anticipated costs to the taxpayer.

The new law will hold the government to a higher standard of transparency if it uses Special Warrants. However, my government will follow the direction of the Enns panel, and make

Supplementary Estimates the rule, not the exception. Supplementary Estimates will be tabled in the Legislature for open debate.

These changes will assure citizens they can be confident about the completeness and transparency of the budget in British Columbia.

But we must go further. When you receive this new law for your consideration, it will not be complete. And for good reason.

My government will keep one section of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* open: the section dealing with the estimates process in the Legislature.

The expertise and determination to make that process work lie with this Assembly.

So to you, Members of the Legislature, goes the task of creating this section of the new law, which will ensure the estimates are scrutinized as thoroughly, effectively and efficiently as possible.

As you do that, I encourage you to draw on the guidance offered to us by the Enns Panel and by Fred Gingell, the late member for Delta South.

New culture of openness, co-operation and balance

Just as we must restore confidence in the budget process, we must also restore confidence in this Assembly.

There is a balance we must strike between the need for honest, forceful debate . . . and the need for a new culture of civility, openness, respect and co-operation.

My government will work with the Official Opposition to reach agreement on a parliamentary calendar that will end legislation by attrition, establish workable timelines, and ensure a proper balance between Member responsibilities in this Assembly and in their constituencies.

As the Premier has said: "no one of us knows as much as all of us." My government will seek the assistance of committees of the Legislature to focus on important emerging public issues that transcend partisan boundaries.

Change must come, not only in the rules of this House, but in its culture.

Civility and respect are gained by understanding a fundamental truth in our parliamentary democracy: that Members of this House are rivals, not enemies.

My government will not claim a monopoly on wisdom. But it will seek to achieve critical balances in the budget and in its agenda.

My government will seek to balance the need to maintain vital public services, with the need to cut taxes to fuel economic growth, and the need to control the deficit.

My government's agenda will also seek to achieve critical social balances: a balance between economic progress and environmental safeguards, and a balance in land claims negotiations between sharing economic gains now through interim measures, and negotiating treaties that can be sustained forever.

Moving in an extreme way in any one of these areas would undermine steady, stable progress in our province.

Strengthening and modernizing health care

Finding these balances requires choices. And those choices begin with our universal health care system — the bedrock of family life in Canada and BC.

Health care is the top priority of today's families.

In the coming weeks, my government will set out an agenda to begin to relieve the pressure on our hospitals — the heart of our health care system.

We must address the shortage of nurses today, and expand training for the nurses we'll need tomorrow.

We must reach a new agreement with BC's doctors.

We must further upgrade hospital equipment.

We must improve access to long-term care and home support — to provide better care outside of hospitals.

Money alone will not sustain our public health care system.

We also need innovation. That means providing British Columbians with the right care — at the right time — in the right place.

For example, last fall, Saskatoon offered free flu immunization for seniors and those at risk, well in advance of the winter.

The result was no overcrowding in hospital emergency rooms during the flu season.

My government will bring health care providers, administrators, and other experts — from BC and from outside the province — together this spring for a *BC Health Innovation Forum*.

Our goal is to create an innovation culture throughout our health care system . . . and to broaden the leadership BC has shown in tobacco prevention to other areas.

We will roll up our sleeves and work with other provinces and the federal government to protect and improve universal health care in BC and across Canada.

My government believes that experiments now being launched elsewhere to start Canada down the road to American-style, for-profit medicine are wrong.

The cutbacks to Ottawa's support for health care have put the system under stress from coast to coast.

The federal government's contribution has fallen from 50 cents to 15 cents on every health care dollar. No province, including BC, can hold up 85 per cent of the sky and sustain universal health care over the long haul.

Universal health care is a statement of our fundamental values as a society and a province that we will stand by the sick and the infirm, and that we will work together for the health and well-being of all.

We must renew the national partnership that created Medicare.

Quality education from K to J

Health care helps define who we are as a province. Education defines who we will be.

Every parent wants their child to have every opportunity to succeed, to get ahead, to do better.

British Columbians know that BC's economy depends on having a well-educated, well-trained workforce. Education is one of the best investments the provincial government can make.

In this session, my government will further improve the quality of education, expand the opportunities for our young people to learn, and work to keep our schools safe from violence.

We will continue to cut class sizes in BC schools. There will be fewer portables, more teachers, and more access to the tools of our modern economy.

By July, every public school in British Columbia will be connected to the Internet through the Provincial Learning Network.

My government will continue the tuition freeze in universities and colleges. We will provide new support to BC's universities and colleges to create new spaces, and offer new courses.

For many young people, a trade is the ticket to getting ahead in a rewarding career. My government will expand opportunities for apprenticeships and training.

In the new knowledge economy, learning no longer ends with graduation. Education now runs from K to J — from Kindergarten to a good job — and beyond.

Quality education will ensure British Columbians have the work skills, the professional skills, the entrepreneurial skills and the life skills to allow BC to succeed in the modern global economy.

Safe, affordable child care

In this session, my government will begin to build with parents and care providers a publicly-funded child care system. Our first step will be a new initiative to support safe, affordable before- and after-school care.

This will help working parents to better their skills, improve their education and earn a better living, secure in the knowledge that their children are in good hands before, during and after school.

And with the contribution those families make to our economy, we'll all be better off.

Tax cuts to fuel economic growth

My government will pursue a modern, balanced approach to economic growth in B.C.

My government believes that the best way to grow the economy at this time is to stimulate consumer spending by deliberately targeting tax cuts for low- and middle-income earners.

In addition, my government will introduce targeted business tax cuts to encourage job creation.

These cuts may be modest, but they will signal to all players in our economy that my government respects and values all of their contributions.

Consolidating our strong competitive position

BC's envied quality of life gives our work force and our entrepreneurs a strong competitive position in the global economy over the long run.

My government believes the investments we make in maintaining our public health and education systems, and in preserving our clean and healthy environment consolidate that strong position.

A healthy, educated, and productive workforce is a vital key to British Columbia's success in the modern economy. My government will continue to make these investments to secure both our environmental heritage and our long-term economic future.

In the last decade, my government set a goal to protect 12 per cent of our province's land base in parks and protected areas. During this session British Columbia will reach that goal.

My government will make this achievement permanent through a new *Parks and Protected Areas Act*. This Act will enshrine in law the protection of B.C.'s 550 parks, 141 ecological reserves and 12 special protection areas.

My government is working with the forest industry, workers, scientists, environmentalists, and others to develop new eco-certification for BC's forest products. We will fine-tune the *Forest Act* and the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* to reduce costs while promoting the sustainable use of our forests.

Our aim is to assure our lumber and pulp customers abroad that B.C.'s forest harvesting practices meet the new certification standards being demanded by our international customers. My government is confident that British Columbians have the knowledge, the experience, and the will to make this happen.

My government will also continue to encourage B.C.'s leadership in the development of new environmental technologies to compete in this \$600-billion global market. Our specific experience in this field of growing importance gives us another strategic niche in the knowledge economy.

My government will establish a *Green Economy Development Fund* to support such green enterprises. It will support research and demonstration projects for made-in-BC inventions.

My government will also examine practical ways in which our tax system can encourage businesses and individuals to shift from environmentally damaging to environmentally friendly practices.

My government will further grow our innovation economy in areas such as film and high tech. Working with the private sector, and building on the success of the BC Film Commission, my government will establish a **BC High Tech Commission** to market our high tech advantage around the world.

Reconnecting to the hopes and values of BC families

My government's objective in this session is

- to reconnect with the hopes and values of BC families;
- to rebuild trust between British Columbians and the new government;
- to rebuild credibility in the budget process;
- to cool down the hot politics in our province;
- to develop a new culture of openness and co-operation;
- to strengthen and modernize health care;
- to improve quality education from K to J;
- to support parents through greater access to safe, affordable child care;
- to cut taxes to fuel economic growth;
- to consolidate our competitive economic position;
- and to bring balance to government, rather than going down the narrow road of an extreme agenda.

I have every confidence in the ability of this Assembly to rise to the challenges I have placed before you.

