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### Tuesday, August 25, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Thirty-ninth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable STEVEN L. POINT, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 22nd day of July, 2009, the Members took their seats, having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

The Honourable STEVEN L. POINT, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. M. de Jong (Attorney General) said:

### Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

*E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, advised the House that only one candidate had declared his intention to stand for the election of Speaker and, accordingly, *Bill Barisoff*, Member for Penticton, was declared as the duly elected Speaker. He was then taken out of his place by the Hon. *M. de Jong* and Mr. *Farnworth* and conducted to the Chair and made a statement expressing his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by electing him to be their Speaker.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Hon. G. Campbell (Premier) made a statement.

Ms. James made a statement.

And then the House adjourned at 10.24 a.m.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor Ed Skutshek, Grace Lutheran Church, West Kelowna.

The Honourable STEVEN L. POINT, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne. The Speaker standing on His Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

The Hon. M. de Jong then said:

### Mr. Speaker:

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

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

### Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature:

As we begin this 39th Parliament, we pause to honour those who have passed since this Assembly last convened and to recognize those working to safeguard people and communities around our province.

Members recognize the contributions of those who have helped build our province who have passed on: Provincial Court Chief Judge Hugh Stansfield, former Supreme Court of Canada Justice William Rogers McIntyre, architect Arthur Erickson, university chancellor Dr. William Gibson, former MLA Evan Wolfe, former MP Joy Langan, Mayor Aman Virk, former mayor Harold Moffat, councillor Brian Given, RCMP Inspector Jim Wakely and community builders Wendy Ladner-Beaudry and Bennie Yung.

The arts community has bid farewell to the talented David Ross and Lorena Gale.

We join First Nation communities in mourning the passing of Chief Viola Wyse, Chief John L. George, elder and former chief Russell Williams, elder Joe Michel and councillor Frank Rivers Jr.

And we salute the 38 members of the B.C. Public Service who have passed away since we last met. They dedicated themselves to serving the people and communities of B.C. It is the high calibre and dedicated efforts of our professional public servants that have realized the service gains made over the last eight years.

We honour the memory of pilot Robert Woodhead, lost while fighting wildfires. Nowhere has the dedication of our public servants been more visible than in the superb efforts of our forest service,

firefighters, emergency personnel, police and volunteers in the face of this summer's fire season. Every British Columbian has marveled at their stamina and professionalism. It is a reflection of a remarkable public service. For that, all British Columbians are grateful.

Today, more than ever, we must all dedicate ourselves to our children and grandchildren.

As British Columbia endures its worst recession in 27 years, many are worried about their economic future. Families worry about their prospects. Government shares their concerns. It will dedicate its efforts to improving B.C. families' prospects and economic circumstances. It will not happen overnight and it will not be easy, but government will work tirelessly, so B.C. comes out of this economic maelstrom stronger.

The pace, depth and scope of the economic crisis surpassed expectations.

We have been hit by seismic economic shifts that were unpredictable and brutally deceiving in their speed and force. They rocked our province, hurt our industries and have left thousands of workers worried or unemployed.

Government revenues have been decimated. Billions of dollars have been lost to falling commodity prices, smaller incomes, shrinking exports and lower sales. As recently as the past couple of months, government's books were shifting by hundreds of millions of dollars on a weekly basis.

Record forest fires have put homes and people at risk, have cost us hundreds of millions of dollars and have added to our financial burden.

Most economists are now predicting that British Columbia's economic growth rate will be either first or second in Canada next year. As in the early part of this decade, it is a smart focus on our economy that will lead us back to the successful position that, only a year ago, we took for granted.

In May of this year we heard clearly from British Columbians that they wanted a stable government that would live within its means, improve and protect vital services and lower costs on the economy so that we could invest in jobs and infrastructure. To meet those commitments to British Columbians and to propel our province forward, difficult decisions need to be made. The federal government is providing flexibility and \$1.6 billion in transition assistance to facilitate the most significant economic development initiative that B.C. can undertake in preparation for the economic turnaround.

The government committed to work to make B.C. more competitive, reduce barriers to the economy and protect core public services. A harmonized sales tax fits all three of those broad economic objectives. It has been advocated by small businesses and large industries alike. Ontario's decision to move to the harmonized sales tax made it imperative that our government act quickly.

B.C. would be put at a significant disadvantage if it did not act to match Ontario's timetable. The harmonized sales tax places us on a stronger job creation and investment footing.

Further, the additional \$1.6 billion in transition funding will help protect vital health and education services.

As difficult and rapid as this decision was, it was critical to our economic future.

It is a significant change and government recognizes that some will be asked to make significant adjustments. Government will work to help mitigate negative impacts.

While some say government should have waited, the danger in that course of action was twofold. First, we would have lost significant investment opportunities and the jobs that go with them. Second, we would have faced substantial service reductions, layoffs and curtailments in the short term and faced heavier debt costs in the long term that could otherwise be alleviated with federal transition assistance.

The 12 per cent harmonized GST and PST will be the lowest in Canada. It allows for new flexibility that maintains our position as the second-lowest tax regime in the country. It encourages investment and productivity gains. The benefits will flow through in higher productivity, higher wages and lower costs, increased competitiveness, reduced bureaucracy and red tape, more jobs and a stronger economy in every part of the province.

The HST will save B.C. taxpayers \$30 million in administration costs annually and will save B.C. businesses over \$150 million in compliance costs every year.

It will lower business costs on productivity by almost \$2 billion annually.

Like six other provinces, B.C. will no longer charge sales tax on business inputs.

It clearly benefits thousands of workers in construction, manufacturing, transportation, forestry, mining, agriculture, retail, new media, film and energy.

Savings on inputs currently taxed by the PST will improve our companies' ability to re-invest in B.C., expand their businesses, decrease bureaucracy and regulatory costs, increase productivity, raise wages and create more jobs.

Further, experience has shown that as new input credits reduce the production costs of goods, they lead to lower retail prices for consumers.

More will be said about this important initiative in the coming Budget.

People are worried and we must do what we can to restore their confidence, revive investment and increase jobs. The task ahead is difficult but we have faced difficult circumstances before and come out stronger. We can again.

We can create new jobs as a global leader in clean energy and energy conservation; in green building technologies and affordable housing in our cities and towns; in wood innovation and design; in water conservation and management.

Shrinking revenues will by necessity curtail our discretionary spending.

The fiscal cupboard is bare and currently hangs on a wall of deficit spending. Intrinsic to our budget crunch is the chance to discover new ways of doing things and to find new savings by doing things differently in all ministries and Crown agencies.

The answer to today's fiscal challenges is not to slough them off to future taxpayers.

It is not to take the easy path of least resistance that pretends nothing has changed.

This government chooses to take the harder path that resists overspending.

Now is not the time to give up on the future.

We cannot pretend that we can borrow with impunity to satisfy our wants without hurting future generations' ability to provide for their basic needs.

While we will protect critical health and education services, we will not throw up our hands, throw in the towel and borrow our way into oblivion.

We must minimize spending on non-essential services and target discretionary spending where it is needed most: to help patients, students, children and families and to create a new economic framework, new revenue and new jobs while protecting public services that are indispensable.

That principle shaped the February Budget and it will continue to guide our way forward.

Yet, even with announced spending constraints and new austerity measures, there is no way to fully offset the devastating impact of falling revenues without massive tax hikes or severe cuts in crucial services.

Neither of those options is acceptable to this government or to taxpayers.

That is why this year's deficit will be far higher than originally forecast and why amendments will be required to balance the budget following four years of deficits instead of two.

Government will continue to target strategic investments to generate economic growth and job creation.

Significant reductions in controllable costs, including government funding for discretionary grants and contributions, will be necessary.

All ministries and Crown agencies will work to find new ways of doing things so we can deliver quality services at lower costs.

Central to that endeavour is the need to constrain wage-related spending pressures.

Rising public sector wage and benefit costs only put more pressure on government to find savings through layoffs and other workforce reductions.

That is something that our government is working very hard to minimize. As long as we are mired in deficits, there is simply no money available for public sector wage increases.

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This government will not contemplate wage rollbacks, as some have suggested.

But neither will it finance new wage hikes through higher debt, through reductions to core services or through vastly increasing public sector layoffs. Our focus instead will be on protecting jobs to preserve the delivery of services while our workforce strives to rejuvenate its ranks for the future, in the face of its aging profile.

Taxpayers have a right to expect that the dollars they are investing for services are optimally managed by all entities reliant on provincial funding and that cost containment is central to their efforts in the months and years ahead.

All government-funded entities will focus their efforts on speeding the return to balanced budgets.

A review is now underway with respect to BC Ferries and TransLink.

Public funding devoted to public transit and ferry services should not be used to subsidize unreasonably high compensation levels or administrative costs.

Adherence to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles should not prevent government from maximizing its public investments in independent, regulated authorities.

Pending the outcome of the Comptroller General's review, legislation may be needed to protect and advance those public interests.

Health Authorities, Boards of Education and Crown corporations will all be subject to similar reviews in the year ahead.

Where service-delivery mechanisms can be improved at a lower administrative cost, they should be.

Where Crown agencies or functions delivered by them can be more cost-effectively administered directly by line ministries, they will be.

Crown entities will systematically be reviewed to maximize public effectiveness and to lower administrative and overhead costs to benefit ratepayers and taxpayers alike.

Changes will be made that put us on a stronger footing.

Next year, the Legislature will adjourn to host the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. To accommodate that one-time event, government will introduce a one-time amendment to the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* to allow for the provincial Budget to be introduced on March 2, 2010.

This fall's legislative agenda will be busy.

The Labour Mobility Act; Insurance Amendment Act; Strata Property Amendments Act; Wills, Estates and Succession Act; and Police Amendment Act will all be reintroduced.

The *Lobbyists Registration Act* will also be strengthened with new investigative and enforcement provisions.

Government will introduce legislation to restrict cell phone use while driving a vehicle to create a safer driving and pedestrian environment for all.

