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Territorial welcome by Elder Butch Dick, Songhees Nation.

Blessing by Elder Mary Ann Thomas, Esquimalt Nation.

Prayers and Reflections by Rabbi Harry Brechner, Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue, Victoria.

This being the first day of the fifth meeting of the Forty-second Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JANET AUSTIN, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 5th day of February, 2024, the Members took their seats.

Performance by the Lək̓ʷəŋən Traditional Singers and Dancers.

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

OPENING

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, Premier, and Honourable Members.

I am pleased to deliver The Speech from the Throne, laying out your government's plan to build a stronger B.C. that works better for people—now, and into the future.

I would like to start by acknowledging the Lekwungen peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, upon whose territories we are gathered today.

Thank you to Elder Butch Dick of the Songhees Nation and Elder Mary Ann Thomas of the Esquimalt Nation for starting us off in a good way.

I also want to thank Rabbi Harry Brechner of Congregation Emanu-El for offering prayers and reflection.

This building, long a symbol of colonialism, now has messages written in the Lekwungen language permanently inscribed on its stone perimeter.

These words—about ancestors, warriors, and children—symbolize a new era.

One of meaningful reconciliation, where we work together to preserve Indigenous languages and acknowledge the true history of these lands.

As Hereditary Chief Edward Thomas Sr. of the Esquimalt Nation said during the unveiling:

“It’s a long time coming.”

Words and symbols like this are undoubtedly important.

But actions must follow.

That's why your government remains committed to implementing the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*—which was endorsed unanimously by this legislature.

This work is about partnership and co-operation, which underpins everything we do here.

Most importantly, it's about a better future for everyone who calls this land home.

IN MEMORIAM

As has become recent tradition, we begin by remembering some of those we have lost in the past year.

We mourn the remarkable Gloria Cranmer Webster, who dedicated her life to the preservation and celebration of Indigenous culture.

We also mourn her younger brother, Tlakwagila Bill Cranmer, as we do other Indigenous leaders including Sm'oogyet Satsan Mel Bevan, Charles Williams, Liza Wolf, Stephanie Patterson, Rick Gilbert, Byron Joseph, Natasha Grace Wilson and former Cowichan Tribes Chief Squtxulenuhw William "Chip" Seymour.

We mourn Gordon Gibson Jr. and Patty Sahota, who once served in this legislature, as we do former members of Parliament Stephen Owen and Pat Carney.

In the arts, we mourn carver Temosen Charles Elliott and photographer Diane Evans, as we do entertainers Bill Hosie, Chad Allan, Jayson Hoover, and actor Carl Weathers, who frequently filmed in Vancouver and played linebacker for the BC Lions.

From the world of sports, we mourn rower Dean Crawford and sportswriter Jack Keating.

From media, we mourn broadcasters Red Robinson, Deborra Hope, Kuljeet Kaila, and Ted Farr, as we do columnist Bob Stall.

We mourn labour leader Ray Haynes, environmentalist Kevin Bell, conservationist John Nightingale, communications executive Phil Lind, inventor Phil Nuytten; judge Selwyn Romilly; disability advocate George Lawson, and CEO of Sher-E Punjab and longtime philanthropist Ajit Singh Badh.

From medicine, we mourn: Registered Nurse Evanna Brennan, Dr. Jiri Frolich, and Dr. Gurdev Singh Gill.

We mourn Ben Mizrachi, a medic from Vancouver who was tending to the wounded at a music festival in Israel when murdered by Hamas terrorists. May his memory be a blessing.

We mourn those who answered the nation's call, including Reuben Sinclair, who on his passing was Canada's oldest military veteran.

We mourn Sgt. Michael Leo and RCMP Const. Rick O'Brien.

We mourn firefighters who lost their lives during this summer's record wildfires: Devyn Gale, Zak Muise, Kenneth Patrick, Blain Sonnenberg, Jaxon Billyboy-Bowe, and Damian Dyson, as we do Langford assistant fire chief Lance Caven.

We also mourn—and reflect on—the loss of so many British Columbians from toxic, unregulated drugs.

To all who lost a loved one in the past year, we extend our sympathies and condolences. We acknowledge and share your grief.

THERE FOR YOU THROUGH TOUGH TIMES

It is fitting that as we open this final session of B.C.'s 42nd Parliament, communities around the province are celebrating the beginning of the Year of the Dragon.

According to legends, twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac were selected through a race.

The dragon, the only mythological animal, claimed fifth place.

When the Jade Emperor asked why he didn't win the race when he could fly, the dragon responded:

“First, I encountered a village suffering from drought—so I stopped to make rain. Then I saw a rabbit stranded on a log in the water and blew a puff of wind so the log would float to the riverbank.”

In many ways, the story of the dragon is like the story of B.C. over the last few years.

Just look at how far we have come in a short period of time by looking out for each other.

When we first gathered here almost four years ago, only a handful of Members were able to attend safely in person.

Outside of these walls, many people’s lives and livelihoods hung in the balance.

In the time since, we have faced the impacts of devastating climate emergencies and global upheaval.

While your government focused on keeping people healthy and the economy moving, British Columbians were busy working together to rebuild our province stronger than ever.

You got effective vaccines into grateful arms.

You rebuilt highways after flooding in record time.

You kept kids learning in classrooms and businesses operating during difficult circumstances.

Proving, once again, that here in B.C. our greatest natural resource is the people of this province.

By putting people first, we have built a strong foundation through tough times.

Today, our unemployment rate is one of the lowest in Canada.

In 2023, we added 74,000 new jobs—some of the strongest job growth in the country.

We were the first among provinces in year-over-year growth in average hourly wages last year.

In December, women’s employment increased more than in any other province.

Further proof that increasing wages and reducing child care bills is good for families and good for business.

Take Reut, a young mom in Richmond with three kids.

Thanks to your government’s latest fee reduction, she’s saving \$1,000 a month and has been able to return to work as an engineer.

Since 2017, we have helped over 250,000 people get out of poverty through supports like job training.

Your government understands that people want to work and feel better off when they have a job and community connection.

That’s why action will be taken this session to further break down barriers for those who can work, while your government continues to support those who cannot.

And we are seeing other reasons to be optimistic as well.

Since the pandemic, tourists are coming back to B.C. in droves.

And we can expect that to continue as B.C. hosts the 2024 Grey Cup, followed by the Invictus Games, and seven of the FIFA Men’s World Cup games in Vancouver.