My best wishes to all of you as you discharge your duties and responsibilities in this first legislative session of the 21st century.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *D. Lovick*, seconded by the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, that *Tim Stevenson*, Member for Vancouver-Burrard Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

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Evans
Doyle
McGregor
Sawicki
Kwan
Lali
Hammell
Pullinger
Bowbrick
Mann Brewin

Boone
Orcherton
Calendino
Zirnhelt
Randall
Robertson
Cashore
Conroy
Smallwood

Miller
MacPhail
Dosanjh
Petter
Lovick
Priddy
Ramsey
G. F. Wilson
Farnworth

Waddell
Stevenson
Gillespie
Streifel
Walsh
Kasper
Giesbrecht
Goodacre
Janssen

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<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>			

On the motion of the Hon. *D. Lovick*, seconded by the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, it was *Ordered* on division —

That *Dennis Streifel*, Member for Mission-Kent 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. *A. Petter* (Attorney General), it was *Ordered* —

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

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

1. Aboriginal Affairs;
2. Justice, Constitutional Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations;
3. Education, Culture and Multiculturalism;
4. Economic Development, Science, Labour, Training and Technology;
5. Environment and Tourism;
6. Finance and Government Services;
7. Health and Social Services;
8. Agriculture and Fisheries;
9. Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources;
10. Transportation, Municipal Affairs and Housing;
11. Women's Equality;
12. Public Accounts;
13. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
14. Crown Corporations;

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

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.48 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Ms. *Walsh* moved, seconded by Mr. *Robertson*—

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

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2000.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Monday, March 27, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

ALAN MACFARLANE
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 27, 2000

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."

On the motion of the Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations), it was *Ordered*—

That the House at its next sitting resolve itself for this session into a Committee to Consider Supply to be granted to her Majesty.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented:

The Report of the Comptroller General (Interim Financial Statements for the Ten Month Period Ending January 31, 2000) in accordance with section 11 (3) of the *Financial Administration Act*.

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

ALAN MACFARLANE
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith:

Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2001; and

Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2001;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 27, 2000

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

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved, seconded by the Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Education) “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

ALAN MACFARLANE
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 27, 2000

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.

And then the House adjourned at 3.44 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Dalton*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

ALAN MACFARLANE
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 28, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) made a ministerial statement regarding funding for British Columbia farmers.

Mr. *Barisoff* made a statement.

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

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

The Hon. *H. Lali* moved—

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.42 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McKinnon*.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2000*, a debate arose. The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Hawkins*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That the following Standing Orders be amended for the duration of the Fourth Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament commencing on March 15, 2000:

Sittings

Daily sittings.

2. The time for the ordinary meeting of the House shall, unless otherwise ordered, be as follows:

Monday: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Two distinct sittings:

10 a.m. to 12 noon

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday: Two distinct sittings:

10 a.m. to 12 noon

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Hour of interruption.

3. If at the hour of 6 p.m. on any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, or 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the business of the day is not concluded and no other hour has been agreed on for the next sitting, the Speaker shall leave the Chair:

On Monday until 10 a.m. Tuesday

On Tuesday until 2 p.m. Wednesday

On Wednesday until 10 a.m. Thursday

On Thursday until 2 p.m. Monday

Routine Business

Daily Routine.

25. The daily routine business of the House shall be as follows:

Prayers (morning or afternoon sitting)

Introduction of Bills

Oral question period (15 minutes, afternoon sittings: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Presenting Petitions

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Presenting Reports by Committees

Motions on Notice

Written Questions on Notice

Proposed Amendments on Notice

Orders of the Day.

The order of business for consideration of the House day by day, after the above routine, shall, unless otherwise ordered, be as follows:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

(Government Days)

Throne Speech Debate

Budget Debate including Committee of Supply

Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice

Private Bills

Public Bills in the hands of Private Members

Adjourned debate on other motions

Private Members' Statements (6 p.m. Wednesday)

Private Members' Statements

Statements.

25A. (1) Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. a Private Member may make a statement, notice of which has been tabled no later than 6 p.m. the preceding Monday.

(2) The order in which such statements are to be called shall be determined by lot by the Speaker, before appearing on the Orders of the Day.

(3) The time allocated on Wednesday for statements and discussion thereon shall not exceed one hour, and the time for each statement shall be limited to 15 minutes as follows:

Proponent: maximum of 7 minutes

Any other Members: maximum of 5 minutes

Proponent in reply: maximum of 3 minutes

(4) Private Members' statements shall not be subject to amendment, adjournment or vote.

(5) Statements and discussions under this Standing Order:

(a) shall be confined to one matter;

(b) shall not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same Session;

- (c) shall not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration by the House, in respect to which a Notice of Motion has been previously given and not withdrawn;
- (d) shall not raise a question of privilege.

Oral question period Friday.

47B. This Standing Order is suspended for the duration of the Fourth Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament commencing on March 15, 2000.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2000*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

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

Bill (No. 4) read a second time.

By consent, on the motion of the Hon. *P. Ramsey*, Bill (No. 4) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 4) was committed.

The Schedule passed, on division.

Bill (No. 4) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.44 p.m.

Thursday, March 30, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *van Dongen*.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 4) *Supply Act (No. 1), 2000*.

His 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, His Honour the Administrator doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act.”

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, March 30, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) tabled the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Annual Report, 1998/99.

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

FIRST REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
March 30, 2000

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on March 15, 2000 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, begs leave to report the membership of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES—Mr. *Goodacre* (Convener), Mr. *Conroy*, Ms. *Gillespie*, Messrs. *Robertson*, *Streifel*, *Zirnhelt*, Messrs. *Barisoff*, *Neufeld*, *van Dongen* and *J. D. Wilson*.

FORESTS, ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES—Mr. *Goodacre* (Convener), Messrs. *Conroy*, *Kasper*, Ms. *Gillespie*, Messrs. *Janssen*, *Orcherton*, Ms. *Walsh*, Messrs. *Abbott*, *Coleman*, *Jarvis* and *Neufeld*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. *Thorpe* (Convener), Mr. *Calendino*, Ms. *Gillespie*, Messrs. *Kasper*, *Orcherton*, *Streifel*, Ms. *Walsh*, Mr. *Zirnhelt*, Messrs. *Coell*, *Farrell-Collins*, *Weisbeck* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Hon. D. LOVICK, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Thorpe* presented the Ninth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Thorpe* presented the Tenth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Social Development and Economic Security) tabled a Report entitled *The Renewal of Trust in Residential Construction, Part II, Volume Two — Commission of Inquiry into the Quality of Condominium Construction in British Columbia*, Dave Barrett, Commissioner.

Mr. *Campbell* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the present school strike in British Columbia.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* made representations.

Mr. *Plant* made representations.

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

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 Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Prior to entering upon “Orders of the Day”, the Leader of the Official Opposition rose pursuant to Standing Order 35 requesting leave to make a motion for adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the present school strike in British Columbia.

Firstly, I wish to thank the Honourable Member for providing my office with notice of his intention in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 8.

The subject matter of the Honourable Leader’s application is undeniably a matter of considerable importance and urgency, but successive Speakers of this House and throughout the Commonwealth have ruled that it is the urgency of the debate which must guide the Chair in rendering decisions under Standing Orders relating to applications for leave to adjourn the House on a matter of urgent public importance.

One of the questions the Speaker must address is whether or not there is an existing opportunity to debate the matter in question, and it seems to the Chair that the clear answer is in the affirmative. The House is presently engaged in debating the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply — traditionally a wide-ranging debate permitting the discussion of virtually unlimited matters. Also, the matter in question has been canvassed on many occasions during Question Period and the government has outlined the present course of action being taken in relation to the matter.

What could be the result of a debate proceeding under the Honourable Leader’s application? A successful application under Standing Order 35 does not result in a motion being passed, the introduction of a bill, or even a statement of opinion of the House — it simply brings on a debate. (*Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition at page 59.)

It has been ruled many times in this House that where an ordinary parliamentary opportunity exists to debate the subject matter of a Standing Order 35 application, the application for adjournment does not qualify. I refer Honourable Members to the *Journals* of this House, 1998-99, at pages 82 and 86 and 1997 *Journals*, pages 63 and 64.

I must, therefore, rule that the Honourable Member’s application for leave under Standing Order 35 does not pass the rigorous restrictions applicable to such applications.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *D. Lovick*, it was *Ordered* that the House stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next, or at the earlier call of the Chair.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Sunday, April 2, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Public Education Support Staff Collective Bargaining Assistance Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 1, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker declared a recess for distribution of the Bill.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* proposed that, pursuant to Standing Order 81, the Bill be permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made representations.

Mr. *Weisgerber* made representations.

Mr. *de Jong* made representations.

The Speaker reserved his decision and declared a recess.