New legislation will deny income assistance to anyone in British Columbia who has an outstanding warrant from another province.

Government will legislate a new Residents Bill of Rights to set out clear commitments to care and to the rights of residents living in residential care facilities.

We will act this session to legislate labour mobility for all Canadians wanting to work in British Columbia and to advance open trade with Alberta under the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement.

A new Wood First policy will be legislated this session to require all public buildings to use wood first as their default building material, inside and out.

We will act to strengthen payment protection for forestry contractors under the *Woodworker Lien Act*.

Government is committed to the goal of reconciliation with First Nations.

Despite many historic shifts in understanding and intent over recent years, we still have many miles to walk before we reach the mutual vision we know exists.

Reconciliation demands that we listen to First Nations, and clearly, more work must be done before the *Recognition and Reconciliation Act* is introduced to this house.

While we develop further understanding, we will continue to press for improvements in other ways.

Aboriginal parents tell us that they are worried sick about the housing and education available to their children.

This is a national shame.

We will bring forward provincial resources and policy in the pursuit of new solutions with our First Nations and federal partners.

Reconciliation must be guided by respect.

British Columbia will negotiate agreements on lands and resources based on the recognition of preexisting Aboriginal rights that coexist with those of the Crown.

We will pursue new treaties, as well as agreements on shared decision making and benefit sharing. We will work with economic partners, communities and with all British Columbians to explore new solutions — solutions that put housing into communities and take students through Grade 12 into post-secondary training, and solutions that have First Nations making decisions about matters that affect their families.

While the path of reconciliation may be long and full of turns, we will follow it with resolve.

We do so for the sake of all our children and those that will follow them.

As we work together to strengthen our social fabric, so must we work to restore our environment.

This administration's commitment to climate action is equally unflagging and crucial to our economy.

The record forest fire season reminds us once again that in spite of the denials, climate change is real and costly.

It costs taxpayers millions each year to mitigate and contain its impacts.

The plan we are pursuing is well underway and will not be derailed. We will work both with our federal government and with leaders in other jurisdictions to develop meaningful solutions that will actually meet our children's needs and help us exceed our goals.

Government will act to ensure our fresh water remains a rich resource that meets economic, social and environmental needs for generations to come.

British Columbians will be consulted on new statutory protections to further safeguard our environment from cosmetic chemical pesticides.

The environment is the foundation of our quality of life and new approaches and new practices will be required by all of us if we are to restore it for the generations that follow.

A Species at Risk Task Force will be established to report out to the government with recommendations by June 2010. Following the example of our climate initiative, it will be asked to suggest a new defining vision with an overarching measurable outcome that British Columbians can work together to achieve within the next decade.

Whether it is the urban landscapes within which we live, or the vast lands that support livelihoods and wildlife, a common achievable purpose can connect us all.

This government will implement an aggressive strategy to turn the challenge of climate change to our citizens' economic advantage.

Green energy will be a cornerstone of British Columbia's climate action plan.

Electricity self-sufficiency and clean, renewable power generation will be integral to our effort to fight global warming.

The BC Utilities Commission will receive specific direction.

Phasing out Burrard Thermal is a critical component of B.C.'s greenhouse gas reduction strategy.

Further, this government will capitalize on the world's desire and need for clean energy, for the benefit of all British Columbians.

Whether it is the development of Site C, run-of-river hydro power, wind, tidal, solar, geothermal, or bioenergy and biomass — British Columbia will take every step necessary to become a clean energy powerhouse, as indicated in the BC Energy Plan.

Government will use the means at its disposal to maximize our province's potential for the good of our workers, our communities, our province and the planet.

While these forms of power require greater investment, in the long run, they will produce exponentially higher economic returns to our province, environmental benefits to our planet and jobs throughout British Columbia.

High-quality, reliable, clean power is an enormous economic advantage that will benefit every British Columbian in every part of this province for generations to come.

Ready access to clean, affordable power has been a huge strategic incentive to industrial development in British Columbia.

We will build on past successes with new strategies aimed at developing new clean, renewable power as a competitive advantage to stimulate new investment, industry and employment.

Growing knowledge industries like database management and telecommunications will increasingly look for new places to invest and create jobs that have clean, reliable, low-carbon, low-cost power.

New energy producers will be looking for long-term investments leveraged through long-term power contracts that give them a competitive edge in our province.

B.C.'s multiple sources of clean, renewable energy are far preferable to reliance on other dirtier forms of power.

We will open up that power potential with new vigour, new prescribed clean power calls and new investments in transmission. New approaches to power generation, transmission and taxation policies will create new high-paying jobs for British Columbia's families.

A new Green Energy Advisory Task Force will shortly be appointed to complement the work of the BCUC's long-term transmission requirement review.

That task force will be asked to recommend a blueprint for maximizing British Columbia's clean power potential, including a principled, economically-viable and environmentally-sustainable export development policy.

It will review the policies, incentives and impediments currently affecting B.C.'s green power potential, and it will identify best practices employed in other leading jurisdictions.

We will promote biomass power solutions and convert landfill waste into clean energy that reduces harmful methane gas emissions.

We will act to outlaw the international export of British Columbia's garbage and landfill waste.

The government has mandated methane capture from landfills to ensure we deal responsibly with our own waste and convert it to clean energy where practicable.

We can be leaders in the commercialization of cellulosic ethanol and other biofuels, as we are in hydrogen and fuel cell technology.

Low-carbon gas development is the key to maximizing B.C.'s energy potential where it can occur with minimal environmental impact.

A new comprehensive Asia Pacific Gateway Authority will be pursued with the federal government. Through it, government will redouble its efforts to open up the critical Northern Corridor with its massive potential as a trade and transportation corridor. That will generate billions of dollars in economic activity and thousands of jobs for Canada's and B.C.'s workers.

British Columbia's unique global advantage as Canada's Pacific Gateway and our exceptional Olympic opportunity are economic launching pads for our future.

An Open Skies Summit at the new Vancouver Convention Centre will be held in September.

It will focus on the opportunities of Open Skies agreements that are crucial for economic growth, international trade and increased tourism in communities across B.C.

British Columbia desperately needs the federal government's help to liberate that opportunity.

The Government of Canada has shown a great willingness to support our province's economic development imperatives over the past several years.

Together, we are opening up our transportation gateways, with new investments in our roads, bridges, ports, railways, airports, border crossings and ferries.

A new transmission line along Highway 37 will replace dirty diesel power in First Nations communities, open new opportunities in mining and clean power production and create job opportunities throughout the Skeena Region.

A new Northern Energy Corridor will open up our ability to export liquefied natural gas from the Northeast through the Port of Kitimat to the massive Asian marketplace.

A new Wood Innovation and Design Centre will be established in Prince George.

We are investing in critical new infrastructure and creating thousands of new construction jobs.

We are building new housing and new facilities that will provide lasting benefits to seniors, patients, students and communities.

A major initiative will be commenced to encourage affordable market housing in B.C. that will put the dream of a single-family home within the economic reach of our children.

Working with B.C.'s municipalities, we will examine all government-imposed costs and legislative frameworks — from property assessment to subdivision regulations and other development tools — with a view to reducing both capital and operating costs for housing in B.C. Our children aspire to owning homes in livable and sustainable communities. Together, we can meet their aspirations.

Nothing is more important as we look to our future than the education of our children. Government has focused its attention on expanding university, college and apprenticeship opportunities in the last eight years. Thousands of new spaces have been created for graduating students.

We must now focus on increasing graduation rates and improving student performance from the earliest years.

Government will place early learning and early-childhood development at the forefront of efforts to improve our education services.

Neighbourhood learning centres will become the focus of intensive activities with city councils, library boards, recreation commissions, parents and professionals. Government will work to establish educational and preschool opportunities in the midst of the neighbourhoods where our families live. Together, we can work to centre neighbourhoods and communities on the needs of our families, their children's education and the environment.

Full-time, five-year-old kindergarten will begin to be delivered in schools throughout British Columbia in September of 2010.

It is easy in difficult times to forget the strength, character and generosity of those who live here. As we confront the challenges of today, we are preparing to welcome the world to British Columbia, Canada, in 2010. British Columbians can take pride in the builders who have completed world-class venues and in the athletes and artists who are preparing today for their time on the biggest stage the world has to offer.

We will introduce our guests and the billions of viewers who will have their eyes on us to a model province in a model country. They will see a province that is striving to be a global leader in clean energy, green building, environmental stewardship and sustainable growth.

When those three billion viewers turn on their televisions, they will marvel at our province's unbelievable beauty.

They will see first-hand what we live every day.

From Vancouver to Vanderhoof. From Victoria to Valemount. From Cranbrook to Kamloops, Kelowna to Prince George and all places in between.

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The world will know the majesty of the Peace, the grandeur of the Kootenays, the rugged beauty of the Northwest, the intimacy of our Islands, the vast sweep of the Cariboo Chilcotin and the richness of the Thompson Okanagan.

Today, British Columbians must look beyond the Olympics and all the opportunity it will bring.

That showcase will be the largest-ever single promotion of our future and what our province offers.

International visitors will come to our province and get to know our workers, our companies and our communities. Most importantly, they will get to know the people who live here.

We will show a population that is cosmopolitan and open to the world, an economic climate that welcomes investment and a workforce that is productive, innovative and creative.

This is our time to hold up the picture of how things can be and show a people ready to accept and meet our tests with openness and honesty, who know that accepting the difficult challenge is the road to a better future for us all.

Our visitors will find a province whose healthy lifestyle has led to one of the world's longest life expectancies and best qualities of life for those who live here.

They will find a province creating its future and building on its strengths with a long-term vision that focuses on its children and grandchildren.

They will discover British Columbia, Canada, one of the great places in the world to live and raise a family.

In B.C., we live amongst the mountains.