The film industry is booming again, too. After three years of disruption and labour disputes south of the border, Hollywood North is back.

Vancouver’s tech sector is growing at one of the highest rates in North America.

And B.C. is home to the fastest-growing life sciences sector in Canada, with 2,000 companies employing almost 20,000 British Columbians.

PEOPLE ARE FACING BIG NEW CHALLENGES

While B.C.’s economy is strong and growing, your government is nowhere near satisfied.

Too many people are not feeling it yet. Too many are still struggling to get ahead.

After decades where our housing market was allowed to serve the interests of investors and speculators, even those who earn a decent middle-class income are finding it hard to afford a home.

People have a lot on their minds right now.

They are facing some big new challenges today.

High interest rates are causing considerable anxiety for anyone whose mortgage is coming up for renewal.

Inflation has made the cost of groceries and daily essentials increasingly expensive.

This has meant more people taking extra shifts or worrying about paying bills each month.

The world is changing, fast.

New technology has made our lives easier and more connected in many ways.

But it's also made it harder in others.

Parents are struggling to protect their kids from dangers that are now in the palms of their hand.

Working people are struggling to make a good living and be treated with fairness in the gig economy.

And people all over are struggling to find an affordable home because thousands have been diverted into short-term rentals, like Airbnbs.

While governments can't solve every problem or fix things overnight, your government makes a simple commitment to you:

It will have your back, so you are not facing these new challenges alone.

Because leaving people to fend for themselves does not work.

It did not work before. And it will not work now.

It would mean deep cuts that weaken the services we rely on.

It would drive up costs with added fees and fares, like the return of health-care premiums or tolls on roads and bridges.

And it would leave people at risk to all those who take unfair advantage and put profits ahead of people.

HELPING YOU BUILD A GOOD LIFE HERE IN B.C.

Everyone here in B.C. wants to be able to build a good life.

People just starting out in their adult lives want to be able to afford their rent and find good jobs and opportunities in the communities where they grew up.

Young families want to know that living in a decent home is within reach, and that child care is available and affordable.

Seniors want to know that after a lifetime of hard work, they will be cared for and be able to help their kids and grandkids.

That's why your government will continue to work tirelessly with you to take action on all the things that matter most to you.

DELIVERING MORE HOMES FOR PEOPLE, FASTER

For generations, there was an unspoken promise:

If you worked hard, got an education, and played by the rules, you could make a good middle-class living and be able to afford a decent home.

About three decades ago, that started to change.

In the name of austerity, governments at all levels stopped investing in affordable housing.

Wealthy speculators, foreign investors, and big developers rushed to fill the void.

For far too long, we also saw the proceeds of illegal activity parked in B.C.'s real estate market.

Housing costs went up and in recent years, the combination of inflation, interest rate hikes, and a lack of supply has only made the situation harder for people looking to buy or rent a home.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

This is a generational challenge, and we must meet the moment.

Doing nothing is not an option, and tinkering around the edges will not fix the problem.

That's why your government has taken strong action on all fronts to tackle the crisis head on.

Landmark changes made over the last year are helping to lay the foundation for a housing market that will work better for people.

Turning short-term rentals, like Airbnbs, into long-term homes.

Speeding up housing permit approvals.

Fixing zoning rules that block construction of middle-class homes in existing neighbourhoods.

Setting municipal targets for new housing construction.

Getting more homes built near public transit.

Building student housing at an unprecedented pace.

And protecting affordable rentals from being turned into luxury condos by big real estate corporations.

This month, the first purchase was made by the *Rental Protection Fund*, saving nearly 300 affordable co-op units in Coquitlam.

Thanks to tough legislation passed by this legislature, B.C. is now able to seize properties from organized criminals—because homes are for people, not money laundering.

While it will take time for people to feel the full benefits of these changes, we are starting to see early positive signs.

These changes are already helping people like Andrew, a forty-one-year-old, small-business owner in Vancouver.

Andrew is now renting a one-bedroom apartment he can afford, thanks to an influx of new inventory that hit the market after this legislature passed a law restricting short-term rentals.

In 2023, B.C. saw a record-setting 19,000 new rental homes registered—a 30 per cent increase from the year before.

Taken together, experts predict these changes will deliver hundreds of thousands of new homes in the next ten years.

This builds on the work your government has already done to support 78,000 homes that are either complete or on the way.

THE NEXT STEP IN B.C.'S HOUSING PLAN

Your government understands that for every Andrew, there are still thousands of other middle-income British Columbians who need help finding a home.

Breaking down barriers for home builders is part of the solution.

But governments getting out of the way completely is how we got into this crisis in the first place.

The market alone has not been able to deliver the homes working- and middle-class people need.

As a result, the people who are providing the services we all count on—like teachers, construction workers, and nurses—are being priced out of communities.

This is holding back our economy, weakening public services, and hurting all of us.

It was not always this way.

During the Second World War, the federal government built houses for workers so they could build warships in Esquimalt and bombers in Richmond.

At the end of the war, the demand for housing was even greater, as returning veterans looked to rebuild lives interrupted by military service.

Once again, the government stepped in.

The mass production used in the war effort was transferred to building homes for the growing middle-class.

Prefabricated homes with a choice of standard plans appeared in communities all across the country. They were offered to veterans at reasonable rents, and later for sale.

Known as *Victory Homes*, they offered secure, affordable housing for many families. Many of them are still standing.

The same spirit that animated our country then is what is needed in our province today.

That's why your government has launched *BC Builds*, the next step in the *Homes for People* plan.

BC Builds will leverage government-owned, public, and underused land, grant money, and low-cost financing to bring down construction costs and make more middle-class housing projects viable.

This is a model that has been used in cities around the world.

These homes will also be built faster with more efficient provincial and local government approvals.

And they will be income-tested, designed for the middle-class people who keep our communities working—so they can live close to where they work.

Think of homes connected to schools or on top of community centres and libraries.

Think of homes on underused land next to hospitals or empty parking lots transformed into homes for working- and middle-class families.

And your government will not stop there.

In this session, action will be taken to protect renters from bad-faith evictions and to help more first time homebuyers get on the ownership ladder.

BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT A GROWING B.C.

As we dramatically increase housing supply, so too must we build up the infrastructure and services to support this growth.