The Speaker ruled that, pursuant to Standing Order 81, the Bill be permitted to be advanced all stages this day, and reserved his reasons.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Public Education Support Staff Collective Bargaining Assistance Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Today the House has been called together to consider legislation to end the support staff strike in the school system, and to permit students to return to school tomorrow, April 3, 2000. Upon introduction of Bill (No. 7) *Public Education Support Staff Collective Bargaining Assistance Act*, the Government House Leader requested that the Speaker exercise discretion pursuant to Standing Order 81 to permit the bill to advance through all three stages today. Standing Order 81 provides as follows:

“Every bill shall receive three readings on different days, prior to being passed. . . On urgent or extraordinary occasions, a Bill may be read twice or thrice, or advanced two or more stages in one day.”

All parties in the House appeared to agree that Part 1 of the bill qualified in that it would put an end to the strike or a lockout and provide a method through arbitration to bring the issues to an end. Exception was taken by Members of the Opposition to Part 2 of the bill which created a process for addressing the bargaining structure and which they considered did not co-exist with conditions that would render the situation urgent or extraordinary.

The Government House Leader urged that the provisions were necessary to address a long-term solution to the problems identified in the special report of the Industrial Inquiry Commission appointed last week.

Having listened to the submissions of the members and considered the authorities, I stated that I was prepared to apply Standing Order 81 to allow the bill to proceed through more than one stage, but that I would provide further written reasons.

It is the practice in this House that the Speaker determines whether a bill may proceed through all stages in one day. Such rulings have been made with respect to interim Supply Acts on numerous occasions in anticipation of the imminent end of the Government’s fiscal year, and with respect to emergency legislation to end labour stoppages (see Bill (No. 34) intituled *Metro Transit Collective Bargaining Assistance Act*, 1984.)

In 1996 at a special sitting of the House to deal with a labour stoppage, the Speaker found that the requirements of Standing Order 81 were not met with respect to a bill, as its form went well beyond the situation at hand, namely, in Surrey. I have compared that bill with the one at hand and note that it applied to all collective bargaining, while the bill at hand is strictly addressed to the work stoppage in the various school districts and involving clearly identified groups. The definition of employer in section 1 and the enumeration of school districts in the schedule of the bill, make its application specific.

I have considered the possibility that the bill might be severed into two bills so that Part 2 of the bill could be dealt with separately from Part 1. I have reviewed the Speaker’s decision to be found at page 152-153 of the *Journals* of this House in 1995, citing the decision of Mr. Speaker Jerome of the House of Commons (Ottawa), where it was ruled that the Speaker has no authority to sever a bill.

In summary, I have considered the background circumstances and the format of the bill as a whole, and determined that Standing Order 81 should be applied to permit the bill to pass through all three stages today.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

The debate on second reading of Bill (No. 7) continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—71

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

Bill (No. 7) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. Ramsey*, Bill (No. 7) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 7) was committed.

Mr. *Hogg* moved an amendment to section 4 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated, on division.

In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 7) the Committee divided, as follows:

YEAS—35

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

NAYS—35

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

The Chair announced that the division had been a tie vote and, in accordance with established practice, he cast his vote in favour of the motion.

In consideration of section 11 of Bill (No. 7) the Committee divided, as follows:

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

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

The Chair announced that the division had been a tie vote and, in accordance with established practice, he cast his vote in favour of the motion.

Bill (No. 7) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 7) *Public Education Support Staff Collective Bargaining Assistance Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian D. Izard*, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the House, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to this Act."

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 8.31 p.m.

Monday, April 3, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. Doyle*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Doyle* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Renewal BC Business Plan 2000/2001.

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Multiculturalism and Immigration and Minister Responsible for the Public Service) tabled the Twenty-Third Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act* for the year ended March 31, 1999.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries be re-appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to an “Agri-food” Policy for the new Millennium and beyond for British Columbia and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to consider:

1. the deliberations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries’ agri-food policy consultations and
2. any other matters referred to the Committee by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries 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. *D. Lovick* moved—

That in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned and during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session;
- (c) to continue its deliberations upon the *Forest Renewal BC Business Plan* for the years 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/2000;

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. *D. Lovick* moved—

That the following reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia be re-referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Report on the 1997/98 Public Accounts - Part I (November 1998)

Report 4: A Review of the Estimates Process in British Columbia (February 1999)

Report 5: Protecting Drinking-Water Sources (April 1999)

1998/99 Annual Report: Auditing in the Public Interest (June 1999)

Report 1: Follow-up of Performance Audits/Reviews (May 1999)

Report 2: Report on Government Financial Accountability for the 1997/98 Fiscal Year Parts II and III (June 1999)

Report 3: Maintaining Human Capital in the British Columbia Public Service – The Role of Training and Development (August 1999)

Report 4: Managing the Woodlot Licence Program (August 1999)

Report 5: A Review of the Fast Ferry Project: (October 1999)

Report 6: Forest Renewal BC – Planning and Accountability in the Corporation; The Silviculture Programs (October 1999)

Report 8: Social Housing – The Governance of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission And the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation; The Management of Social Housing Subsidies (November 1999)

Report 9: Pulp and Paper Mill Effluent Permit Monitoring; Standards of Conduct in the Education And Health Sectors; Status of Public Accounts Committee Recommendations Relating to Prior Years' Compliance Audits (November 1999)

Report 10: Report on Government Financial Accountability For the 1998/99 Fiscal Year (Parts I and II) (February 2000)

and that the following report of the Auditor General of British Columbia be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the first time:

Report 11: Towards a More Accountable Government: Putting Ideas Into Practice (March 2000)

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. *D. Lovick* moved—

That a Special Committee on Information Privacy in the Private Sector be re-appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to:

1. the protection of personal information in private sector transactions and
2. the impact of electronic documents on privacy and freedom of information for British Columbians; and without limiting the generality of the foregoing to consider reports referred to the Committee by the Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

The Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

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

(b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;

(d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

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.

That the Special Committee on Information Privacy in the Private Sector is to be composed of Messrs. *Kasper* (Convener), *Calendino*, *G. Clark*, *Janssen* and *Orcherton*, and Ms. *Walsh* and Messrs. *Weisbeck*, *Plant* and *Abbott* and Ms. *Whittred*.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by *Mr. Robertson*.

The Hon. *W. Hartley* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 11 — Towards a More Accountable Government: Putting Ideas Into Practice; and

Office of the Child, Youth & Family Advocate Annual Report, 1999.

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.

6 *Mr. de Jong* moved, seconded by *Mr. Hansen*—

Be it resolved that the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply, be amended by adding the following: “But the house regrets that the budget has not been balanced for nine consecutive years; the resulting debt has the fastest growing debt service costs of any province in Canada; the transfer of half billion dollar BC Ferry debt to the public pocket has

now added an enormous burden to the hard-working people of this province; and, this government has not been accountable to the public and does not understand that a long term strategy is required in order to put B.C. back on the economic track it was on nine years ago.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Walsh*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the following documents:
BC Assessment Report on the Creation of the 1999 Assessment Roll and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1998; and
Ministry of Municipal Affairs Annual Report, 1998/99.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

The amendment was negated, on division.

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. Ramsey*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.31 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. McGregor*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Bowbrick* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and Minister Responsible for Youth) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith a Bill (No. 6) intituled *Tuition Fee Freeze Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 4, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave, Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading later today.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. Pullinger*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Tuition Fee Freeze Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—63

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	

Bill (No. 6) read a second time.

By leave, Bill (No. 6) *Tuition Fee Freeze Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Private Members’ Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 6, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *I. Waddell*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, April 6, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following documents:

Treasury Board Report of summary information on Compensation and New Service Costs in the British Columbia Public Sector and Public Service Negotiated for the period 1998/1999 to 2000/2001; and

List of Ratified Accords — With Cost Implications in Ministry Budgets 1998/99 to 2000/01.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines) tabled the Ministry of Energy and Mines Annual Report, 1998-99.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Monday, April 10, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thorpe*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege with respect to comments made in Question Period.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

7 Mr. *Hansen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Penner*—

"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," be amended by adding the following:

"But this assembly regrets that the Throne Speech fails to address the need for balanced budgets and economic stability; that this government refuses to take the steps necessary to end the fastest growing debt service costs of any province in Canada; and that this government is eroding the economic viability of this Province and it has again failed miserably in outlining a responsible economic plan to ensure the future prosperity of British Columbia and its people."

During the debate on the amendment, Mr. *Thorpe* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege with respect to comments made by the Member for Powell River-Sunshine Coast.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

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

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. Lovick*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.38 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Chong*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

I have had an opportunity to examine Question Period *Blues* from Monday, April 10th, and considered the line of questioning as it relates to the application of the *sub judice* rule.