May we all commit to keep our province strong and reach new summits together.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

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

"Elections BC Victoria, B.C., June 3, 2009

E. George MacMinn, Q.C.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

DEAR MR. MACMINN:

Please consider this letter a certified report, per section 147 of the *Election Act* RSBC 1996 c. 106, regarding the results of the 39th Provincial General Election.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor dissolved the 38th Parliament of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia via a Proclamation issued on April 14, 2009. A general election was required to fill vacancies caused by the dissolution.

Writs of election were issued in the afternoon of April 14, 2009, calling for a general election on May 12, 2009. The writs were returnable on or before today, June 3, 2009.

The general election was held pursuant to the provisions of the *Election Act*. In conjunction with that election, a referendum on electoral reform was also conducted.

Recounts of candidate ballots were conducted by District Electoral Officers under section 136 of the *Election Act* in two electoral districts, namely:

- Cariboo-Chilcotin
- Delta South

In addition, the District Electoral Officer for the electoral district of Delta South was required to apply for a judicial recount of the ballots in that district in accordance with section 139(5)(b) of the *Election Act*.

Madame Justice Wedge declared independent candidate *Vicki Huntington* elected following the judicial recount on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. If no appeal is made under section 144 of the *Election Act*, the judge will sign the certificate of judicial recount at the close of day on Thursday June 4, 2009.

I hereby certify that the following 84 members have been elected to represent their respective electoral districts as set out below:

Electoral District	Ballot Name	<b>Political Party Affiliation</b>
Abbotsford-Mission	Randy Hawes	BC Liberal Party
Abbotsford South		
Abbotsford West	Michael G. de Jong	BC Liberal Party
Alberni-Pacific Rim	Scott Kenneth Fraser	BC NDP
BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN	John Slater	BC Liberal Party
Burnaby-Deer Lake	Kathy Corrigan	BC NDP
Burnaby-Edmonds	Raj Chouhan	BC NDP
Burnaby-Lougheed		
Burnaby North		
CARIBOO-CHILCOTIN		
Cariboo North	Bob Simpson	BC NDP
CHILLIWACK	John Les	BC Liberal Party
CHILLIWACK-HOPE	Barry Penner	BC Liberal Party
Columbia River-Revelstoke		
Comox Valley	Don McRae	BC Liberal Party
COQUITLAM-BURKE MOUNTAIN	0	•
COQUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE		
COWICHAN VALLEY	-	
Delta North		
ESQUIMALT-ROYAL ROADS		
Fort Langley-Aldergrove		•
Fraser-Nicola	•	
Juan de Fuca		
KAMLOOPS-NORTH THOMPSON	-	-
KAMLOOPS-SOUTH THOMPSON		
Kelowna-Lake Country		
Kelowna-Mission		
Kootenay East		
Kootenay West		
Langley	•	•
MAPLE RIDGE-MISSION		
MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS		
NANAIMO		
Nanaimo-North Cowichan	Doug Routley	BC NDP

Nechako Lakes	John Rustad	BC Liberal Party
Nelson-Creston		•
New Westminster	e	
North Coast		
North Island		
North Vancouver-Lonsdale	-	
North Vancouver-Seymour		•
Oak Bay-Gordon Head		•
Parksville-Qualicum	e	5
PEACE RIVER NORTH		
PEACE RIVER SOUTH		-
Penticton	-	-
Port Coquitlam		5
Port Moody-Coquitlam		
Powell River-Sunshine Coast		
Prince George-Mackenzie		
Prince George-Valemount		2
Richmond Centre		•
RICHMOND EAST		
Richmond-Steveston		•
SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS		
SAANICH SOUTH	-	-
Shuswap	-	
Skeena	0	•
Stikine	Doug Donaldson	BC NDP
Surrey-Cloverdale		
Surrey-Fleetwood		2
Surrey-Green Timbers		
Surrey-Newton	Harry Bains	BC NDP
Surrey-Panorama		
Surrey-Tynehead		
SURREY-WHALLEY	Bruce Ralston	BC NDP
SURREY-WHITE ROCK	Gordon Hogg	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-FAIRVIEW	Margaret MacDiarmid	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-FALSE CREEK		
VANCOUVER-FRASERVIEW	Kash P. Heed	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-HASTINGS	Shane Simpson	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-KENSINGTON	Mable Elmore	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-KINGSWAY	Adrian Dix	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-LANGARA	Moira Stilwell	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-MOUNT PLEASANT	Jenny Wai Ching Kwan	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY	Gordon Campbell	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-QUILCHENA	Colin Hansen	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-WEST END		
Vernon-Monashee	Eric Bailey Foster	BC Liberal Party
VICTORIA-BEACON HILL		
VICTORIA-SWAN LAKE	-	
West Vancouver-Capilano	Ralph Sultan	BC Liberal Party

WEST VANCOUVER-SEA TO SKY ...... Joan McIntyre.....BC Liberal Party WESTSIDE-KELOWNA .....Ben Stewart ....BC Liberal Party

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

HARRY NEUFELD, Chief Electoral Officer British Columbia"

A further certificate of the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the judicial recount for the electoral district of Delta South certifying that *Vicki Huntington* had been elected was read by *Ian D. Izard*, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, as follows:

"Elections BC Victoria, B.C., June 5, 2009

E. George MacMinn, Q.C.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

DEAR MR. MACMINN:

A provincial general election and a referendum on electoral reform were held on May 12th, 2009.

The District Electoral Officer for the electoral district of Delta South was required to apply to the Supreme Court for a judicial recount of the ballots in that district in accordance with section 139 (5) (b) of the *Election Act*. This resulted in a delay in returning the writ of election for that electoral district.

Madame Justice Wedge conducted the judicial recount from June 1-2, 2009. Following the conclusion of the judicial recount, a two-day appeal period was required by s.144 of the *Act*. The appeal period ended on Thursday, June 4th, with no application made for an appeal.

Following the appeal period, Justice Wedge issued a certificate of the results of the judicial recount to the District Electoral Officer. The District Electoral Officer for Delta South has now returned the writ and signed certificate of election to the office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

In accordance with section 147 (2) of the *Election Act*, I hereby certify the election of independent candidate *Vicki Huntington*, as the Member to represent the electoral district of Delta South in the Legislative Assembly.

Sincerely,

Linda Johnson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer British Columbia"

On the motion of the Hon. M. de Jong (Attorney General), it was Ordered —

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

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

That *Linda Reid*, Member for Richmond East Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

That *Claire Trevena*, Member for the North Island Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

That *Harry Bloy*, Member for Burnaby-Lougheed 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. M. de Jong (Attorney General), it was Ordered—

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

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

- 1. Aboriginal Affairs;
- 2. Education;
- 3. Finance and Government Services;
- 4. Health;
- 5. Public Accounts;
- 6. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
- 7. Crown Corporations;
- 8. Children and Youth;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *M. de Jong* (Convener), *Ron Cantelon, Joan McIntyre, Jane Thornthwaite, John van Dongen, Katrine Conroy, Mike Farnworth*, and *John Horgan*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3.02 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by Mr. Rustad.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General 2009/2010 Report 1: Follow-up Report: Updates on the implementation of recommendations from recent reports;

Office of the Auditor General Annual Report, 2008/09 – Service Plan, 2009/10 – 2011/12;

Elections BC Service Plan 2009/10 – 2011/12;

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2008;

Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner pursuant to section 21 (3) of the *Members' Conflict* of Interest Act in the matter of a Request by Guy Gentner, MLA for Delta North, with respect to alleged contraventions of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* by the Honourable Gordon Campell, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, Premier of British Columbia;

Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2008-2009; and

Representative for Children and Youth Report Housing, Help and Hope: A Better Path for Struggling Families, July 2009.

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

KEITH BRACKEN Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Supply Act* (*No. 2*), 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts, August 20, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Bennett* (Minister of Community and Rural Development) tabled the following reports:

Islands Trust Annual Report, 2007-2008; and Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2008.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Ms. Cadieux moved, seconded by Mr. Letnick-

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

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. R. Hawes, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment/dissolution: Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Advanced Education and Labour Market Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Agriculture and Lands Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Attorney General Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

BC Assessment Annual Service Plan Report, 2008;

BC Housing Management Commission Annual Report, 2008/09;

BC Hydro Annual Report, 2009;

BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd. Service Plan Report, 2008-2009;

BC Oil and Gas Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/2009;

BC Pavilion Corporation Annual Report, 2008/09;

BC Public Service Agency Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

BC Transit Annual Report, 2008/09;

BC Transmission Corporation Annual Report, 2009;

British Columbia Arts Council Annual Report, 2008-2009;

British Columbia Innovation Council Annual Service Plan Report, Fiscal Year 2008/09;

British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 2008/2009;

British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

British Columbia Railway Company Annual Report, 2008;

British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report, 2008/2009;

Capital Project Plan – Surrey Memorial Hospital New Emergency Department and Critical Care Tower;

Children and Family Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Citizens' Services and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism and the Public Affairs Bureau Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report, 2008/09;

Columbia Power Corporation Annual Report, 2008/09;

Community Living British Columbia Annual Report, 2008/2009;

Community and Rural Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Environment including BC Climate Action Secretariat and Environmental Assessment Office Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Finance Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council Annual Report, 2008/2009;

Forestry Innovation Investment Service Plan Annual Report, 2008/09;

Forests and Range Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, Ministry of Housing and Social Development, Annual Report, 2008/09;

Government Strategic Plan Annual Report, 2008/09;

Health Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Healthy Living and Sport Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Homeowner Protection Office Annual Report, 2008-2009;

Housing and Social Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2009;

Industry Training Authority Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) Annual Report, 2008;

Knowledge Network Corporation Annual Report, 2008-2009;

Labour Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Legal Services Society Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/2009;

Office of the Premier Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Pacific Carbon Trust Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Partnerships British Columbia Annual Report, 2008-09;

Provincial Capital Commission Annual Report, 2008/09;

Provincial Health Officer's Annual Report, 2007 (Pathways to Health and Healing);

Provincial Health Officer – Progress on the Action Plan for Safe Drinking Water in British Columbia, 2008;

Public Accounts 2008/2009, and Ministerial Accountability Report, 2008/2009;

Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Report of the Thomas R. Braidwood, Q.C. Study Commission - Restoring Public Confidence; Restricting the Use of Conducted Energy Weapons in British Columbia, Braidwood Commission, June 2009;

Royal BC Museum Corporation Annual Report, 2008-2009;

Small Business, Technology and Economic Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09;

Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, Revised Schedule I [No. 4], April 6, 2009;

Tourism British Columbia Annual Report, 2008/09;

Tourism, Culture and the Arts Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09; and

Transportation and Infrastructure Annual Service Plan Report, 2008/09.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

### Thursday, August 27, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Les.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

**1** Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That effective immediately, the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows for the duration of the First Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament, which commenced on August 25, 2009:

That section 2 (2) (a) (ii) be amended to read "from August 25, 2009 to November 26, 2009 inclusive."