Through the billion-dollar *Growing Communities Fund*, and partnerships with other levels of government, that is exactly what we are doing here in British Columbia.

In Langley, construction has started on an expanded events centre that will add three new ice rinks and better support the needs of a booming population.

Just over a year ago, Prince Rupert had to issue a state of emergency, and crews worked through the holidays after a major line break threatened the community's water supply.

Today, your government is helping the city replace crucial sections of its aging water-distribution system to ensure people there have safe drinking water.

In the year ahead, significant work will continue to cut commute times for families and to keep our economy moving.

Construction is set to begin on the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain, the first rapid-transit project south of the Fraser River in 30 years and continue on the Broadway Subway project.

Taken together, these projects will increase our SkyTrain network by 27 per cent.

This will help thousands of people get to work and back home to their families sooner.

So too will continued improvements to Highway 1 through the Fraser Valley.

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH CARE

Top of mind for many British Columbians right now is public health care.

Specifically, they want to know they can count on care to be there when they need it.

B.C. rose to the challenge in 2020 to make sure people were cared for and health-care workers in our hospitals were supported, but we face new challenges today.

Communities are growing, our population is getting older, and a large number of doctors and nurses are retiring.

We are not alone in this—our neighbours and countries around the world are also feeling the strain and competing for the same small pool of health-care professionals.

That's why your government has been taking action to improve access to care.

And it is starting to make a difference.

B.C. has eliminated the pandemic surgery backlog.

Recent changes have helped hundreds of thousands of people see a pharmacist to treat minor illnesses, so doctors and nurse practitioners can focus on sicker patients.

B.C. is building more hospitals, primary care clinics, cancer centres, and care homes closer to where you live through the largest health-care capital strategy in the province's history.

And our province will be home to the first new medical school in Western Canada in more than 50 years at Simon Fraser University's Surrey campus—which will have a focus on training the next generation of family doctors.

B.C. added more than 700 doctors and almost 6,300 new nurses over the last year.

We are leading the country with better and faster ways to prevent and detect cervical cancer.

Last month's launch of the first at-home self-screening program for HPV means ending deadly cervical cancer in British Columbia is now a very real possibility.

At thirty-six sites across B.C., our lung-cancer screening program is helping find cancer earlier so people can get treatment sooner.

More than 5,000 lung screening tests were done in the first year of the program alone.

This early detection is saving the lives of people like Shannon from North Vancouver whose cancer screening came back positive, even though she displayed no symptoms.

While progress is being made on many fronts, there is still a lot more to do.

This session, your government will continue the work it has started to attract, train, and retain the doctors and nurses we need.

It will make new investments to strengthen home and community, long-term care services for seniors.

And it will take new action to build on our ten-year cancer plan.

BETTER SUPPORT FOR MENTAL-HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS TREATMENT

Just as important as improving people's physical health is providing better support for mental-health and addictions treatment.

The latest coroner's update on the toxic drug crisis is a heartbreaking reminder that we need to keep using every tool in our toolbox.

We must continue our work to reduce harm and stigma to keep people who are struggling alive.

And when someone makes the brave decision to break free from addiction, we must ensure they have access to treatment and recovery close to where they live.

That's why your government is working to build a more connected system of mental-health and addictions care.

Almost 3,600 publicly-funded treatment and recovery beds are open throughout the province, with more on the way.

This work is helping people like Richard who is two years sober and has his life back on track after receiving treatment at Discovery House in Penticton.

BUILDING A CLEANER ECONOMY THAT WORKS BETTER FOR PEOPLE

Here in B.C., we know that supporting people is key to building a strong economy.

When we lower childcare bills, we help parents enter or re-enter the workforce.

When we deliver more affordable homes, we make our communities more attractive for businesses.

When we increase the minimum wage, we raise the purchasing power of people who are more likely to spend that money locally.

When we connect every rural, remote, and First Nations community to high-speed internet—as your government has pledged to do by 2027—we are helping connect people to jobs and opportunities.

And when we build up our highways, bridges and ports, we strengthen our supply chains and help get our products to market.

Good for people *is* good for business.

HELPING PEOPLE AND FAMILIES WITH COSTS

At a time when inflation has caused the price of daily essentials to rise sharply, helping people and families get costs down is key to building an economy that works for everyone.

In just the past year, your government has taken many steps to do just that.

New cost-of-living credits have been sent out, including a \$100 credit on BC Hydro bills.

An increase to the *BC Family Benefit* means families now qualify for hundreds of dollars more per year.

And an enhanced *Climate Action Tax Credit* is putting as much as \$900 back in the pockets of more than two million British Columbians.

Free contraception is helping people save hundreds of dollars a year, and thousands over their lifetime.

ICBC car insurance rates have been frozen after being cut on average by \$500 a year for drivers.

New investments in food security are helping people better access an increased supply of low-cost, local food.

And rates have been kept affordable for everyone who relies on *BC Ferries* to get to work, run errands, and visit loved ones.

These measures build on the work done over the last seven years to make life a little easier.

Eliminating MSP premiums, the largest middle-class tax cut in a generation.

Ending tolls on the Port Mann and Golden Ears bridges.

Making public transit free for kids twelve and under.

And stopping interest payments on student loans.

This session, your government will take new actions to help people with costs, while tackling the root causes that are making life so expensive—like housing affordability.

And it will do more to help small and growing businesses, many of whom are still finding their feet after the pandemic and are facing new challenges today.

LEVERAGING OUR NATURAL STRENGTHS

Foundational to our province, and the backbone of many local economies, are our natural resources.

From First Nations whose deep connection to the land and water here goes back millennia.

To communities of all kinds who depend on forestry, mining, and energy for jobs today.

We all share a stake in making sure a strong, sustainable natural-resource sector is a core part of B.C.'s future.

While climate change poses real challenges, B.C.'s natural resources put us in a unique position to excel in shifting economic times and maximize the benefits to people here.

Your government has a plan to leverage our natural strengths as a province to create good jobs and opportunities for everyone—in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, industry, and local communities.

To borrow a line from our country's favourite sport, B.C. must skate to where the puck will be, not to where it has already been.

By leveraging our strength in mining to meet global demand for clean technology, like battery cells.

By leveraging the strength of B.C.'s forests with a more reliable fibre supply, and by enabling more made-in-B.C. wood manufacturing.

And by leveraging our strength as a clean-energy superpower to help industries electrify and ensure B.C. is a global leader in the clean economy.