Stated in its broadest terms, the rule prohibits discussion in the House of matters which are before the court for adjudication. There are obviously many refinements of this rule, and it has often been stated that the rule will be strictly enforced when it appears to the Chair that there is a real and substantial danger of prejudice to the trial of a case. It has also been stated that where there is doubt, the Speaker should rule in favour of the debate and against the *sub judice* convention with the understanding that where there is a probability of prejudice to any party, the convention will be applied. (*Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, page 77.)

The *sub judice* convention does not apply, in the Chair's respectful view, to inquiries surrounding legal costs incurred by any of the parties to existing litigation, but there may well be matters involving confidentiality or solicitor and client privilege respecting such a line of questions — that is not for the Chair to decide at this time.

A much clearer example of what the Chair views as a breach of the *sub judice* rule may be found during Question Period Thursday last when the Honourable Member for Richmond-Steveston in his preamble to a supplementary question is quoted as follows:

“And now we read in the papers this morning that there's another obstruction tactic that the NDP choose to adopt here. Apparently on Monday they're going to try to convince the court that getting elected by fraudulent means is not prohibited by the *Elections Act*.”

It would appear to the Chair that the Honourable Member is making direct reference to an argument to be presented to the court, and at the same time categorizing the defence as an “obstruction tactic”, which the Chair finds is inappropriate and offends the letter and spirit of the *sub judice* rule.

The Chair would also observe here that it is not essential that the actual question need be put to make a determination that the *sub judice* convention has been breached. The offensive words or characterisation are often contained in the preamble to a question. I mention this in passing as there seems to be uncertainty in some Members' minds as to whether or not an offence could be committed short of asking the actual question.

I refer now to the Question Period *Blues* from Monday, April 10th. The Chair has read carefully the questions posed by the Member for Port Moody-Burnaby Mountain, and I refer in particular to the following words:

“Now, I don't know if that minister is going to be appearing for the plaintiff or for the defence this week. But I would like to know from the Premier whether he agrees with his Minister of Employment and Investment that this 1996 budget was a premeditated, determined fraud.”

The question was obviously an attempt to obtain an admission of fraud in relation to the budget in question and, as such, had the potential to have a direct bearing on matters under immediate adjudication by the court's hearing in Vancouver. A similar line was pursued by the same Member in her later question where she attempts to implicate the Premier and, at the same time, requests an apology for what she describes as his role in “concocting that fraudulent budget”.

The Honourable Member from Matsqui pursued a similar line of questioning, again, with the intent of soliciting some form of admission from the Premier in relation to the 1996 budget.

My examination of the pleadings filed in the Supreme Court in this case, tend to confirm the findings I have made.

It is unlikely in these cases that it can be demonstrated, with absolute certainty, that questions and answers in an exchange such as those which occurred during the last two Question Periods would, as a certainty, affect the outcome of the present court hearing. Having said that, the authorities, in the Chair's view, encourage restraint and, particularly, in an instance where the matter in question is currently being heard in the Courts of British Columbia. There is a more stringent test to be applied when the matter is actually at trial (see House of Commons *Procedure and Practice*, page 536).

In summary, the courtesies between Parliament and the courts have been well established and I would ask Honourable Members to exercise restraint in these matters in order to avoid the impression that debates in Parliament are being used to affect the outcome of matters pending before the court.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. F. Wilson* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the Job Protection Commission Annual Report, 1998.

The Hon. *J. Doyle* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. *J. Sawicki* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) made a ministerial statement regarding National Wildlife Week.

Mr. *Coell* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. Lali*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith a Bill (No. 5) intituled *Holocaust Memorial Day Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 5, 2000

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.

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

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

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

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

Order for Private Members’ Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

Thursday, April 13, 2000

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nettleton*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Holocaust Memorial Day Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—67

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

Bill (No. 5) read a second time.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, April 13, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Multiculturalism and Immigration) made a ministerial statement regarding Vaisakhi Day.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

By leave, the Hon. *H. Lali* made a statement.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Social Development and Economic Security) tabled the Ministry of Human Resources Annual Report 1996/1997, 1997/1998.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Annual Report 1998/1999.

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

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

On April 10th, the Honourable Member for Okanagan-Penticton reserved his right to speak on a matter he characterised as a question of privilege with respect to certain comments attributed to him in the House by the Minister of Employment and Investment. On April 11th, the Honourable Member rose on the same matter under Standing Order 42 (1) in order to correct the same comments attributed to him by the Minister and sought a withdrawal. The Minister subsequently responded and the matter was resolved satisfactorily.

I wish to caution Members that complaints such as these cannot be used as a foundation to raise a question of privilege as the Member for Okanagan-Penticton initially proposed to do.

Moreover, Standing Order 42 (1) provides that a Member may rise in the House and speak “in explanation of a material part of his or her speech which may have been misquoted or misunderstood, and no debate shall be allowed on such explanations.”

The intent of Standing Order 42 (1) is to afford an opportunity to a Member to make further remarks after concluding a speech by way of explanation before the end of the debate if that Member conceives himself or herself to have been misunderstood in his or her speech in the House. That is the sole purpose of Standing Order 42 (1).

In this instance, the Member’s complaint did not fit under Standing Order 42 (1), nor did it qualify as a matter of privilege.

The proper recourse for the Member in these circumstances, is to rise on a point of order and state the facts in a brief, succinct manner and without debate, to correct the record.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Monday, April 17, 2000

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *G. Mann Brewin*.

The Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith a Bill (No. 9) intituled *Cooperative Association Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 17, 2000

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. *A. Petter* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Human Rights) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith a Bill (No. 8) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 17, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Multiculturalism and Immigration) tabled the Report on Multiculturalism, 1998-1999.

The Hon. *J. Smallwood* (Minister of Women's Equality) made a ministerial statement regarding Equality Day.

Ms. *Stephens* made a statement.

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—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Waddell</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Zimhelt</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Streifel</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Walsh</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Kasper</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>

NAYS—33

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18, 2000

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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. 8) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, April 18, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Cooperative Association Amendment Act, 2000*, 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.

By leave, the Hon. *J. Doyle* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Ministry of Forests Business Plan 2000-2001.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE)

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 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Stevenson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2000* was committed.

Section 8 of Bill (No. 3) passed, on division.

Section 17 of Bill (No. 3) passed *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—65

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Conroy</i>			

Section 48 of Bill (No. 3) passed, on division.

In consideration of section 56 of Bill (No. 3), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—35

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

NAYS—26

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>		

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

By leave, the Hon. *J. Smallwood* 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 10 Members of the New Democratic Party, 7 Members of the Liberal Party, and 1 other Member. In addition, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole, or his or her nominee, shall preside over the debates in Section A. Substitution of Members will be permitted to Section A with the consent of that Member's Whip, where applicable, otherwise with the consent of the Member involved. For the fourth session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Conroy, G. Clark, Goodacre, Kasper, Orcherton, Robertson and Sihota*, Mmes. *Gillespie and Walsh*, Messrs. *Coell, Masi, Nebbeling and Thorpe*, Mmes. *C. Clark, Hawkins and L. Reid*, and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

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

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

10. Bills or Estimates previously referred to a designated Committee may at any stage be subsequently referred to another designated Committee on motion of the Government House Leader or Minister responsible for the Bill as hereinbefore provided by Rules Nos. 3 and 9.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.56 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the following documents: Ministry of Transportation and Highways Business Plan 2000/2001; and BC Transportation Financing Authority Performance Plan, 2000/01.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.03 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the British Columbia Heritage Trust Annual Report, 1998/1999 and Financial Statements as at March 31, 1999.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* presented the Second Report of the Special Committee of Selection, which read as follows:

SECOND REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,

April 20, 2000

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on March 15, 2000 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, begs leave to report the membership of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills:

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—
Mr. *Giesbrecht* (Convener), Mmes. *Boone* and *Gillespie*, Messrs. *Janssen*, *Randall*, *Stevenson* and *Zirnhelt*, Messrs. *Farrell-Collins*, *Nettleton* and *Plant*, Ms. *Whittred* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Hon. D. LOVICK, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *D. Lovick* 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

The Hon. *D. Lovick*, on behalf of the Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Labour) tabled the following documents:

Workers’ Compensation Board Annual Report, 1999; and

Workers' Compensation Board Appeal Division Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2000.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.16 p.m.

Monday, May 1, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Barisoff*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$464,471,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

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

Report to be considered 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 and Highways) to be considered at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

(Bill No. 5) *Holocaust Memorial Day Act*

(Bill No. 6) *Tuition Fee Freeze Act*

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian D. Izard*, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the House, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Roddick*.