That section 2 (2) (b) be amended to read "The House shall stand adjourned during the weeks of September 7, September 28, October 12, and November 9, 2009."

That section 2 (2) (c) be amended to read "As soon as possible after the passing of this motion the Clerk of the House shall publish a calendar which shows the days on which the House shall meet, according to the Standing Orders."

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

### 2 Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

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

1. That Standing Order 2 (1) is deleted and the following substituted:

### Sittings

# Daily sittings.

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

Monday:	Two distinct sittings:	
	10 a.m. to 12 noon	
	1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	
Tuesday:	Two distinct sittings:	
	10 a.m. to 12 noon	
	1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday:	1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	
Thursday:	Two distinct sittings:	
	10 a.m. to 12 noon	
	1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	

2. That Standing Order 3 be deleted and the following substituted:

# Hour of interruption.

**3.** If at the hour of 6:30 p.m. on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 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 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday
On Wednesday	until 10 a.m. on Thursday
On Thursday	until 10 a.m. on Monday

subject to the provisions of Standing Order 2 (2) (b).

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to, on division.

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. G. Abbott the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

# Thursday, August 27, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.

## Monday, August 31, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. D. Routley.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

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

4 By leave, Mr. *McRae* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the importance of early learning opportunities and acknowledge this government's establishment of StrongStart BC Early Learning Centres across British Columbia and celebrate its renewed commitment to deliver full-day kindergarten for five-year-olds throughout the province by September 2010.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

# Monday, August 31, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Merit Commissioner Annual Report, 2008/2009.

On the motion of Mr. *Ralston*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Independent Budget Officer Act, 2009* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled Supply Act (No. 2), 2009, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 3) read a second time and, by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 1, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

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. Horgan, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

### Tuesday, September 1, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion of the Hon. C. Hansen (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier), it was Ordered-

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

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

KEITH BRACKEN Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith:

Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2010; and

Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2010;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts, August 28, 2009.

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

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) moved, seconded by the Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

KEITH BRACKEN Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act* (*No.* 2), 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts, August 31, 2009.

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. Hansen (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) tabled the following documents:

September Budget Update, 2009/10 – 2011/12 required under section 7 of the *Budget Transparency* and Accountability Act;

Government's 2009/10 – 2011/12 Strategic Plan Update required under the *Budget Transparency* and Accountability Act;

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development; Ministry of Agriculture and Lands; Ministry of Attorney General; Ministry of Children and Family Development and Minister Responsible for Child Care; Ministry of Citizens' Services and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism and the Public Affairs Bureau; Ministry of Community and Rural Development; Ministry of Education and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Ministry of Environment including Environmental Assessment Office; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Integrated Land Management Bureau; Ministry of Health Services; Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport; Ministry of Housing and Social Development; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development; Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

Crown Agency Service Plans: BC Assessment Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.; BC Innovation Council; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Railway Company; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; BC Transmission Corporation; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Homeowner Protection Office; Industry Training Authority; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Pacific Carbon Trust; Partnerships BC; Provincial Capital Commission; Royal BC Museum Corporation;

Added to the government reporting entity by regulation: Private Career Training Institutions Agency; and

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.08 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 2, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Donaldson.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Labour) tabled the WorkSafeBC Annual Report, 2008 and Service Plan, 2009 – 2011.

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. R. Hawes, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

### Thursday, September 3, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Trevena.

The Speaker made the following statement:

### Honourable Members:

In order to assist Members, I wish to remind the House of the spirit, intent, scope of debate and subject matter of daily *Statements* under Standing Order 25B and weekly *Private Members' Statements* under Standing Order 25A. As noted in several Speakers' decisions in this House, guidelines apply to both proceedings. Issues surrounding *Private Members' Statements* have been canvassed and discussed many times by Speakers in this House with numerous references in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 4th edition at pages 60 and 61.

Practice in this House under Standing Orders 25A and 25B does not preclude Members from expressing a party's position on political issues or policy. However, personal attacks on Members, or imputing improper motives to Members or groups of Members, is simply not allowed. *Private Members' Statements* are not proceedings for Members to indulge in partisan, political and personal attacks and debate against Members. I quote in part from a Speaker's decision in this House dated March 1, 2007:

"Statements should not reflect negatively on individual Members or groups of Members in the House."

*Private Members' Statements* rather are an opportunity for Members to make statements on issues of current interest and on matters of concern to them.

As well, Standing Order 25A clearly states that topics covered should not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same Session, and shall not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration by the House.

Additionally, these proceedings should not be used as a forum to criticize or rebut another Member's words spoken during other proceedings of the House.

I would ask all Honourable Members to be guided by these principles and guidelines which have, on numerous occasions, been articulated by Speakers of this House.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

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. Rustad, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Speaker stated that he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 201), *Independent Budget Officer Act, 2009* which was introduced in the House by the Member for Surrey-Whalley. The Bill would require expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67, and is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

### Thursday, September 3, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. M. de Jong reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Attorney General) tabled the BC Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2008 - 2009.

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 Hon. S. Thomson, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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. 3) *Supply Act (No. 2)*, 2009.

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 5.58 p.m.

# Monday, September 14, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Foster.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

**6** By leave, Mr. *Ralston* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support discussion and debate of the creation of an Independent Budget Officer.

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Member:

If we refer back to Standing Order 66, "The House will not receive any resolution stating an express or abstract opinion of the House on recommending an expenditure of public money unless recommended by the Crown."

If the Member wishes to take out the offending section, which would be "of the creation" and "House support" the Speaker would certainly entertain looking at that.

Motion 6 was ruled out of order.

7 By leave, Mr. *Ralston* moved—

Be it resolved that this House enter into discussion and debate of an Independent Budget Officer.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

## Monday, September 14, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the Elections BC Annual Report, 2008-2009.

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The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

KEITH BRACKEN Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Wills, Estates and Succession Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts, September 14, 2009

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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. Lali, the debate was adjourned.

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

FIRST REPORT

Douglas Fir Committee Room, Parliament Buildings, September 14, 2009

MR. SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on August 25, 2009 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Committees of this House reports that the following is the list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session:

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Don McRae (Convener), Donna Barnett, Dr. Terry Lake, John Slater, John Les, Gordon Hogg, Bob Simpson, Harry Lali, Doug Routley and Scott Fraser.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH—Joan McIntyre (Convener), Marc Dalton, Jane Thornthwaite, Stephanie Cadieux, John Rustad, Douglas Horne, Maurine Karagianis, Leonard Krog, Mable Elmore and Nicholas Simons.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS—Ralph Sultan (Convener), Harry Bloy, Pat Pimm, Joan McIntyre, Rob Howard, Gordon Hogg, John Horgan, Gary Coons, Harry Bains and Vicki Huntington.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION—Gordon Hogg (Convener), Richard T. Lee, Jane Thornthwaite, Marc Dalton, Dave S. Hayer, Rob Howard, Robin Austin, Diane Thorne, Dawn Black and Michael Sather.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—John Les (Convener), John van Dongen, Don McRae, Norm Letnick, John Rustad, Jane Thornthwaite, Doug Donaldson, Bruce Ralston, Michelle Mungall and Bill Routley.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH—Stephanie Cadieux (Convener), Ron Cantelon, Dave S. Hayer, Don McRae, Dr. Terry Lake, Donna Barnett, Adrian Dix, Sue Hammell, Jagrup Brar and Raj Chouhan.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—Dr. Terry Lake (Convener), Eric Foster, Dave S. Hayer, John Slater, Richard T. Lee, Pat Pimm, Jenny Kwan, Rob Fleming, Mike Farnworth and Katrine Conroy.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Norm Letnick (Convener), Eric Foster, Harry Bloy, Pat Pimm, Donna Barnett, John Slater, Rob Fleming, Mike Farnworth, Jenny Kwan and Katrine Conroy.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Bruce Ralston (Convener), Douglas Horne, John Les, John Rustad, Norm Letnick, Joan McIntyre, Richard T. Lee, Ralph Sultan, Rob Howard, Spencer Herbert, Kathy Corrigan, Lana Popham, Shane Simpson, Guy Gentner and Vicki Huntington.

HON. MICHAEL DE JONG, MLA, Chair and Government House Leader

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

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

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

- (a) Conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings, telephone and electronic means;
- (b) Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2009 on the results of those consultations; and

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

- (i) Auditor General
- (ii) Chief Electoral Officer
- (iii) Conflict of Interest Commissioner
- (iv) Information and Privacy Commissioner
- (v) Merit Commissioner
- (vi) Ombudsman
- (vii) Police Complaint Commissioner
- (viii) Representative for Children and Youth; and,
- (b) To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by any of the Officers listed in 2 (a) above.

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3. That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be the committee referred to in sections 19, 20, 21 and 23 of the *Auditor General Act* and that the performance report in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* be referred to the committee.

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

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

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

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved-

That a Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives be appointed for the 39th Parliament, pursuant to Section 9 of the *Recall and Initiative Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 398.

Motion agreed to.

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. B. Simpson, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Tuesday, September 15, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Barnett.

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

KEITH BRACKEN Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts, September 14, 2009

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. Hansen* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

KEITH BRACKEN Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Insurance Amendment Act*, 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts, September 14, 2009

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."