Specifically, BC Hydro will embark on an unprecedented level of construction over the next 10 years, building our electricity system to power a growing clean economy—and deliver affordable, reliable power for people.

Already, this plan is in action all around the province:

In the Northwest, Prince George is home to Canada's first stand-alone renewable diesel refinery and is a growing hub for clean hydrogen.

Soon, the Canfor Pulp Mill will be using clean hydrogen to help power its operations.

Further to the west is the future site of Cedar LNG in Kitimat, which your government has approved.

It will be the largest First Nations-majority-owned energy project in the country and one of the cleanest liquified natural gas facilities in the world.

In Maple Ridge, the new E-One Moli facility will create hundreds of good, local jobs for people.

And it will establish B.C. as a leading producer of the battery components we need to power a clean energy future.

At the same time, we can't continue the old way of doing things.

The future is in partnerships with First Nations and sustainable development, whether it's forestry, mining, or energy.

B.C. companies are leading the way—embracing reconciliation and the opportunities that come with it.

Like the recent deal between four members of the Nanwakolas Council and Western Forest Products, an agreement that represents an important step forward for First Nations participation in the forest economy.

A sustainable energy future will ensure cleaner air for future generations and industries they can rely on for good jobs.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT WHILE GROWING OUR ECONOMY

Your government's plan to grow a strong economy while protecting the environment is working.

With the goal of protecting 30 per cent of our land and water by 2030, historic action is being taken in partnership with First Nations, the federal government, and local communities.

This will help us conserve both the natural beauty around us—which is also a critical source of fresh food, clean drinking water, and our best line of defence against the impacts of climate change.

Our net greenhouse gas emissions are down 5 per cent from six years ago when our continent-leading *CleanBC* plan was first launched.

In that same period British Columbia has achieved the highest average GDP growth among large provinces.

This shows that supporting people, advancing reconciliation, protecting the environment, and growing the economy go hand-in-hand.

The cost of inaction on climate change is simply too high.

It is our homes and our communities in the path of wildfires.

It is our crops and our farms at risk of flooding or drought.

It is our kids and grandkids who stand to lose the nature that surrounds us.

The climate crisis is here, we have seen it all around us these last few years.

And we are expecting another tough drought and wildfire season this summer.

Last year, your government launched an expert taskforce on emergencies.

The goal was to determine how we can better support those on the front lines and help apply the lessons we have learned in preparation for the next emergency.

This year, your government is turning recommendations into action and working side by side with communities and partners to help ensure that people are better protected from wildfires with more full-time, year-round staff and resources.

And it will continue work to prevent the devastating effects of flooding we saw after the catastrophic atmospheric river in 2021.

Just last week, new funding was announced to upgrade the Barrowtown pumpstation in Abbotsford and protect farmers in the Sumas Prairies, and communities in the Fraser Valley.

Your government will also take new actions this session to reduce carbon pollution from big industrial emitters, which is driving climate change in the first place.

TRAINING PEOPLE FOR THE JOBS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

A key challenge in the years ahead is to make sure everyone in B.C. can seize the tremendous opportunities ahead of us.

Over the next ten years, B.C. will need to fill almost a million job openings—many in the emerging clean economy.

Seventy-five per cent of these jobs will require workers to have some kind of post-secondary education and training.

That's why your government launched the *Future Ready Action Plan*—to equip people for success in our changing economy and to close the skills gap employers are facing.

As your government works to make training and education more accessible and affordable in B.C., it is also bringing in new safeguards to make sure our international education programs are training people for the skills we need.

These new measures will help protect international students against bad actors, while making sure B.C. continues to attract talented students.

This session, your government will also take new steps to recognize and better support First Nations-mandated post-secondary institutes as a key pillar of B.C.'s advanced education system.

ENSURING OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE AND STRONG

Every person in every community wants and deserves to feel safe.

But the incidents of crime, violence and hate seen here and across North America are worrying.

That is why your government has been tackling these challenges, and we are seeing some real results.

With stricter bail rules and prosecutors working with police and probation officers, repeat offenders are being kept off our streets.

Two hundred and fifty-six new RCMP police officers are being hired to help bolster specialized units and rural police forces.

In Vancouver, car thefts are down by 18 per cent and the number of unprovoked stranger assaults has decreased by 75 per cent between the first half of 2021 and 2023.

Your government is also addressing the core issues that bring people into conflict with the law and their neighbours.

It is working with partners on the ground to move people from unsafe encampments into homes.

It is helping people in crisis get compassionate care from people who know what they are going through.

And it is helping more Indigenous people access culturally safe legal supports and services with five new Indigenous Justice Centres now in operation.

Action is also being taken to support the survivors of crime.

Services to support survivors of sexual assault that were cut in 2002 have been restored, and new policing standards are now in place.

While reports of many crimes are decreasing, we know there has been a rise in antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Asian hate, and other incidents of racism.

That's why this session your government will build on the work being done to make B.C. a more welcoming and inclusive place by introducing new anti-racism legislation.

And that's why your government is working with the Jewish community to make Holocaust education mandatory for high school students.

Because combatting this kind of hate begins with learning from the darkest parts of our history, so the same horrors are never repeated.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND HEALTHY

Keeping our kids safe and healthy is another top priority for your government.

While a small minority of people in our province claim that teachers and school librarians are a danger to our kids, your government understands the real threats.

Many of you are now aware of Carson, a twelve-year-old boy from Prince George.

Carson died by suicide last year after being extorted with private images he shared with somebody pretending to be someone else.

His parents, Ryan and Nicola, have been bravely sharing Carson's story to raise awareness and prevent this tragedy from happening to other families.

This builds on the advocacy of Carol Todd, who has continued to shed light on the issues of bullying, cyber-bullying, and online safety since losing her daughter Amanda Todd.

Your government is committed to making sure that Carson and Amanda's legacies will protect kids in the future.

That's why a new suite of concrete actions was launched last month to protect young people from online threats, restrict cellphones in schools, and hold big social media corporations to account.

This is part of a larger effort to keep kids safe and healthy.

An effort which includes adding more support for mental-health centres, launching an anti-vaping strategy, improving literacy screening, building new schools, and expanding nutrition programs.

In Surrey and White Rock schools alone, more than 8,000 kids in need are getting daily, nutritious meals thanks to *Feeding Futures*—the largest investment in school food programs in the province's history.