By leave, the Hon. *J. Doyle* (Minister of Forests) tabled copies of correspondence regarding Forest Renewal BC.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled Ministry Performance Plans for the fiscal year 2000/2001 for each of the following Ministries:

Aboriginal Affairs; Advanced Education, Training and Technology including Information, Science and Technology Agency and Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission; Agriculture, Food and Fisheries including BC Fisheries; Attorney General; Children and Families; Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers; Education; Employment and Investment; Energy and Mines; Environment, Lands and Parks; Finance and Corporate Relations; Forests; Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors; Labour; Multiculturalism and Immigration including Public Service Employee Relations Commission; Municipal Affairs; Small Business, Tourism and Culture; Social Development and Economic Security; Transportation and Highways; Women’s Equality.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Cashore* presented a petition regarding Riverview Lands in Coquitlam.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Whittred*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege concerning comments made by the Minister of Education.

The Hon. *G. Bowbrick* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology) tabled the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology Annual Report 1997/98, 1998/99.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the BC Transportation Financing Authority Annual Report, 1998/99.

The Hon. *J. Sawicki* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Environmental Assessment Office Annual Report, 1998/1999.

By leave, the Hon. *J. Doyle* (Minister of Forests) tabled documentation regarding allowable cuts.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.52 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hansen*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

The Committee recessed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

The Committee recessed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *McLeod Lake Indian Band Treaty No. 8 Adhesion and Settlement Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House.
May 3, 2000

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. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which reads as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Regulatory Streamlining Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House.
May 2, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *The British Columbia Insurance Company, 1904 Amendment Act, 2000* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled a Report from the Mental Health Advocate of BC.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,607,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Gillespie*.

By leave, the Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled Crown Corporation Performance Plans for the fiscal year 2000/2001 for each of the following Corporations:

BC Hydro; Rapid Transit Project 2000; BC Transit; BC Rail; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Assets and Land Corporation; Columbia Power Corporation; Homeowner Protection Office; BC Housing; BC Transportation Financing Authority; Fisheries Renewal BC; Forest Renewal BC; BC Assessment; BC Ferries; Tourism British Columbia; British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch; Provincial Capital Commission; BC Buildings Corporation and Insurance Corporation of BC.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Bowbrick* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and Minister Responsible for Youth) made a ministerial statement regarding Youth Week.

Mr. *Penner* made a statement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. Evans*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$297,814,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$76,808,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Suppression, to 31st March, 2001.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,151,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2001.

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

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* was committed.

Mr. *Plant* moved an amendment to section 21 of Bill (No. 8) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

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

The Chair announced that the division had been a tie vote and, to allow further debate and maintain the status quo, he cast his vote in opposition to the motion.

Section 21 of Bill (No. 8) passed, on division.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.03 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 5, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Bowbrick* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology) tabled the Information, Science and Technology Agency Annual Reports, 1997-1998; 1998-1999.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following documents:

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act* year ended December 31, 1998;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Municipal) Act* year ended December 31, 1998; and

Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999.

By leave, the Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved —

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* was again committed.

Section 32 of Bill (No. 8) passed, on division.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Cooperative Association Amendment Act, 2000* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2000* 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)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,744,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$101,096,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Local Government Grants, to 31st March, 2001.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Hammell*.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 10, 2000

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. *Campbell*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Public School Parent and Volunteer Protection Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

By leave, the Hon. *A. Petter* (Attorney General) tabled a letter dated August 01, 1997, addressed to Chief Judge Metzger regarding Assessment of Mentally Disordered Offenders.

The Hon. *J. Doyle* (Minister of Forests) tabled the following:

Forest Renewal BC Annual Report 1998/1999, and
Forest Practices Board Annual Report, 1999.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *McLeod Lake Indian Band Treaty No. 8 Adhesion and Settlement Agreement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Regulatory Streamlining Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

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. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2000* 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.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order for Private Members’ Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.58 p.m.

Thursday, May 11, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *I. Waddell*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General).

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2000* was again committed.

In consideration of section 97 of Bill (No. 3) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—32

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Waddell</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Streifel</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Walsh</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Kasper</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

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<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>		

In consideration of the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 3) complete with amendment, the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—35

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

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<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Symons</i>	

Bill (No. 3) was reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, May 11, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *G. Clark*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Pets in Rental Housing Act, 2000* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) made a ministerial statement regarding the effective date of the Nisga'a Treaty.

Mr. *de Jong* made a statement.

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

The Hon. *J. Sawicki* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks Annual Report, 1999.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Monday, May 15, 2000

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coleman*.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 12, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Mr. *Hansen* moved that the sum provided for in Vote 36 be reduced by \$1.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

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

The Chair announced that the division had been a tie vote and, to allow further debate and maintain the status quo, he cast his vote in opposition to the motion.

Section B continued to sit.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.38 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *J. Reid*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Mr. *Goodacre* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled the following documents:

Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors Annual Report, 1998/99; and
Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors Performance Plan, 2000/2001, which includes the Environmental Scan 2000–2003.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Goodacre* moved that the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

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

Mr. *Barisoff* made a statement.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$828,499,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,028,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Statutory Services, to 31st March, 2001.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,019,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2001.

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 8.58 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Penner*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.01 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 2000

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coell*.

On the motion of Mr. *G. Clark*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *The B.C. Hydro and Power Authority Referendum Act, 2000* 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 for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, May 18, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Wilson* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the Ministry of Employment and Investment Annual Report, 1998/1999.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,682,444,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,733,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Information, Science and Technology Agency, to 31st March, 2001.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,516,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Public Transit, to 31st March, 2001.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

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, Training and Technology) to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* moved —

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2000.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Monday, May 29, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *G. Mann Brewin*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled *McLeod Lake Indian Band Treaty No. 8 Adhesion and Settlement Agreement Act* was committed.

In consideration of Section 9 of Bill (No. 10), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—32

Doyle
McGregor
Sawicki
Kwan
Lali
Hammell
Pullinger
Bowbrick

Mann Brewin
Boone
Orcherton
Calendino
Zirnhelt
Randall
Robertson
Cashore

Conroy
Smallwood
Miller
MacPhail
Dosanjh
Petter
Lovick
Priddy

Ramsey
G. F. Wilson
Gillespie
Streifel
Walsh
Kasper
G. Clark
Goodacre

NAYS—27

Whittred
Hansen
C. Clark
Farrell-Collins
de Jong
Abbott
L. Reid

Neufeld
Coell
Sanders
Jarvis
Nettleton
Penner
Weisgerber

Weisbeck
Nebbeling
Hogg
Coleman
Stephens
J. Reid
Krueger

Symons
van Dongen
Barisoff
J. Wilson
Roddick
Masi

Bill (No. 10) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Section A of Committee of Supply recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Regulatory Streamlining Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000*, 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. 14) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.50 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Stevenson*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*.

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. 13) intituled *Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, May 30, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 29, 2000

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. A. Petter (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Human Rights) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Electoral Districts Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
May 18, 2000*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. A. Petter (Attorney General) tabled the following documents:

Ministry of Attorney General Annual Report 1997/98; and

Criminal Injury Compensation Act of British Columbia Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. H. Lali (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Ministry of Transportation and Highways Annual Report, 1998/99.

Mr. Thorpe presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. Thorpe 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next meeting.

Committee to sit again at the next meeting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next meeting.

Committee to sit again at the next meeting.

The Unclaimed Money Deposits Report pursuant to the *Unclaimed Money Act* for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000, was received by the Office of the Clerk on May 24, 2000.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisgerber*.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 29, 2000

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. *J. Sawicki* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 18, 2000

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 Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

It appears that the time of the year has arrived when the Chair feels compelled to bring to the Members' attention certain guidelines relating to Oral Question Period.

Members on both sides of the House continue to be disorderly during Oral Question Period to the point where it is difficult to hear the question asked or the answer being given.

As has been the practice in the past, the Speaker is reluctant to continually intervene bearing in mind the short duration of our Question Period, but unless Members on both sides of the House exhibit some self discipline, the Chair will have no option but to intervene.

There has been an increasing tendency to interfere with the Chair's conduct of Question Period by both sides of the House, in that the Government interjects with a call for "question, question" while a question is being posed by the Opposition, and the Opposition interjects with "time, Mr. Speaker, time, Mr. Speaker" while the question is being answered.

I am certain both sides of the House in so interjecting are simply exhibiting a conscientious concern for application of the rules, but I would ask all Members to accept the assurance of the Chair, that such interjections are counter productive and tend to exacerbate disorder in the House. I am, therefore, asking Members on both sides of the House to refrain from such interjections. The Chair will be the judge of whether a question is too long, or an answer is too long.