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. Bains, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

### Tuesday, September 15, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) tabled the following documents: Pre-Budget Consultation Paper pursuant to the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*; and Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued for Fiscal Year Ended March 31,

2009.

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. Austin, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Wednesday, September 16, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Pimm.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

### Thursday, September 17, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Slater.

The Hon. *K. Heed* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

KEITH BRACKEN Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Police (Misconduct, Complaints, Investigations, Discipline and Proceedings) Amendment Act, 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts, September 14, 2009

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 for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Wills, Estates and Succession Act*, a debate arose.

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

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

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

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

2. All Estimates shall stand referred to Section A, save and except those Estimates as shall be referred to Section B on motion without notice by the Government House Leader, which motion shall be decided without amendment or debate and be governed by Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation.

3. Section A shall consist of 20 Members, being 12 Members of the B.C. Liberal Party and 7 Members of the New Democratic Party and one Independent. In addition, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole, or his or her nominee, shall preside over the debates in Section A. Substitution of Members will be permitted to Section A with the consent of that Member's Whip, where applicable, otherwise with the consent of the Member involved. For the first session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Dalton, Hogg, Les, Hayer, Horne, Lake, Lee, Letnick*, and Ms. *Cadieux, McIntyre, Thornthwaite*, and Messrs. *Bains, Chouhan, Farnworth, Fraser* and Mmes. *Corrigan, D. Black* and *Hammell* and Ms. *Huntington*.

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

- (1) Other Members;
- (2) Opposition; and
- (3) Government.
- 5. Section B shall be composed of all Members of the House.
- 6. Divisions in Section A will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells four times.

7. 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.

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

9. Bills or Estimates previously referred to a designated Committee may at any stage be subsequently referred to another designated Committee on motion of the Government House Leader or Minister responsible for the Bill as hereinbefore provided by Rule Nos. 2 and 8.

### Motion agreed to.

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

# Thursday, September 17, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

	Yeas—45		
Horne	Hawes	de Jong	Sultan
Letnick	Hogg	Hansen	McIntyre
McRae	Thornthwaite	Bond	Rustad
Stewart	Hayer	MacDiarmid	Cadieux
I. Black	Lee	Abbott	van Dongen
Coell	Barnett	Falcon	Howard
McNeil	Bloy	Coleman	Lake
Polak	Reid	Thomson	Foster
Yamamoto	Lekstrom	Yap	Slater
Krueger	Penner	Cantelon	Dalton
Bennett	Heed	Les	Pimm
Stilwell			
		Nays—27	
S. Simpson	Austin	Bains	Elmore
Fleming	Brar	Dix	Donaldson
Farnworth	Hammell	Mungall	Fraser
James	Lali	Chouhan	B. Routley
Kwan	Thorne	Macdonald	Conroy
Ralston	D. Routley	Herbert	Coons
Popham	Horgan	Krog	

And then the House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.

# Monday, September 21, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Popham.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

8 By leave, Mr. van Dongen moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the actions of this government to fight gang violence and urge all federal parties to continue to implement BC's recommendations to strengthen the Criminal Code of Canada.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

### Monday, September 21, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Housing and Social Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) initial *Strata Property Amendment Act,* 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 18, 2009.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act* (*No.* 2), 2009, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

### (IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,631,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 22, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Donaldson.

The Hon. *P. Bell* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for the Integrated Land Management Bureau) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Wood First Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 21, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act (No. 2), 2009.* 

The debate continued.

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

(In Committee - Section A)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.49 a.m.

### Tuesday, September 22, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act (No. 2), 2009.* 

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

	Yeas—48		
Horne	Stilwell	de Jong	Sultan
Letnick	Hawes	Campbell	<i>McIntyre</i>
McRae	Hogg	Hansen	Rustad
Stewart	Thornthwaite	Bond	Cadieux
I. Black	Hayer	MacDiarmid	van Dongen
Coell	Lee	Abbott	Howard
McNeil	Barnett	Falcon	Lake
Chong	Bloy	Coleman	Foster
Polak	Reid	Thomson	Slater
Bell	Lekstrom	Yap	Dalton
Krueger	Penner	Cantelon	Pimm
Bennett	Heed	Les	Huntington
		Nays—31	
S. Simpson	Brar	Chouhan	Donaldson
D. Black	Hammell	Macdonald	Fraser
Fleming	Lali	Corrigan	B. Routley
Farnworth	Thorne	Herbert	Conroy
James	D. Routley	Krog	Coons
Ralston	Horgan	Simons	Sather
Popham	Dix	Gentner	Trevena
Austin	Mungall	Elmore	

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2009, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 5) read a second time, on division, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Insurance Amendment Act, 2009*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 6) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 4) intituled Wills, Estates and Succession Act was committed.

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

(In Committee - Section A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Wednesday, September 23, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The Hon. *M. Stilwell* (Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Labour Mobility Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House, September 22, 2009.* 

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled Wills, Estates and Succession Act 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)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$164,136,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Citizens' Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Citizens' Services, Benefits, to 31st March, 2010.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

## Thursday, September 24, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. D. Routley.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Representative for Children and Youth Report — *Honouring Christian Lee* — *No Private Matter: Protecting Children Living With Domestic Violence*, September 2009.

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) tabled the Report of the Budget Process Review Panel.

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

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 21, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled Wills, Estates and Succession Act was again committed.

Section 150 of Bill (No. 4) passed, on division.

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

#### SEPTEMBER 24

# (In Committee - Section A)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

# Thursday, September 24, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Attorney General) tabled the British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled Budget Measures Implementation Act (No. 2), 2009 was committed.

Section 1 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

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

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

Section 8 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

Section 12 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act*, 2009, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

#### SEPTEMBER 24

# (In Committee - Section A)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.

# Monday, October 5, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Pimm.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

**12** By leave, Mr. *Austin* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the importance of public libraries and the crucial services they provide as literacy is the underpinning of all learning.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

# Monday, October 5, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts, October 5, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved-

That effective immediately, the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows for the duration of the First Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament, which commenced on August 25, 2009:

1. That Standing Order 2 (1) is deleted and the following substituted:

Sittings

### Daily sittings.

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

Monday:	Two distinct sittings:	
	10 a.m. to 12 noon	
	1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	
Tuesday:	Two distinct sittings:	
	10 a.m. to 12 noon	
	1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday:	1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	
Thursday:	Two distinct sittings:	
	10 a.m. to 12 noon	
	1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	

2. That Standing Order 3 be deleted and the following substituted:

## Hour of interruption.

**3.** If at the hour of 6:30 p.m. on any Monday and Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, 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 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday
On Wednesday	until 10 a.m. on Thursday
On Thursday	until 10 a.m. on Monday
subject to the provisions	of Standing Order 2 (2) (b).

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved —

That a Special Committee be appointed to review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 165) pursuant to section 80 of that 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 conduct public consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings and electronic means; and
- (e) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee;

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and shall report to the House by May 31, 2010; 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 said Special Committee is to be composed of *Ron Cantelon* (Convenor), *Eric Foster*, *Douglas Horne*, *Marc Dalton*, *Ralph Sultan*, *Harry Bloy*, *Stephanie Cadieux*, *Doug Routley*, *Harry Lali*, *Guy Gentner*, *Katrine Conroy* and *Jenny Kwan*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 2009.* 

The debate continued.

Mr. Ralston moved the following amendment-

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 2009* be amended by deleting the word "now" and substituting therefor the words "six months hence."

The debate on the amendment continued.

The amendment on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 2009* was negatived, on the following division:

		Nays—45	
Horne	Stilwell	de Jong	Sultan
Letnick	Hawes	Hansen	McIntyre
McRae	Hogg	Bond	Rustad
Stewart	Thornthwaite	MacDiarmid	Cadieux
Coell	Hayer	Abbott	van Dongen
McNeil	Lee	Falcon	Howard
Chong	Barnett	Coleman	Lake
Polak	Bloy	Thomson	Foster
Yamamoto	Reid	Үар	Slater
Bell	Lekstrom	Cantelon	Dalton
Krueger	Heed	Les	Pimm
Bennett			
		Yeas—32	
S. Simpson	B. Simpson	Bains	Elmore
D. Black	Austin	Dix	Donaldson
Fleming	Karagianis	Mungall	Fraser
Farnworth	Brar	Macdonald	B. Routley
James	Hammell	Corrigan	Coons
Kwan	Lali	Herbert	Sather
Ralston	Thorne	Krog	Trevena
Popham	Horgan	Gentner	Huntington

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled Budget Measures Implementation Act (No. 2), 2009 was again committed.

Section 13 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

Section 14 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

Section 15 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

Section 17 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 was committed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

## Tuesday, October 6, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Slater.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth Annual Report, April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2009* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled Insurance Amendment Act, 2009 was committed.

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

### (IN COMMITTEE - SECTION A)

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$464,137,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,678,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Integrated Land Management Bureau, to 31st March, 2010.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$409,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Direct Fire, to 31st March, 2010.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,827,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2010.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

# Tuesday, October 6, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Lobbyist Registry Reform Act*, 2009, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Insurance Amendment Act, 2009* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 2009* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

## (In Committee - Section A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

# Wednesday, October 7, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Les.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts, October 5, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled Wood First Act, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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		Yeas—73	
Horne	Reid	S. Simpson	Chouhan
Letnick	Lekstrom	D. Black	Macdonald
McRae	Penner	Farnworth	Corrigan
Stewart	Heed	James	Herbert
Coell	de Jong	Ralston	Krog
McNeil	Hansen	Popham	Simons
Chong	Bond	Austin	Gentner
Polak	MacDiarmid	Brar	Donaldson
Yamamoto	Abbott	Hammell	Fraser
Bell	Falcon	Lali	B. Routley
Bennett	Thomson	Thorne	Foster
Stilwell	Yap	van Dongen	Slater
Hawes	Cantelon	Howard	Dalton
Hogg	Les	Lake	Pimm
Thornthwaite	Sultan	Horgan	Coons
Hayer	McIntyre	Bains	Sather
Lee	Rustad	Dix	Trevena
Barnett	Cadieux	Mungall	Huntington
Bloy			

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.53 p.m.