This spring, your government will take additional steps to keep kids safe and improve learning conditions for students.

New legislation will be tabled to protect schools and kids from disruptive protests.

While everyone has a right to freedom of expression, including peaceful protest, we will not tolerate attempts to disrupt children learning in the classroom.

During the pandemic, when hospitals and health-care workers became the target of aggressive protests, your government took action so doctors and nurses could get to work, and patients could access care.

And as schools increasingly become the target for protests, your government will take similar action to ensure classrooms are not disrupted and kids can feel safe at school.

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A STRONGER B.C., TOGETHER

We are in a time where significant turmoil surrounds us.

Wars in Europe and the Middle East are creating tensions around the world and here at home.

Democratic norms and principles are being tested everywhere.

Global economic uncertainty has families and businesses alike worried.

As we begin this final session, we all face some big questions:

Will we be a province where the people whose stories I have shared today—like Reut, Andrew, Shannon, and Richard—are left to face tough challenges alone?

Or will we continue to be a place where people take care of each other and build a better future?

Your government is committed to rejecting division and working to bring people together to solve problems.

Because here in B.C., our best days are still ahead of us.

If we work together, this will be a place where everyone can build a good life—whether you live in a city, a town, a rural or First Nations community.

Where the wages of working people go up, but the cost of a decent home does not.

Where we have more family doctors and shorter wait times in emergency rooms.

Where our economy grows not in spite of climate action, but because of it.

Where our kids are safe in their communities, schools, and online.

Where everyone belongs, everyone can get ahead, and no one gets left behind.

That is the vision your government is working hard every day to deliver.

A stronger B.C. — one that works better for people.

Thank you.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *N. Sharma* (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.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, for the remainder of the current Session:

GENERAL

1. As an exercise of the Legislative Assembly's exclusive right to regulate its own internal affairs as they relate to its legislative and deliberative functions, including control over the conduct of its proceedings, the use of videoconferencing technology be authorized to enable all Members to be present in the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly through remote participation, counting toward quorum, while other Members continue to be present physically in the Legislative Chamber, thereby enabling hybrid proceedings of the House.

2. Zoom be approved as the videoconferencing technology platform for the purposes of supporting hybrid proceedings of the House.

QUORUM AND ATTENDANCE

3. Members who are participating in the House's proceedings by the approved videoconferencing technology be counted as present for the purposes of the quorum of ten Members, as set out in section 42 of the *Constitution Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 66) and Standing Order 6, and for the purposes of determining a majority of votes as set out in section 43 of the *Constitution Act*.

4. Members who are participating in the House's proceedings by the approved videoconferencing technology must have the audio and video functions enabled with their face clearly visible in order to be counted towards quorum, to participate in debate, and to vote.

DIVISIONS

5. Standing Order 16 (2) be amended by substituting the following: When a division has been called, the division bells shall be rung forthwith. Not sooner than 5, nor longer than 10 minutes thereafter, the Speaker shall again state the question. No Member shall enter or leave the House or Committee of the Whole after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken, and every Member present shall vote. No Member participating remotely shall connect to or disconnect from the approved videoconferencing technology after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken.

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

6. Any Standing Order requiring that a document be “handed in” or “laid upon the Table” or transmitted by other similar physical means be interpreted to include the transmission of a document by approved electronic means.

7. The transmission of a document by the Office of the Clerk to all Members by electronic means constitute for all purposes the distribution and delivery of that document, regardless of whether a Member has received the document.

8. Notwithstanding the usual practices of the House, petitions presented to the House may include signatures collected through electronic means, and that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly or her designate be authorized to exercise reasonable discretion in the interpretation of admissibility of an electronic petition and its compliance with Standing Order 73 and Appendix A of the Standing Orders.

SPEAKER’S DISCRETION

9. For greater certainty, the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion on the applicability of Standing Order 17A as it may relate to the facilitation of participation of Members in proceedings of the House.

10. For greater certainty and further to Standing Order 19 and Standing Order 20, the Speaker be empowered to intervene on any matter of decorum on the Speaker’s own initiative or on a point of order raised by a Member, including by muting a Member’s microphone and excluding Members from the sitting in cases of serious misconduct.

11. The Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion in the interpretation of the provisions of any Standing Order requiring Members to stand or speak in their assigned place as this requirement may relate to Members participating via the approved videoconferencing technology and to Members participating in person in the Legislative Chamber.

12. The Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion, in consultation with the House Leaders or the Whips, in the interpretation of any provision of the Standing Orders or this order that may require leniency or alteration in order to allow all Members to be able to fully exercise their duties and rights in the proceedings of this House conducted in a hybrid manner.

OTHER

13. Should any provision contained in this order be inconsistent with the Standing Orders, the provision in this order prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. Kahlon*, seconded by Mr. *Stone*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Spencer Chandra Herbert*, Member for Vancouver-West End Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. *Stone*, seconded by the Hon. *R. Kahlon*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Jackie Tegart*, Member for Fraser-Nicola Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. Kahlon*, seconded by Mr. *Stone*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Ronna-Rae Leonard*, Member for Courtenay-Comox 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. *N. Sharma* (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. *D. Eby* (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;
9. Agriculture, Fish and Food;

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. *Ravi Kahlon* (Convener), Hon. *Lisa Beare*, *Nicholas Simons*, *Garry Begg*, *Michele Babchuk*, *Roly Russell*, *Todd Stone*, *Lorne Doerkson*, *Renee Merrifield* and *Adam Olsen*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3.13 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Yao*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 2022/23.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier) tabled the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Annual Report, 2022/23.

Mr. *Begg* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Police Complaint Commissioner for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament, February 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Begg* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Begg* moved—

That Prabhu Rajan be appointed as an Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Police Complaint Commissioner, pursuant to the *Police Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 367), for a five-year term commencing on February 21, 2024.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Starchuk* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Annual Review of the Budgets of Statutory Offices: 2024-25 to 2026-27, for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (Third), December 2023.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Starchuk* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Mr. Routley moved, seconded by Mr. *Parmar*—

We, His 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 Mr. *Milobar*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.55 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 22, 2024

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Dykeman*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, February 22, 2024

ONE O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance), it was *Ordered*—

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

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:
Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025; and,
Supplement to the Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20, 2024.

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

The Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *D. Eby* (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. *Milobar*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20, 2024.