In that regard, Members may be interested in knowing that questions and answers are timed on a daily basis and the tally varies from day to day and week to week. If Members are interested, these tallies are available in my office or the Clerk's office.

The Chair has also examined the *Blues* from yesterday's Question Period which demonstrate a classic example of the abuse of Question Period guidelines when an Honourable Member persisted in questioning on a matter which had been taken on notice, despite the fact that the Member had characterised his supplementaries as a "new question".

The Chair can do little to improve on the statement delivered in this House on April 8, 1999, relating to the conduct of Question Period, and for the assistance of Members who wish to refresh their memories on these guidelines, I have had a copy of that decision placed on the Members' desks.

It is hoped that the Members themselves take these suggestions seriously and improve the quality of Question Period, but the Chair proposes to intervene if the guidelines are being consistently ignored.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) made a ministerial statement regarding Bike Month.

Mr. *Symons* made a statement.

The Hon. *J. Smallwood* (Minister of Women's Equality) made a ministerial statement regarding violence against women.

Ms. *Stephens* made a statement.

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Multiculturalism and Immigration and Minister Responsible for the Public Service) tabled the Public Service Employee Relations Commission Annual Report, 1998/1999.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 1999.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—59

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Penner</i>	

NAYS—2

Randall *Miller*

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,969,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement, to 31st March, 2001.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,097,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,909,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, BC Fisheries, to 31st March, 2001.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,042,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Land Reserve Commission, to 31st March, 2001.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$896,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, British Columbia Marketing Board, to 31st March, 2001.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority, to 31st March, 2001.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.
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, Food and Fisheries) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.03 p.m.

Thursday, June 1, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, June 1, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Boone* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
June 1, 2000

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report that the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled, *The British Columbia Insurance Company, 1904 Amendment Act, 2000* has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. BOONE, *Chair*

By leave, the Report was read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Boone* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bill 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 of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Monday, June 5, 2000

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Chong*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,125,203,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,992,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 2001.

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

Section A of Committee of Supply recessed until 6.30 p.m.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.55 p.m.

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *I. Waddell*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 5, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Thorpe* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Education).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—65

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Zimhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Cashore</i>			

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.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,026,375,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security.

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 Social Development and Economic Security) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *L. Reid*.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Cost of Consumer Credit Disclosure Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 5, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—68

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Dalton</i>

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Electoral Districts Amendment Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 8, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Masi*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—63

Evans	Cashore	Walsh	Weisgerber
Doyle	Conroy	Kasper	Goodacre
McGregor	Smallwood	G. Clark	Weisbeck
Sawicki	Miller	Whittred	Hogg
Kwan	MacPhail	Hansen	Hawkins
Lali	Dosanjh	C. Clark	Coleman
Hammell	Petter	Farrell-Collins	Stephens
Bowbrick	Lovick	de Jong	J. Reid
Mann Brewin	Priddy	Plant	Thorpe
Boone	Ramsey	Abbott	Symons
Orcherton	G. F. Wilson	Neufeld	J. Wilson
Calendino	Farnworth	Coell	Roddick
Zirnhelt	Waddell	Chong	Masi
Randall	Stevenson	Anderson	McKinnon
Robertson	Gillespie	Nettleton	Dalton
Sihota	Streifel	Penner	

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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Electoral Districts Amendment Act, 2000*.

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.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,536,431,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

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 12.02 p.m.

Thursday, June 8, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 5, 2000

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. Bowbrick* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and Minister Responsible for Youth) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 6, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines) tabled the BCR Group Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the BC Pavilion Corporation Strategic Business Plan, April 2000.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* was committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Thorpe* on the Order Paper to section 3 of Bill (No. 2), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—22

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>		

NAYS—35

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Waddell</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Zimhelt</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Streifel</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Walsh</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Kasper</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	

Section 3 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Thorpe* on the Order Paper to section 5 of Bill (No. 2) was defeated, on division.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Farrell-Collins* on the Order Paper to section 6 of Bill (No. 2) was defeated, on division.

Section 6 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

Section 7 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

Proposed amendments by Mr. *Thorpe* on the Order Paper to sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Bill (No. 2) were defeated, on division.

In consideration of proposed amendments by Mr. *Thorpe* on the Order Paper to sections 13 (2) (b) and 13 (3) (a) of Bill (No. 2), the Committee divided.

The amendments were defeated on the following division:

YEAS—13

<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>			

NAYS—34

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Waddell</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Zimhelt</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Streifel</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Walsh</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Kasper</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>		

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

Monday, June 12, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Conroy*.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Definition of Spouse Amendment Act, 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 7, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2000*, 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.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Thorpe* on the Order Paper to section 13 of Bill (No. 2) was defeated, on division.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered later today.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 8) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 9) *Cooperative Association Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 10) *McLeod Lake Indian Band Treaty No. 8 Adhesion and Settlement Agreement Act*.

Bill (No. 11) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 12) *Regulatory Streamlining Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 13) *Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 14) *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*.

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 Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Thorpe* on the Order Paper to section 23 of Bill (No. 2) was defeated, on division.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Farrell-Collins* on the Order Paper to section 24 of Bill (No. 2) was defeated, on division.

Section 24 as amended of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Thorpe* on the Order Paper to section 25 of Bill (No. 2) was defeated, on division.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Farrell-Collins* on the Order Paper to section 52 of Bill (No. 2) was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 2) was reported complete with amendment.
Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. Evans*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 23) 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. 16) intituled *Electoral Districts Amendment Act, 2000* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,324,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,963,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Royal British Columbia Museum, to 31st March, 2001.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Kasper*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Senior Civil Servant Remuneration Allowances and Perquisites Act (SCRAP Act) 2000* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2000* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply recessed until 7 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 9 p.m.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Robertson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Thorpe* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$54,425,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Women's Equality, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

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

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *The British Columbia Insurance Company, 1904 Amendment Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. Pr 402) read a second time and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 2000* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Cost of Consumer Credit Disclosure Act*, a debate arose.

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.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$154,948,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

Thursday, June 15, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *M. Farnworth*.

On the motion of Mr. *G. Clark*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *The Grizzly Bear Hunting Prohibition 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 for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Cost of Consumer Credit Disclosure Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,891,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Assessment and Land Use Coordination, to 31st March, 2001.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Green Economy Initiative, to 31st March, 2001.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,730,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers.
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 Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Thursday, June 15, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 15, 2000*

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. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Minister Responsible for Rural Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Agri-Food Choice and Quality Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 15, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Campbell* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the northern and rural health care crisis in Prince George.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* made representations.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made representations.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* made representations.

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

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Attorney General) tabled the Children's Commission Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Northern Development) tabled the Northern Development Commission Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. *J. Sawicki* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Muskwa Kechika Advisory Board Annual Report, 1998-99.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Labour) tabled the following documents:

Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 1999; and

British Columbia Racing Commission Annual Report, 1998-1999.

By leave, Mr. *Abbott* tabled copies of documents relating to Enderby Television Society.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,761,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,256,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Registries, to 31st March, 2001.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Crown Corporations Secretariat, to 31st March, 2001.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Product Sales and Services, to 31st March, 2001.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,009,000,000 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, 2001.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$152,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of BC Family Bonus, BC Family Bonus, to 31st March, 2001.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs, to 31st March, 2001.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,119,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Public Sector Employers' Council, to 31st March, 2001.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Today the Honourable Leader of the Opposition sought to move adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order 35 to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, and I quote, "the northern and rural health care crisis in Prince George", unquote.

At the outset, I wish to comment on the process used under Standing Order 35. The Member who raises the matter, provides notice to the Chair (as happened in this case), states the matter and hands a written statement to the Speaker for review. The motion is not moved or debated until such time as the Speaker determines that it qualifies under Standing Order 35 by meeting the test for urgency of debate. The Speaker may seek input from other Members on that issue, but debate at this stage is inappropriate.

In the case at hand, I have reviewed earlier Speakers' decisions on Standing Order 35 including, in particular, the decision in the *Journals* of April 28, 1998, at page 43, relating to the same topic and presented by the same Member.

The Member stated that the matter is ongoing and I note that the health estimates were debated as lately as June 5, 2000, an appropriate opportunity for debate.

For this reason and the reasons outlined in the earlier decision I have cited, it is my opinion that the matter does not qualify under Standing Order 35.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

The Hon. *B. Hartley* (Speaker) tabled the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2000.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

Monday, June 26, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Symons*.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Minister for Children and Families) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Secure Care Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 15, 2000

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. *Nebbeling*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Interpretation Amendment Act*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Bowbrick* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology) tabled the Information, Science and Technology Agency Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Ministry of Transportation and Highways Annual Report, 1999–2000.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the Statement of Crown Proceeding Payments for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2000.