### Thursday, October 8, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Sultan.

The Speaker made the following statement:

## Honourable Members:

The opportunity for Members to discuss matters of interest to themselves and their constituents is well recognized and supported by the rules of the House. Members have opportunity to raise such issues daily in Statements by Members (Standing Order 25B) and on a Monday morning under Private Member Statements (Standing Order 25A).

In particular, I would like to address these remarks to Private Member Statements and the interpretation of Standing Order 25A. While these statements often spark healthy debate and allow Members to discuss policy ideas, I would like to remind Members of two key parameters of these statements.

Firstly, they should not reflect negatively on individual Members or groups in the House.

Secondly, they should deal with topics which are not otherwise before the House. As Speaker Sawicki noted, there are other opportunities for such debates, particularly during debate on Estimates or debate on Bills.

The hour-long session is a unique opportunity which allows eight Private Members to debate a broad range of topics, beyond the confines of what is already before the House. So I would like to encourage Members that Private Member Statements be used to put forward their own vision and ideas rather than use the time as a vehicle for political party rhetoric.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2009*, 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.

## (IN COMMITTEE - SECTION A)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$755,783,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

## Thursday, October 8, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Sultan*, Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Victoria Foundation Amendment Act,* 2009 was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills

On the motion of Mr. *Howard*, Bill (No. Pr 402) initialed *Trustee Board of the Church of God*, *Richmond Municipality, B.C. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2009* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) tabled the Statement of 2008/09 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A and Schedule B.

The Hon. *P. Bell* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for the Integrated Land Management Bureau) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2008.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled Labour Mobility Act, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

## Monday, October 19, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Housing and Social Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Housing and Social Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 16, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

5 By leave, Mr. *Rustad* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the importance of continuing to build and develop new markets for BC wood and forestry products in China, India and Korea.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

# Monday, October 19, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the following documents: Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 2008 Electoral Boundary Redistribution; and Ombudsman Annual Report, 2008/09.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Labour Mobility Act.* 

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2009*, 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.

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On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*, 2009, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

Bill (No. 9) intituled Wood First Act was committed.

Mr. *Macdonald* moved a proposed amendment to section 1 of Bill (No. 9) which was defeated on the following division:

	У	Yeas—29	
S. Simpson D. Black Farnworth B. Simpson Austin Karagianis Brar Hammell	Thorne D. Routley Horgan Bains Dix Mungall Chouhan	Macdonald Corrigan Herbert Krog Simons Gentner Elmore	Donaldson Fraser B. Routley Conroy Coons Sather Trevena
	Nays—43		
Horne Letnick McRae Stewart Coell McNeil Chong Polak Yamamoto Bell Krueger	Bennett Stilwell Hawes Hogg Thornthwaite Hayer Barnett Lekstrom Penner Heed de Jong	Bond MacDiarmid Abbott Falcon Coleman Thomson Yap Cantelon Les Sultan McIntyre	Rustad Cadieux van Dongen Howard Lake Foster Slater Dalton Pimm Huntington

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

(IN COMMITTEE - SECTION A)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

# Tuesday, October 20, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Elmore.

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

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

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

Government House, October 16, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2009* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

### (IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,634,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,276,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2010.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

# Tuesday, October 20, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *Conroy* Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Verigin Memorial Park Amendment Act,* 2009 was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved-

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 5.01 of the *Public Service Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 385), the appointment of an individual to hold office as the Merit Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia, and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee, and is also empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during any period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to conduct meetings by any means the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to telephone and videoconferencing;
- (d) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (e) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

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

That the Special Committee to Appoint a Merit Commissioner be comprised of John Rustad (Convener), Douglas Horne, Norm Letnick, Dawn Black and Leonard Krog.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled Labour Mobility Act was committed.

Ms. D. Black moved a proposed amendment to section 3 of Bill (No. 11) which was defeated, on division.

Ms. D. Black moved a proposed amendment to section 8 of Bill (No. 11) which was defeated, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 11) complete without amendment passed, on division.

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2009* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

$$(IN COMMITTEE - SECTION A)$$

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Wednesday, October 21, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Donaldson.

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

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act*, 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 16, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

Report

BIRCH ROOM, October 21, 2009

MR. SPEAKER:

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

(1) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Verigin Memorial Park Amendment Act, 2009* has been proved, and the Committee recommends to the House that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;

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(2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 402) initial *Trustee Board of the Church of God, Richmond Municipality, B.C. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2009* has been proved, and the Committee recommends to the House that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;

(3) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Victoria Foundation Amendment Act, 2009* has been proved, and the Committee recommends to the House that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NORM LETNICK, Chair

The Report was read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bill (No. Pr 401), Bill (No. Pr 402) and Bill (No. Pr 403) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for Second Reading.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 was committed.

Section 77 of Bill (No. 13) passed, on division.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,078,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

# Thursday, October 22, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Trevena.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009*, was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Body Armour Control Act*, a debate arose.

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)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

# Thursday, October 22, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Healthy Living and Sport) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Health Statutes (Residents' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act, 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 16, 2009.

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.

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Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The Hon. K. Heed (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) made a statement with respect to Bill (No. 7) initialed Police (Misconduct, Complaints, Investigations, Discipline and Proceedings) Amendment Act, 2009 and, by leave, tabled documentation regarding same and withdrew from the debate on Bill (No. 7) pursuant to section 10 (1) of the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Police (Misconduct, Complaints, Investigations, Discipline and Proceedings) Amendment Act, 2009*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2009*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

### (IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,130,713,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary of debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

# Monday, October 26, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Barnett.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

**15** By leave, Mr. *Chouhan* moved—

That this House support discussion and debate of changes to employment standards to protect young workers under the age of fifteen.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. Karagianis the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

# Monday, October 26, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2009* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled Body Armour Control Act was committed.

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		Yeas-29	
S. Simpson	B. Simpson	Bains	Gentner
D. Black	Austin	Mungall	Elmore
Fleming	Karagianis	Chouhan	Donaldson
Farnworth	Brar	Macdonald	Fraser
James	Lali	Corrigan	B. Routley
Kwan	Thorne	Herbert	Conroy
Ralston	Horgan	Krog	Coons
Popham			
		Nays—43	
Horne	Stilwell	de Jong	Rustad
Letnick	Hogg	Bond	Cadieux
Stewart	Thornthwaite	Abbott	van Dongen
I. Black	Hayer	Falcon	Howard
Coell	Lee	Coleman	Lake
Chong	Barnett	Thomson	Foster
Polak	Bloy	Yap	Slater
Yamamoto	Reid	Cantelon	Dalton
Bell	Lekstrom	Les	Pimm
Krueger	Penner	Sultan	Huntington
Bennett	Heed	<i>McIntyre</i>	

Mr. *Farnworth* moved a proposed amendment to section 3 of Bill (No. 16) which was defeated on the following division:

Mr. *Farnworth* moved a proposed amendment to section 7 of Bill (No. 16) which was defeated, on division.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

# Tuesday, October 27, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Pimm.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled Police (Misconduct, Complaints, Investigations, Discipline and Proceedings) Amendment Act, 2009 was committed.

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

(In Committee - Section A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

## Tuesday, October 27, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 27, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be appointed to be empowered to foster greater awareness and understanding among legislators and the public of the BC child welfare system, and in particular to:

- 1. Be the committee that receives and reviews the annual service plan from the Representative for Children and Youth (the "Representative") that includes a statement of goals and identifies specific objectives and performance measures that will be required to exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the Representative during the fiscal year;
- 2. Be the committee to which the Representative reports, at least annually;

- 3. Refer to the Representative for investigation the critical injury or death of a child; and
- 4. Receive and consider all reports and plans delivered by the Representative (if any during the time period of these terms of reference) to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be empowered:

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

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Verigin Memorial Park Amendment Act, 2009* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 402) initialed *Trustee Board of the Church of God, Richmond Municipality, B.C.* (*Corporate Restoration*) *Act, 2009* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Victoria Foundation Amendment Act, 2009* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled Police (Misconduct, Complaints, Investigations, Discipline and Proceedings) Amendment Act, 2009 was again committed.

Mr. *Farnworth* moved a proposed amendment to section 12 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS-30

S. Simpson D. Black Fleming Farnworth Ralston Popham B. Simpson Austin Karagianis Brar Hammell Lali Thorne D. Routley Horgan Dix

Mungall Chouhan Macdonald Corrigan Herbert Krog Gentner

Elmore Donaldson Fraser B. Routley Conroy Coons Trevena

	Nays—40		
Horne	Bennett	de Jong	McIntyre
Letnick	Stilwell	Bond	Rustad
McRae	Hawes	Abbott	Cadieux
Stewart	Hogg	Falcon	van Dongen
I. Black	Thornthwaite	Coleman	Howard
Coell	Hayer	Thomson	Lake
Chong	Lee	Yap	Foster
Polak	Barnett	Cantelon	Slater
Bell	Bloy	Les	Dalton
Krueger	Lekstrom	Sultan	Pimm

Bill (No. 7) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Health Statutes (Residents' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act, 2009, a debate arose.* 

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Wednesday, October 28, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Rustad.

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) advised the House of the death of Ted Nebbeling, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Farnworth made a statement.

Ms. McIntyre made a statement.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Health Statutes (Residents' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act, 2009.* 

The debate continued.

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.

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,714,603,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Housing and Social Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.56 p.m.

# Thursday, October 29, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Les.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Housing and Social Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

Lance Finch Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled Assistance to Shelter Act and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts, October 23, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Ms. *Karagianis*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *First Nations Heritage Protection and Conservation Act, 2009* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act*, 2009, 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.