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. K. Conroy (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Government's Strategic Plan, 2024, required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Budget and Fiscal Plan, 2024/25 – 2026/27, required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Agriculture and Food; Ministry of Attorney General; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Citizens' Services; Ministry of Education and Child Care; Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation; Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Housing; Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions; Ministry of Municipal Affairs; Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship;

Crown Agency Service Plans: BC Assessment; British Columbia Council for International Education; British Columbia Energy Regulator; BC Family Maintenance Agency; BC Financial Services Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Infrastructure Benefits; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Transit; British Columbia Lottery Corporation; BC Securities Commission; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living British Columbia; Destination British Columbia; First Peoples' Cultural Council; Forest Enhancement Society of BC; Forestry Innovation Investment; InBC Investment Corp.; Infrastructure BC Inc.; Innovate BC; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Aid BC; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; Royal BC Museum; SkilledTradesBC; Transportation Investment Corporation; 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 2.12 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, February 26, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Morris*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

5 By leave, Mr. *D'Eith* moved—

Be it resolved that this House agrees to put the interests of regular people who are looking to afford a home ahead of real estate speculators and investors.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Monday, February 26, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 15, 2024.

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."

Ms. *Furstenau* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege regarding comments made by the Minister of Housing during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* presented the Report of the Special Committee of Selection for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), February 26, 2024.

"PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
FEBRUARY 26, 2024

HONOURABLE MEMBERS:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on February 20, 2024, to prepare and report lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House, met on February 21, 2024, and recommends the following lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session:

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—*Doug Routley* (Convener), *Michele Babchuk*, *Michael Lee*, *Coralee Oakes*, *Adam Olsen*, *Kelli Paddon*, *Jennifer Rice*, *Harwinder Sandhu*, *Mike Starchuk*, *Elenore Sturko*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISH AND FOOD—*Rick Glumac* (Convener), *Susie Chant*, *Megan Dykeman*, *Coralee Oakes*, *Kelli Paddon*, *Ian Paton*, *Roly Russell*, *Aman Singh*, *Jordan Sturdy*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH—*Jinny Sims* (Convener), *Michele Babchuk*, *Mike Bernier*, *Bob D'Eith*, *Kelly Greene*, *Karin Kirpatrick*, *Norm Letnick*, *Doug Routley*, *Aman Singh*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS—*Garry Begg* (Convener), *Brittny Anderson*, *Bob D'Eith*, *Megan Dykeman*, *Sonia Furstenuau*, *Mike Morris*, *Doug Routley*, *Tom Shypitka*, *Nicholas Simons*, *Teresa Wat*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION—*Michele Babchuk* (Convener), *Dan Davies*, *Sonia Furstenuau*, *Kelly Greene*, *Renee Merrifield*, *Kelli Paddon*, *Jennifer Rice*, *Doug Routley*, *Roly Russell*, *Elenore Sturko*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—*Mike Starchuk* (Convener), *Susie Chant*, *Ronna-Rae Leonard*, *Coralee Oakes*, *Ravi Parmar*, *Tom Shypitka*, *Nicholas Simons*, *Ben Stewart*, *Henry Yao*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH—*Brittny Anderson* (Convener), *Shirley Bond*, *Susie Chant*, *Dan Davies*, *Sonia Furstenuau*, *Trevor Halford*, *Ronna-Rae Leonard*, *Janet Routledge*, *Doug Routley*, *Mike Starchuk*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—*Henry Yao* (Convener), *Brittny Anderson*, *Dan Ashton*, *Fin Donnelly*, *Rick Glumac*, *Michael Lee*, *Norm Letnick*, *Adam Olsen*, *Jennifer Rice*, *Janet Routledge*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—*Peter Milobar* (Convener), *Garry Begg*, *Spencer Chandra Herbert*, *Susie Chant*, *Karin Kirkpatrick*, *Ronna-Rae Leonard*, *Jennifer Rice*, *Doug Routley*, *Jackie Tegart*.

HON. R. KAHLON
CHAIR AND GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEADER”

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

10 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That a Special Committee to Review Passenger Directed Vehicles be appointed pursuant to section 42.1 of the *Passenger Transportation Act* (S.B.C. 2004, c. 39) to review passenger directed vehicle services and transportation network companies administered under the Act. This includes, but is not limited to, a review of the following:

1. whether the provision of licences under the Act that include passenger directed vehicle authorizations or transportation network services authorizations promotes an adequate supply of passenger directed vehicles, including accessible passenger directed vehicles, and passenger and driver safety;

2. the effectiveness of the test set out in section 28 (1) in promoting adequate supply and passenger and driver safety;

3. whether the Act promotes employment in the passenger directed vehicle services and transportation network services industries;

4. impacts on public transportation, traffic congestion and the environment attributable to the administration under this Act of passenger directed vehicle services and transportation network services; and,

5. whether the Act promotes passenger directed vehicle services, including transportation network services, in small, rural or remote communities.

That the Special Committee have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. 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. conduct consultations by any means the Special Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That any information and materials previously under consideration by the Special Committee appointed by order of the Legislative Assembly on May 11, 2023, for the same purpose be referred to the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House by May 10, 2024, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Mable Elmore* (Convener), *Shirley Bond*, *Kelly Greene*, *Janet Routledge*, *Doug Routley* and *Jordan Sturdy*.

Motion agreed to.

11 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That all reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia transmitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. For greater certainty, the following exceptions are provided:

- a. the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) shall be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services; and,
- b. reports of the Auditor General respecting the Legislative Assembly prepared under the provisions of the *Legislative Assembly Management Committee Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 258) shall be referred to the Legislative Assembly Management Committee.

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be the Committee referred to in sections 10, 13 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2).

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. 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. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

12 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That a Special Committee to Appoint an Information and Privacy Commissioner be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of an individual as Information and Privacy Commissioner, pursuant to section 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 165).

That the Special Committee have all the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. 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. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That any information and materials previously under consideration by the Special Committee appointed by order of the Legislative Assembly on November 9, 2023, for the same purpose be referred to the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Garry Begg* (Convener), *Michele Babchuk*, *Dan Davies*, *Renee Merrifield*, *Adam Olsen* and *Mike Starchuk*.

Motion agreed to.

13 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That a Special Committee to Appoint a Human Rights Commissioner be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of an individual as Human Rights Commissioner for the province of British Columbia, pursuant to section 47.01 of the *Human Rights Code* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 210).