The Hon. *W. Hartley* (Speaker) tabled the following:

Annual Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, 1998–99;

Auditor General 2000/2001: Report 1 — Fostering a Safe Learning Environment: How the British Columbia Public School System is Doing; and

Legislative Assembly Management Committee Annual Report, 1998–1999, 1999–2000.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Definition of Spouse Amendment Act, 2000*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—57

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Sanders</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Randall</i>			

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<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Anderson</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>	

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 *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2000*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.18) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act*, 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. 26) intituled *Agri-Food Choice and Quality 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.

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

Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply recessed until 6:45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,154,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 2001.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.59 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Stephens*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 27, 2000

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. *Plant*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Substance Abuser Rehabilitation Act, 2000*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Cashore* presented a petition regarding the Burquitlam Lions Care Centre.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills be designated as a Committee to Review Statute Revisions pursuant to the *Statute Revision Act*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.54 p.m.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

On the motion of Mr. *Hansen*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Community Health Assets Protection 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.

By leave, on the motion of Mr. *Streifel*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Mission Foundation Amendment Act, 2000* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred forthwith to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

By leave, on the motion of Mr. *Calendino*, Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Westmount Career Management Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2000* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred forthwith to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Education) tabled the Ministry of Education Annual Report, 1998–1999.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500,955,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry for Children and Families, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families.

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 for Children and Families) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.56 p.m.

Thursday, June 29, 2000

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisbeck*.

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Multiculturalism and Immigration and Minister Responsible for the Public Service) tabled the Pacific National Exhibition Strategic Business Plan, 2000/2001.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, June 29, 2000

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Balanced Budget Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
 June 29, 2000*

On the motion that Bill (No. 28) be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Waddell</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Zimhelt</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Streifel</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Walsh</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Kasper</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>			

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

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) tabled the Ministry of Fisheries Annual Report, 1998/1999.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the British Columbia Buildings Corporation Annual Report, 2000.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2000.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Social Development and Economic Security) tabled Reports entitled *The Renewal of Trust in Residential Construction, Part II, Volumes Two and Three — Commission of Inquiry into the Quality of Condominium Construction in British Columbia*.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the following documents:

Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture Annual Reports, 1998/1999; 1999/2000; and By leave, a Report entitled Eliminating Violence in Hockey by Bernie Pascall assisted by Sharon White.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Secure Care Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Mr. *Campbell* moved that the sum provided for in Vote 9 be amended by reducing the amount to \$1.00.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

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

The Chair announced that the division had been a tie vote and, to allow further debate and maintain the status quo, he cast his vote in opposition to the motion.

Vote 9 passed, on division.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,713,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2001.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 2000*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

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

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

Bill (No. 27) read a second time.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81, Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. Ramsey*, Bill (No. 27) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 27) was committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 27), the Committee divided.

YEAS—35

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

NAYS—35

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

The Chair announced that the division had been a tie vote and, in accordance with established practice, he cast his vote in favour of the motion.

Bill (No. 27) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 16) *Electoral Districts Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 17) *Protected Areas of British Columbia Act*.

Bill (No. 19) *Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 20) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 22) *Cost of Consumer Credit Disclosure Act*.

Bill (No. 23) *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. Pr 402) *The British Columbia Insurance Company, 1904 Amendment Act, 2000*.

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 title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 27) *Supply Act (No. 2), 2000*.

His 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, His Honour the Administrator doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act.”

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

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

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.41 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Gillespie*.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Gaming Control Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 2, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines) tabled the BC Hydro Annual Report, 2000.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Minister for Children and Families) tabled Ministry for Children and Families Annual Report, 1998/1999.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Labour) tabled the British Columbia Ferry Corporation Annual Report, 1999/2000.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

By agreement, the following Bills at committee stage to be considered in Section A of the Committee of the Whole, namely:

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2000*;

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Agri-Food Choice and Quality Act*; and

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Balanced Budget Act*, a debate arose.
The debate continued.

By consent, the House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

Section A recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Mr. *Stevenson* (Deputy Speaker) tabled the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 1999/2000.

The debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Balanced Budget Act*, continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,225,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Multiculturalism and Immigration, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,963,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Multiculturalism and Immigration, Public Service Employee Relations Commission, to 31st March, 2001.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Multiculturalism and Immigration.

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 Multiculturalism and Immigration) to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section 19 of Bill (No. 24), passed on division.

Section 23 of Bill (No. 24), passed on division.

The Committee on Bill (No. 24) rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Section A of Committee of the Whole further reported the following Bills complete:

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Agri-Food Choice and Quality Act*, without amendment; and

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*, with amendment. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 26) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 8.54 p.m.

Wednesday, July 5, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. McGregor*.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Protection of Public Participation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 29, 2000

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. Bowbrick* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Electronic Transactions Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 2, 2000

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) tabled the Fisheries Renewal BC Annual Report, 1999/2000.

The Hon. *J. Sawicki* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 1999/2000.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Social Development and Economic Security) tabled the Homeowner Protection Office Annual Report, 1999/2000.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:
Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations Annual Report, 1998/1999;
Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations Annual Report, 1999/2000; and
Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations Performance Plan, 2000/2001.

Mr. *Coell* presented a petition regarding the Brentwood Bay-Mill Bay Ferry.

Ms. *Boone* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

June 29, 2000

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

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

1. That the Revision of the *Vancouver Foundation Act* prepared pursuant to the *Statute Revision Act* is approved and the Committee recommends that it be brought into force.

2. That the Revision of the *Victoria Foundation Act* prepared pursuant to the *Statute Revision Act* is approved and the Committee recommends that it be brought into force.

3. That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Mission Foundation Amendment Act, 2000*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading, as amended, notwithstanding late filing.

4. That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Westmount Career Management Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2000*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading, notwithstanding late filing. In addition, the Committee recommends that an amendment be considered in Committee of the Whole to ensure that any property that [may have] escheated to the government as a result of the Company being struck from the Register, is deemed to never have escheated to the government.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. BOONE, *Chair*

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Boone* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bill Pr 401 and Bill Pr 403 *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Mr. *Kasper* presented a petition regarding the Brentwood Bay-Mill Bay Ferry.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Balanced Budget Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—35

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

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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Secure Care Act*.

The debate continued.

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.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Definition of Spouse Amendment Act, 2000* was committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Plant* on the Order Paper to section 1 of Bill (No. 21), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—33

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

NAYS—36

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

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered later today.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Definition of Spouse Amendment Act, 2000* was again committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 21), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—59

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sanders</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	

NAYS—10

<i>Anderson</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>		

Bill (No. 21) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 8.41 p.m.

Thursday, July 6, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

On the motion of Mr. *G. Clark*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Access to Prostate Cancer Screening 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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Balanced Budget Act* was committed and reported complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 28) to be read a third time at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Thursday, July 6, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Coell*, Bill (No. M 211) intituled *Biologists' Act, 2000* 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. *Orcherton*, Bill (No. M 212) intituled *Medical Practitioners Act Amendment Act, 2000* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the BC Transportation Financing Authority Annual Report, 1999/2000.

The Hon. *G. Wilson* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1999;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act*, Part 2, year ended March 31, 1999;

Statement of Crown Proceeding Payments for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1999; and

Unclaimed Money Deposit Report, 1999/2000.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Labour) tabled the British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 1998/1999.

The Hon. *G. Bowbrick* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology) tabled the following:

Science Council of British Columbia Annual Report, 1999/2000; and
Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission Annual Report, 1999/2000.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) tabled the following:

Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority Annual Report, 1999/2000; and
British Columbia Assets & Land Corporation Annual Report, 1998/1999.

The Hon. *W. Hartley* (Speaker) tabled the Elections BC 1999 Annual Report.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

By agreement Bill (No. 25) intituled *Secure Care Act* at committee stage to be considered in Section A of the Committee of the Whole.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Balanced Budget Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—34

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

Bill (No. 28) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 2000* was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2000* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved—

That the Order for Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2000*, be set aside and the Bill re-committed in respect of Section 102.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 3) was re-committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Mission Foundation Amendment Act, 2000* 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 403) intituled *Westmount Career Management Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2000* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,752,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,082,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Legislation, to 31st March, 2001.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,645,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2001.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,324,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Office of the Child, Youth and Family Advocate, to 31st March, 2001.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$312,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2001.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,976,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections B.C., to 31st March, 2001.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,280,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2001.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,610,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 2001.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,127,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaints Commissioner, to 31st March, 2001.