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

# Thursday, October 29, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General 2009/2010 Report 2: Follow-up Report: Updates on the implementation of recommendations from recent reports; and

Auditor General 2009/2010 Report 3: Observations on Financial Reporting: Audit Findings Report on the 2008/2009 Summary Financial Statements.

The Hon. G. Campbell (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Ms. James made a statement.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

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

- Report No. 5, 2008/09: *Removing Private Land from Tree Farm Licences 6, 19 & 25: Protecting the Public Interest?*
- Report No. 7, 2008/09: *Home and Community Care Services: Meeting Needs and Preparing for the Future*
- Report No. 8, 2008/09: Follow-up Report: Updates on the implementation of recommendations from recent reports
- Report No. 9, 2008/09: Observations on Financial Reporting: Audit Findings Report on the 2007/2008 Summary Financial Statements
- Report No. 10, 2008/09: A Major Renovation: Trades Training in British Columbia
- Report No. 12, 2008/09: Planning for School Seismic Safety
- Report No. 13, 2008/09: Public Sector Governance and How Are We Doing?
- Report No. 14, 2008/09: Grant Administration of the BC Arts Council; 2010 Olympics and Paralympic Games
- Report No. 15, 2008/09: Wireless Networking Security in Victoria Government Offices: Gaps in the Defensive Line
- Report No. 16, 2008/09: Homelessness: Clear Focus Needed
- Report No. 1, 2009/10: Follow-up Report: Updates on the implementation of recommendations from recent reports

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

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

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

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day,"

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Housing and Social Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2009*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk Assistant and Committee Clerk, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) Budget Measures Implementation Act (No. 2), 2009.

Bill (No. 4) Wills, Estates and Succession Act.

Bill (No. 5) Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 6) Insurance Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 7) Police (Misconduct, Complaints, Investigations, Discipline and Proceedings) Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 8) Strata Property Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 9) Wood First Act.

Bill (No. 10) Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 11) Labour Mobility Act.

Bill (No. 12) Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 13) Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 15) Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 16) Body Armour Control Act.

Bill (No. Pr 401) Verigin Memorial Park Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. Pr 402) Trustee Board of the Church of God, Richmond Municipality, B.C. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2009.

Bill (No. Pr 403) Victoria Foundation Amendment Act, 2009.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk Assistant and Committee Clerk, 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 5.57 p.m.

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# Monday, November 2, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. D. Routley.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

**16** By leave, Mr. *Howard* moved—

Be it resolved the House welcome the Olympic torch to British Columbia, and recognize the unprecedented economic opportunity the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games will provide the Province.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. Barnett the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

# Monday, November 2, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 30, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

Lance Finch Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment* Act (No. 2), 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts, November 2, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Housing and Social Development Statutes Amendment Act*, 2009.

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. 17) intituled *Health Statutes (Residents' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act, 2009* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2009 was committed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,454,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community and Rural Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

# Tuesday, November 3, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Donaldson.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. D. Routley the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

### (IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$176,775,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community and Rural Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Community and Rural Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

### Tuesday, November 3, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. B. Simpson, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Speaker stated that he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 203), *First Nations Heritage Protection and Conservation Act, 2009* which was introduced in the House by the Member for Esquimalt-Royal Roads. The Bill would require expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67, and is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

## (IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,830,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 4, 2009

ONE THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. B. Routley.

On the motion of Mr. *Sather*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Stream Diversion Amendment Act, 2009* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Rustad rose on a point of order regarding the use of props during Oral Question Period.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

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

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:

Earlier today the Member for Nechako Lakes raised a point of order relating to an exhibit being displayed by another Member during the course of debate.

Members will be aware that the use of exhibits in the course of debate is expressly prohibited, and therefore I caution all Members that when and if such an exhibit is produced, the Member will be found out of order.

Please observe this parliamentary rule in order to avoid any penalties.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

And then the House adjourned at 6.57 p.m.

## Thursday, November 5, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Thorne.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(In Committee - Section A)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

## Thursday, November 5, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth Service Plan, 2010/11 to 2012/13.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,394,139,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

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The Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday, November 6, and sit until 1:30 p.m. on that date in order to accommodate the Royal visit.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—39	
Horne	Hawes	de Jong	Rustad
Letnick	Hogg	Hansen	Cadieux
Stewart	Thornthwaite	Abbott	van Dongen
I. Black	Hayer	Coleman	Howard
Coell	Lee	Thomson	Lake
McNeil	Barnett	Yap	Foster
Chong	Bloy	Cantelon	Slater
Polak	Reid	Les	Dalton
Krueger	Lekstrom	Sultan	Pimm
Bennett	Heed	McIntyre	
		Nays—29	
S. Simpson	Austin	Mungall	Donaldson
D. Black	Karagianis	Chouhan	Fraser
Fleming	Hammell	Macdonald	B. Routley
Farnworth	Thorne	Herbert	Coons
James	D. Routley	Krog	Sather
Ralston	Horgan	Gentner	Trevena
Popham B. Simpson	Dix	Elmore	Huntington

And then the House adjourned at 7.38 p.m.

# Friday, November 6, 2009

NINE O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

Today is a special day for the province and the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

Later today, we will have a visit to the precinct by His Royal Highness Prince Charles and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall.

I know that all Members of this House welcome the visit and we are all hoping that the threatened rain will hold off between 4:00 and 4:30 this afternoon.

I know the House joins with me in extending a warm welcome to the Royal couple.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act.

The debate continued.

Mr. Farnworth moved the following amendment-

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act be amended by deleting the word "now" and substituting the words "six months hence."

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion by the Hon. M. de Jong to recess until 7 p.m., the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—38	
Horne	Thornthwaite	Hansen	McIntyre
Letnick	Hayer	Abbott	Rustad
Stewart	Lee	Falcon	Cadieux
I. Black	Barnett	Coleman	van Dongen
McNeil	Bloy	Thomson	Howard
Chong	Reid	Yap	Foster
Polak	Lekstrom	Cantelon	Slater
Krueger	Penner	Les	Dalton
Bennett	Heed	Sultan	Pimm
Hogg	de Jong		
		Nays—29	
S. Simpson	Austin	Dix	Elmore
D. Black	Karagianis	Mungall	Donaldson
Fleming	Brar	Chouhan	Fraser
Farnworth	Hammell	Macdonald	B. Routley
Kwan	Thorne	Herbert	Coons
Ralston	D. Routley	Simons	Trevena
Popham	Horgan	Gentner	Huntington
B. Simpson			

The House recessed until 7 p.m.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House continued to sit past midnight.

On the motion to adjourn debate on the amendment, the House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:

S. Simpson Fleming Farnworth James Ralston Popham

B. Simpson Karagianis Brar Hammell D. Routley Horgan

YEAS-24 Dix Mungall Chouhan Macdonald Gentner Elmore

Donaldson Fraser B. Routley Coons Trevena Huntington

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# Nays—42

Horne Letnick	Hogg Thornthwaite	Hansen Bond	McIntyre Rustad
Stewart	Hayer	Abbott	Cadieux
I. Black Coell	Lee Barnett	Falcon Coleman	van Dongen Howard
McNeil	Bloy	Thomson	Lake
Chong Polak	Reid Lekstrom	Yap Cantelon	Foster Slater
Krueger	Penner	Les	Dalton
Bennett Hawes	Heed de Jong	Sultan	Pimm

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

		Yeas—24	
S. Simpson	B. Simpson	Dix	Donaldson
Fleming	Karagianis	Mungall	Fraser
Farnworth	Brar	Chouhan	B. Routley
James	Hammell	Macdonald	Coons
Ralston	D. Routley	Gentner	Trevena
Popham	Horgan	Elmore	Huntington
		Nays—42	
Horne	Hogg	Hansen	McIntyre
Letnick	Thornthwaite	Bond	Rustad
Stewart	Hayer	Abbott	Cadieux
I. Black	Lee	Falcon	van Dongen
Coell	Barnett	Coleman	Howard
McNeil	Bloy	Thomson	Lake
Chong	Reid	Yap	Foster
Polak	Lekstrom	Cantelon	Slater
Krueger	Penner	Les	Dalton
Bennett	Heed	Sultan	Pimm
Hawes	de Jong		

The debate resumed on the main motion.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

Horne	YEAS-42		
	Hogg	Hansen	McIntyre
Letnick	Thornthwaite	Bond	Rustad
Stewart	Hayer	Abbott	Cadieux
I. Black	Lee	Falcon	van Dongen
Coell	Barnett	Coleman	Howard
McNeil	Bloy	Thomson	Lake
Chong	Reid	Yap	Foster
Polak	Lekstrom	Cantelon	Slater
Krueger	Penner	Les	Dalton
Bennett	Heed	Sultan	Pimm
Hawes	de Jong		

S. Simpson	B. Simpson	Dix	Donaldson
Fleming	Karagianis	Mungall	Fraser
Farnworth	Brar	Chouhan	B. Routley
James	Hammell	Macdonald	Coons
Ralston	D. Routley	Gentner	Trevena
Popham	Horgan	Elmore	Huntington

Bill (No. 21) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Falcon*, Bill (No. 21) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 21) was committed.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 21) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 21) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 21) complete without amendment passed, on division.

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

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

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		YEAS—41	
Horne	Hogg	de Jong	McIntyre
Letnick	Thornthwaite	Hansen	Rustad
Stewart	Hayer	Bond	Cadieux
I. Black	Lee	Abbott	van Dongen
Coell	Barnett	Falcon	Howard
McNeil	Blov	Coleman	Lake
Chong	Reid	Thomson	Foster
Polak	Lekstrom	Cantelon	Slater
Krueger	Penner	Les	Dalton
Bennett	Heed	Sultan	Pimm
Hawes			
		Nays—25	
S. Simpson	Karagianis	Mungall	Donaldson
Fleming	Brar	Chouhan	Fraser
Farnworth	Hammell	Macdonald	B. Routley
James	D. Routley	Simons	Coons
Ralston	Horgan	Gentner	Trevena
Popham	Dix	Elmore	Huntington
B. Simpson			8
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Bill (No. 21) was read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

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

Bill (No. 21) Ambulance Services Collective Agreement Act.