That the Special Committee have all the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. 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. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That any information and materials previously under consideration by the Special Committee appointed by order of the Legislative Assembly on November 29, 2023, for the same purpose be referred to the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Joan Phillip* (Convener), *Brittney Anderson*, *Norm Letnick*, *Ravi Parmar* and *Teresa Wat*.

Motion agreed to.

14 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

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

1. In conjunction with general oversight of the following statutory officers, namely, the:

- i. Auditor General;
 - ii. Chief Electoral Officer;
 - iii. Conflict of Interest Commissioner;
 - iv. Human Rights Commissioner;
 - v. Information and Privacy Commissioner;
 - vi. Merit Commissioner;
 - vii. Ombudsperson;
 - viii. Police Complaint Commissioner; and,
 - ix. Representative for Children and Youth;
- a. consider and make recommendations on the annual reports, rolling three-year service plans, and budgets of the aforementioned statutory offices, including with respect to the effective and efficient administration of each office;
 - b. inquire into and make recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by any of the aforementioned statutory officers; and,
 - c. consider and make decisions, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the terms and conditions of employment of any of the aforementioned statutory officers arising as a request of an officeholder during their term of appointment.

That the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in sections 6, 7, 19, 20, 21 and 23 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) and that the report in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) be referred to the Committee.

That the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in sections 47.02 and 47.03 of the *Human Rights Code* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 210).

That the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in section 3 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* (S.B.C. 2000, c. 23).

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. 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. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

15 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish and Food be empowered to examine carbon sequestration and related technology in British Columbia's agricultural sector and make recommendations with respect to:

1. Opportunities to increase carbon content in agricultural soils in British Columbia.
2. Supports for British Columbia's agricultural technology sector as they relate to carbon sequestration.
3. Supports and incentives for encouraging the use of made-in-B.C. agricultural technology innovations to enhance carbon sequestration.

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish and Food be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. 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. conduct consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That any information and materials received by the Committee during the 4th Session of the 42nd Parliament for the same purpose be referred to the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House by April 11, 2024, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

16 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be empowered to foster greater awareness and understanding among legislators and the public of the B.C. child welfare system, including the specific needs of Indigenous children, youth, families and communities, and in particular to:

1. Receive and review 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;
4. Receive and consider all reports and plans transmitted by the Representative to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; and,

5. Undertake, pursuant to section 30 (1) of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act* (S.B.C. 2006, c. 29), a comprehensive review of the Act or portions of the Act at least once every five years, but by no later than April 1, 2027, to determine whether the functions of the Representative described in section 6 are still required to ensure that the needs of children and young adults as defined in that section are met.

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

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. 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. conduct consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

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 the Hon. *B. Bailey*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Ms. *Furstenau* made representations regarding her question of privilege with respect to comments made by the Minister of Housing during Oral Question Period.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Tegart*.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 23, 2024.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding a formal apology to the children and families of the Sons of Freedom Doukhobor community.

Mr. *Stone* made a statement.

Ms. *Furstenau* made a statement.

Mr. *Banman* made a statement.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Managing Hazardous Spills in B.C., February 2024.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.19 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

The Hon. *G. Lore* (Minister of Children and Family Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 23, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier) made a ministerial statement commemorating two years since the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the continued efforts to support Ukrainian refugees.

Mr. *Falcon* made a statement.

Ms. *Furstenau* made a statement.

Mr. *Banman* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Furstenau* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege regarding comments made by the Minister of Housing during Oral Question Period.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.51 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 29, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Wat*.

On the motion of Ms. *Furstenau*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 2024*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) made a statement regarding the death of Patty Sahota, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. *de Jong* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Doerkson* presented a petition regarding insurance assistance for structural damages at Terra Ridge PGS189.

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Report of the Working Group on Parliamentary Culture, Working Together to Build a Better Parliamentary Culture at the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, February 2024.

By leave, Ms. *Elmore* moved—

That the Members of the Working Group on Parliamentary Culture be permitted to speak to its report.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. *Elmore* made a statement regarding the Report of the Working Group on Parliamentary Culture, Working Together to Build a Better Parliamentary Culture at the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

Ms. *Sturko* made a statement.

Ms. *Furstenau* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, February 29, 2024

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* (Minister of Housing) made representations regarding the question of privilege raised on February 26, 2024, by Ms. *Furstenau* and tabled associated documents.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

Ms. *Furstenau* made representations regarding her question of privilege with respect to comments made by the Minister of Housing during Oral Question Period.

The Chair stated they would take the matter under advisement.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.17 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, March 4, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *S. Malcolmson*.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* (Minister of Housing) withdrew comments with respect to the question of privilege raised by Ms. *Furstenau*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

19 By leave, Ms. *Bond* moved—

Be it resolved that this House agrees that Government must do more to address the crisis in women's health care.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

Ms. *Merrifield* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege regarding remarks made by Ms. *Anderson*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Monday, March 4, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon*, on behalf of the Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance), presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 29, 2024.

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."

18 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, for the remainder of the current Session:

GENERAL

1. Certain proceedings of the House may be undertaken in three sections, designated Section A, Section B, and Section C, to be subject to the rules that follow.

2. Section A and Section C sit in such committee room as may be designated from time to time, and Section B sit in the Legislative Chamber.

3. Section A and Section C be authorized to examine all Estimates, and for all purposes be deemed to be the Committee of Supply, and that the Standing Orders relating to the consideration of Estimates in the Committee of Supply and to Committees of the Whole House be applicable to such proceedings, save and except that, during proceedings in Committee of Supply, a Minister may defer to a Deputy Minister to permit such Deputy to reply to a question put to the Minister.

4. Section A be authorized to consider bills at committee stage after second reading thereof, and for all purposes be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole House, and that the Standing Orders relating to the consideration of bills in a Committee of the Whole House be applicable to such proceedings.

5. Section A and Section B be authorized to examine all Estimates and any public bill appearing on the Orders of the Day at committee stage, which may be considered in the order determined by the Government House Leader in accordance with Standing Order 27 (2).

6. Section C be authorized to examine all Estimates, which may be considered in the order determined by the Government House Leader in accordance with Standing Order 27 (2).

7. Estimates or bills previously referred to a designated Section may at any time be subsequently referred to another designated Section, as determined by the Government House Leader in accordance with Standing Order 27 (2).