51. *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 and Allowance for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2001.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,014,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Boards and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 2001.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on May 1, 4, 9, 16, 18, 31; June 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 26, 28, 29, and July 4, 6, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 1 billion, 555 million, 970 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2000* and is granted by Her Majesty towards defraying the capital, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 22 billion, 82 million, 97 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2000* and section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 2000* is granted by Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Special Committee of Selection, the committee is also empowered 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; to determine the membership of any select standing or special committee of the House; to deposit a copy 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. *D. Lovick* moved—

That reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly during the Fourth Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the appointment of a Child, Youth and Family Advocate, pursuant to section 3 of the *Child, Youth and Family Advocacy Act*, and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

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

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

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 members determined by the Special Committee of Selection.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved—

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

1. Conduct broad 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. The Committee shall ensure that, within practicable limits, all British Columbians wishing to make representations before the Committee be heard.

2. Make public a report by no later than December 31 on the results of those consultations.

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

- (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;
- (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 committee to be composed of Messrs. *Zirnhelt* (convenor), *Cashore*, *Conroy*, *Goodacre* and *Janssen*; Mmes. *Gillespie* and *Walsh*; Messrs. *Farrell-Collins*, *Thorpe* and *de Jong* and Ms. *Chong*.

Motion agreed to.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Supply Act, 2000-2001* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 2, 2000

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. 31) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. Ramsey*, Bill (No. 31) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 of Bill (No. 25) passed, on division.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 25) intituled *Secure Care Act* complete with amendment.

By leave, Bill (No. 25) read a third time and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That Ms. *Val Roddick*, MLA be substituted for Mr. *John Weisbeck*, MLA as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* 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 Fourth Session of the Thirty-Sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*.

Bill (No. 3) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 15) *Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*.

Bill (No. 18) *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 2000*.

Bill (No. 21) *Definition of Spouse Amendment Act, 2000.*

Bill (No. 24) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2000.*

Bill (No. 25) *Secure Care Act.*

Bill (No. 26) *Agri-Food Choice and Quality Act.*

Bill (No. 28) *Balanced Budget Act.*

Bill (No. Pr 401) *Mission Foundation Amendment Act, 2000.*

Bill (No. Pr 403) *Westmount Career Management Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2000.*

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 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. 31) *Supply Act 2000-2001.*

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.31 p.m.

Sunday, September 17, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Supplementary Estimates — fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 17, 2000

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

Mr. *Penner* presented a petition regarding the proposed gas-fired electrical generation plant in Sumas, Washington.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates of the Ministry of Health).

The Committee recessed until 6:40 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE)

In consideration of Vote 36 (S), the Committee divided.

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

YEAS—69

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Mann Brewin</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Cashore</i>			

36 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$290,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

Committee of Supply reported the Resolution.
Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved—

That the report of resolution from the Committee of Supply on September 17, 2000, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of \$290,000,000. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act, 2000-2001* and is granted by Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

Motion agreed to.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 33) intituled *Supply Act, 2000-2001 (Supplementary)* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
September 17, 2000*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

For the guidance of Honourable Members, the Chair wishes to make two observations in relation to Bill (No. 33) intituled *Supply Act, 2000-2001 (Supplementary)*.

This bill is tantamount to a final Supply Bill as it is founded on a single resolution passed in Committee of Supply and adopted upon motion by this House. Accordingly, the bill falls squarely into the class of bills described in numerous precedents as “administrative acts only”.

Two results flow from this finding, the first being that the bill may pass through all stages in one sitting and secondly, apart from the brief introductory remarks permitted upon introduction of a bill by virtue of Practice Recommendation No. 5, the bill is not subject to debate at any of its stages.

I refer Honourable Members to British Columbia *Hansard* of July 26, 1993, at page 9176, British Columbia *Hansard* of July 27, 1993, at page 9230, and *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, at page 164.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

Bill (No. 33) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. Ramsey*, Bill (No. 33) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 33) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:
Bill (No. 33) *Supply Act, 2000-2001 (Supplementary)*.

His 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, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty’s loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* 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 Fourth Session of the Thirty-Sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

And then the House adjourned at 11.07 p.m.

Thursday, December 7, 2000

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coell*.

The Hon. *W. Hartley* (Speaker) advised the House of the death of *Bernard Webber*, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly, and stated that he would convey to the family the condolences of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) — fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 7, 2000

Ordered, that the Message, and the Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Kasper* presented a petition regarding the Brentwood Bay-Mill Bay Ferry.

The Hon. *W. Hartley* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Ombudsman Annual Report, 1999;

Financial Statement of the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia for the year ended March 31, 2000;

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the Statement of Votes of the Delta South By-Election held on December 7, 1999, pursuant to section 13 of the *Election Act*;

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 1999 Provincial Enumeration, pursuant to section 42 of the *Election Act*; and

Auditor General 2000/2001: Report 2 — Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Budget Process Review Panel, September 2000.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Janssen*, seconded by Mr. *Kasper*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Erda Walsh*, Member for Kootenay 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. *G. Janssen*, seconded by Mr. *Kasper*, that *Dennis Streifel*, Member for Mission-Kent Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—34

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) of the Ministry of Health).

(IN COMMITTEE)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, December 7, 2000

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *van Dongen* presented a petition regarding the proposed gas-fired electrical generation plant in Sumas, Washington.

The Hon. *G. F. Wilson* (Minister of Forests) presented a petition regarding the Roosevelt Elk in the Sunshine Coast and Pender Harbour area.

Mr. *Orcherton* presented a petition regarding amendments to the *Medical Practitioners Act*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) of the Ministry of Health).

(IN COMMITTEE)

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

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed at 6.35 p.m.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) of the Ministry of Health).

(IN COMMITTEE)

36 (S2). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$212,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2001.

Committee of Supply reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The House continued to sit past midnight.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved—

That the report of resolution from the Committee of Supply on December 7, 2000, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of \$212,000,000. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act, 2000-2001* and section 1 of the *Supply Act, 2000-2001* (Supplementary) and is granted by Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

Motion agreed to.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 34) intituled *Supply Act, 2000-2001* (*Supplementary No. 2*) and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 7, 2000

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34), the House divided.

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

YEAS—73

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

Bill (No. 34) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. Ramsey*, (Bill No. 34) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 34) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 34) *Supply Act, 2000-2001 (Supplementary No. 2)*.

His 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, His Honour the Administrator doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act.”

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *G. Janssen* 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 Fourth Session of the Thirty-Sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

The following Reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Ministry of Agriculture and Food 1999/00 Annual Report;

Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Annual Report 1999/2000;

BC Assessment Annual Performance Report for the Year 1999 and a Report of the Creation of the 2000 Assessment Roll and the Financial Statements for Year Ended December 31, 1999;

Ministry of Municipal Affairs 1999/2000 Annual Report;

Oil and Gas Commission 1999/2000 Annual Report;

Budget Consultation Paper Fall 2000; and

Report on Implementation of the Recommendations of the Budget Process Review Panel (the Enns Report).

And then the House adjourned at 1.36 a.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2001

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brewin*.

The Hon. *W. Hartley* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:
Auditor General 2000/2001: Report 3 — Follow-up of Performance and Compliance Reports;
Auditor General Report on Strategic Direction and Funding Proposal, February 2001; and
Office of the Child, Youth and Family Advocate Annual Report, 2000.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Hon. GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this fourth session of the thirty-sixth parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you on the accomplishments of the past year. This session has seen the passage of measures of wide-ranging and significant importance to the people of our province. On behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention that you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *G. Bowbrick* (Attorney General) then said:

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The following Reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Advanced Education, Training and Technology Special Warrant;
Auditor General Annual Report, 1999/2000;
BC Heritage Trust Annual Report, 1999/2000;
BC Housing Annual Report, 1998-1999, 1999-2000;
Business done in pursuance of the *Pension (College) Act* during the fiscal year ended August 31, 1999;
Employment and Investment Annual Report, 1999-2000;
Energy and Mines Annual Report, 1999-00;
Forests Annual Report, 1998/99;
Provincial Health Officer's Annual Report 1999; A Report on the Health of British Columbians;
Human Resources Annual Report 1998/1999;
Job Protection Commission Annual Report 1999;
Women's Equality Annual Report, 1999-2000.

And then the House prorogued at 11.12 a.m.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.
*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 fourteenth day of March, two thousand one at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at Our City of Victoria.

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

WITNESS, the Honourable Garde B. Gardom, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-eighth day of February, two thousand one and in the fiftieth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

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