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 assent to this Act."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 8.10 a.m.

### Monday, November 16, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Slater.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

**17** By leave, Mr. *Fleming* moved—

Be it resolved that this House debate and discuss green jobs and the low-carbon economy both of which are essential to the future economic and ecological well-being of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. B. Penner, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

## Monday, November 16, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Dix presented a petition regarding the ambulance paramedics.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved —

That Joy Illington be authorized to provide an administrative role in the Office of the Merit Commissioner until such time as the Special Committee to Appoint a Merit Commissioner has completed its work.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act* (*No.* 2), 2009, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 20) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled Assistance to Shelter Act, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

	YEAS—42		
Horne	Bennett	Penner	Sultan
McRae	Stilwell	Heed	<b>McIntyre</b>
Stewart	Hawes	de Jong	Cadieux
I. Black	Hogg	Abbott	van Dongen
Coell	Thornthwaite	Falcon	Howard
McNeil	Hayer	Coleman	Lake
Chong	Lee	Thomson	Foster
Polak	Barnett	Yap	Slater
Yamamoto	Bloy	Cantelon	Dalton
Bell	Reid	Les	Pimm
Krueger	Lekstrom		
		Nays—26	
Letnick	Lali	Corrigan	Fraser
D. Black	D. Routley	Herbert	B. Routley
Fleming	Horgan	Krog	Coons
Farnworth	Bains	Gentner	Sather
Popham	Dix	Elmore	Trevena
B. Simpson	Chouhan	Donaldson	Huntington
Karagianis	Macdonald		

#### NOVEMBER 16

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.

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.33 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 17, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Les.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2009/2010 Report 4: British Columbia Crown Corporations Executive Compensation Arrangements – A Work in Progress.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 19) intituled Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2009 was again committed.

Mr. *Krog* moved a proposed amendment to section 13 (c) of Bill (No. 19) which was defeated, on division.

Mr. *Krog* moved a proposed amendment to section 15 of Bill (No. 19) which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 19) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

### (IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$146,521,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,132,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Climate Action Secretariat, to 31st March, 2010.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,396,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2010.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,091,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 2010.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

# Tuesday, November 17, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled Assistance to Shelter Act was committed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 18) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 18) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled Housing and Social Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 was committed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 14) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 14) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

## (IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$444,099,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,081,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2010.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, *Crown Proceeding Act*, to 31st March, 2010.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 2010.

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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 of debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Attorney General) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.17 p.m.

# Wednesday, November 18, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. Reid.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2009* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

# Thursday, November 19, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Foster.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(In Committee - Section A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

## Thursday, November 19, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(In Committee - Section B)

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

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

## (IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

# Monday, November 23, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

**18** By leave, Mr. *Horne* moved—

Be it resolved that this House acknowledge the importance of the Government's economic stimulus plan, combined with the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, in positioning B.C. to lead the country in economic growth in 2010.

A debate arose.

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 11.58 a.m.

# Monday, November 23, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. G. Campbell (Premier) advised the House of the death of Art Cowie, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Stewart* (Minister of Citizens' Services and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism and the Public Affairs Bureau) tabled the Multiculturalism Annual Report, 2007/08; 2008/09.

Mr. *MacDonald* presented a petition regarding ambulance paramedics.

Mr. Krog presented a petition regarding ambulance paramedics.

Mr. Chouhan presented a petition regarding ambulance paramedics.

Mr. Fleming presented a petition regarding ambulance paramedics.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE - Section B)

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

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

(In Committee - Section A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 24, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Donaldson.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(In Committee - Section B)

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

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

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### (IN COMMITTEE - SECTION A)

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,227,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Pacific Carbon Trust, to 31st March, 2010.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,186,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 2010.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies All Ministries and New Programs, to 31st March, 2010.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,212,840,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Capital Funding, to 31st March, 2010.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Commissions on Collection of Public Funds, to 31st March, 2010.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2010.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,758,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Family Bonus, to 31st March, 2010.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

### Tuesday, November 24, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Simons*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Food Safety Amendment (Farm Gate Sales) Act, 2009* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. M. Coell (Minister of Labour) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2008.

Mr. *Dix* presented a petition regarding ambulance paramedics.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(In Committee - Section B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,008,318,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 25, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. B. Routley.

On the motion of Mr. *Fleming*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Cosmetic Pesticide and Carcinogen Control Act*, 2009 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. *Ralston*, Bill (No. M 207) initial *Ukrainian Famine and Genocide* (*Holodomor*) *Memorial Day Act, 2009* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Les* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services: Report on the Budget 2010 Consultations for the First Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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By leave, the Hon. *B. Stewart* (Minister of Citizens' Services and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism and the Public Affairs Bureau) tabled The Queen's Printer for British Columbia: A History, 1859-2009.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

### (IN COMMITTEE - Section B)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,535,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2010.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

### (In Committee - Section A)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,042,558,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2010.

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 of debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Education) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.58 p.m.

### Thursday, November 26, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Slater.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Austin reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

### (IN COMMITTEE - Section B)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,793,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Ministry Operations to 31st March, 2010.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,875,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Contracts and Funding Arrangements to 31st March, 2010.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

# (IN COMMITTEE - Section A)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$625,431,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations to 31st March, 2010.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,975,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, to 31st March, 2010.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary of debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

## Thursday, November 26, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Assembly Management Committee Annual Report, 2007-2008.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Penner* (Minister of Environment) tabled the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Authority Trust Fund Annual Report, 2008/09.

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The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Attorney General) tabled the following documents: British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 2008/2009; *Crown Proceeding Act* Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2009; and Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2008/2009.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved-

That effective immediately, the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows for the Second Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament, which will commence on February 9, 2010:

That section 2 (2) (a) (i) be amended to read "from the second Tuesday in February to the first Thursday in June inclusive."

That section 2 (2) (b) be amended to read "The House shall stand adjourned during the weeks of February 15, February 22, March 15, April 5, and May 10, 2010."

That section 2 (2) (c) be amended to read "As soon as possible after the passing of this motion the Clerk of the House shall publish a calendar which shows the days on which the House shall meet, according to the Standing Orders."

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

### (IN COMMITTEE - SECTION B)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,529,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 2010.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,536,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General to 31st March, 2010.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$440,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner to 31st March, 2010.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,440,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC to 31st March, 2010.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,822,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner to 31st March, 2010.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$955,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Merit Commissioner to 31st March, 2010.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,773,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsman to 31st March, 2010.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,974,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner to 31st March, 2010.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,027,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Representative for Children and Youth to 31st March, 2010.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. C. Hansen moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on September 21, 23; October 6, 8, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28 and November 2, 3, 5, 17, 24, 25, 26 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. C. Hansen moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 32 billion, 315 million, 474 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2009* and *Supply Act (No. 2), 2009* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. C. Hansen moved-

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 746 million, 115 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act* (*No. 1*), 2009 and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the capital, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. C. Hansen moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of one billion, 194 million, 257 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 3 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2009* and is granted to Her Majesty for disbursements to other entities for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Supply Act*, 2009-2010 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, November 12, 2009.

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. 22) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. C. Hansen, Bill (No. 22) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 22) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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 House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—45	
Horne	Bennett	de Jong	McIntyre
Letnick	Stilwell	Campbell	Rustad
McRae	Hawes	Hansen	Cadieux
Stewart	Hogg	Bond	van Dongen
I. Black	Thornthwaite	Abbott	Howard
Coell	Hayer	Coleman	Lake
McNeil	Lee	Thomson	Foster
Chong	Bloy	Yap	Slater
Polak	Reid	Cantelon	Dalton
Yamamoto	Lekstrom	Les	Pimm
Bell	Penner	Sultan	Huntington
Krueger			
		Nays—27	
S. Simpson	B. Simpson	Horgan	Donaldson
Fleming	Austin	Dix	Fraser
Farnworth	Karagianis	Macdonald	B. Routley
James	Brar	Herbert	Conroy
Kwan	Hammell	Krog	Coons
Ralston	Lali	Simons	Trevena
Popham	D. Routley	Elmore	

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

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

Bill (No. 14) Housing and Social Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 17) Health Statutes (Residents' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 18) Assistance to Shelter Act.

Bill (No. 19) Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2009.

Bill (No. 20) Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2009.

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. 22) *Supply Act, 2009-2010*.

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. M. de Jong moved-

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the First Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3.56 p.m.

## **Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. van Dongen.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

1. Auditor General 2009/2010 Report 5: Managing Knowledge: A guide to good practice;

2. Auditor General 2009/2010 Report 6: Making the Right Decisions: Information use by the boards of public sector organizations, December 2009;

3. Elections BC Statement of Votes, 39th Provincial General Election, May 12, 2009;

4. Elections BC Statement of Votes, Referendum on Electoral Reform, May 12, 2009;

5. Ombudsperson Public Report No. 46: The Best Care: Getting it Right for Seniors in British Columbia (Part 1), December 2009; and,

6. Ombudsperson Joint Special Report with the Representative for Children and Youth – Hearing the Voices of Children and Youth: A Child-Centred Approach to Complaint Resolution, January 2010.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Honourable STEVEN L. POINT, 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 and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this first session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you on the accomplishments of the past year. The session has seen the passage of measures of wideranging and significant importance to the people of our province. Honourable Members, on behalf of all

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British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your legislative duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. M. de Jong (Attorney General) then said:

Mr. 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 Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued.

The following report was received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Quarterly Report (Second Quarter), Economic Outlook, 2009/10 Financial Update & Six Month Results, April–September 2009.

And then the House prorogued at 10.10 a.m.

### PROCLAMATION

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STEVEN L. POINT 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 ninth day of February, two thousand ten at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at Our City of Victoria.

- IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.
- WITNESS, the Honourable Steven L. Point, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Vancouver, in Our Province, this eighth day of January, two thousand ten and in the fifty-eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command.