COMPOSITION

8. The Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole or their designate preside in Section A and Section C.

9. Section A consist of 14 Members, not including the Chair, being eight Members of the Government Caucus, three Members of the Official Opposition Caucus, one Member of the Third Party Caucus, one Member of the Fourth Party Caucus, and one Independent Member.

10. Section C consist of 12 Members, not including the Chair, being seven Members of the Government Caucus, three Members of the Official Opposition Caucus, one Member of the Third Party Caucus, and one Member of the Fourth Party Caucus.

11. The Members of Section A be: the Minister whose Estimates are under examination or who is in charge of the bill under consideration and Hon. *Lisa Beare, Garry Begg, Bob D'Eith, Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Ravi Parmar, Selina Robinson, Hon. Niki Sharma, Dan Ashton, Trevor Halford, Elenore Sturko, Sonia Furstenuau, John Rustad and Adam Walker.*

12. The Members of Section C be: the Minister whose Estimates are under examination and *Michele Babchuk, Hon. Adrian Dix, Hon. Mike Farnworth, Hon. Rob Fleming, Hon. Bruce Ralston, Hon. Rachna Singh, Norm Letnick, Coralee Oakes, Tom Shypitka, Adam Olsen and Bruce Banman.*

13. Substitutions for Members of Section A and Section C be permitted with the consent of the Member's Caucus Whip, where applicable, or otherwise with the consent of the Member.

14. Section B be composed of all Members of the House.

DIVISIONS

15. When a division is requested in Section A, the division bells shall be rung four times and the division shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order 16, as amended by Sessional Order adopted on February 20, 2024.

16. When a division is requested in Section B, the division bells shall be rung three times, at which time proceedings in Section A and Section C shall be suspended, and the division shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order 16, as amended by Sessional Order adopted on February 20, 2024.

17. When a division is requested in Section C, the division bells shall be rung five times and the division shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order 16, as amended by Sessional Order adopted on February 20, 2024.

18. If a division is underway in Section A or Section C at the time that a division is requested in Section B, the division in Section B be suspended until the completion of the division in Section A or Section C.

REPORTING AND COMPLETION

19. At 15 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House, the Chair of Section A and Section C shall report to the House.

20. If a report from Section A or Section C includes the last Vote in a particular Ministry Estimate, after such report has been made to the House, Members of the Government Caucus shall have a maximum of six minutes cumulatively, Members of the Official Opposition Caucus shall have a maximum of four minutes cumulatively, Members of the Third Party Caucus shall have a maximum of two minutes cumulatively, Members of the Fourth Party Caucus shall have a maximum of two minutes cumulatively, and Independent Members shall have a maximum of one minute cumulatively to summarize the Committee debate on that Ministry's Estimates. Such summaries shall be in the following order:

- a. Independent Members;
- b. Fourth Party Caucus;
- c. Third Party Caucus;
- d. Official Opposition Caucus; and,
- e. Government Caucus.

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.

Mr. *Halford* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege regarding remarks made by Mr. *Glumac*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Starchuk*.

The Hon. *S. Malcolmson* (Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Social Development and Poverty Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 29, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsperson Special Report No. 55, *On the Road Again: Fixing a Longstanding Injustice in Section 42 of the Transportation Act*, March 2024.

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 House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—53

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
Sims
Coulter
Lore
Chow
Beare
Kang
Ma
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains
Malcolmson

Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk
Rice
Phillip
Yao
Leonard
Whiteside
Farnworth
Kahlon

Sharma
Dix
Popham
Fleming
Dean
Rankin
Ralston
Alexis
Robinson
Simons
Elmore
Glumac
Routley

D’Eith
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
A. Singh
Furstenau
Olsen
Walker

NAYS—24

Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Halford
Ross

Oakes
Davies
Morris
Kyllo
Shypitka
Sturko

Merrifield
Wat
Lee
Kirkpatrick
Stewart
Clovechok

Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart
Rustad
Banman

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2024*, 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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General.

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

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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 Attorney General.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

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

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Paddon*.

On the motion of Ms. *Kirkpatrick*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Amendment Act, 2024*, 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. *Olsen*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 2024*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Kirkpatrick* presented a petition regarding the *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act*.

The Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Province of British Columbia Forty-seventh Annual Report pursuant to the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act, Year Ended March 31, 2023*.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2024*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 4, the preamble and the title of Bill (No. 6) passed.

Bill (No. 6) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, 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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Social Development and Poverty Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, 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.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$729,324,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,671,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2025.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, *Crown Proceeding Act*, to 31st March, 2025.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,428,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Independent Investigations Office, to 31st March, 2025.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$115,278,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,989,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture 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 C (Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation and Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.53 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, March 7, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Chandra Herbert*.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust (Winding Up) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 5, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Olsen*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *North Island-Coast Development Initiative Trust Amendment Act, 2024*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Greene* presented a petition regarding the Tilbury Marine Jetty project application.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2024*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 2).

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.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C 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 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, March 7, 2024

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

Clauses 1 through 5 and the title of Bill (No. 2) passed.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 14 and the title of Bill (No. 4) passed.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Social Development and Poverty Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 7).

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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$705,277,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Citizens' Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.

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 C (Ministry of Citizens' Services) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, March 11, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Letnick*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

20 By leave, Ms. *Chant* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports this Government's work to train, recruit and retain more health care professionals to relieve the pressures on British Columbia's health care system and increase access to health care services.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.03 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 7, 2024.*

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. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2023.

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Summary Financial Statements Audit: Areas of Interest 2022/23, March 2024.

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2023.

Ms. *Bond* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier) reserved his right to raise a question of privilege.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Social Development and Poverty Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 7).

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 7) stood down.

Clauses 3 through 6 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Clause 7 of Bill (No. 7) stood down.

Clauses 8 through 10 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

On clause 11 of Bill (No. 7).

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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Stone*.

The Hon. *R. Fleming* (Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Commercial Transport Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 7, 2024.

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. *Banman* rose on a point of order regarding comments made by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier) during Oral Question Period on March 11, 2024.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Social Development and Poverty Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

Clauses 11 through 15 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

The Committee considered clause 2 of Bill (No. 7), as stood down.

The proposed amendment moved by Mr. *Olsen* to clause 2 of Bill (No. 7) was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—48

<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Elmore</i>
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Chow</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chen</i>

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<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Walker</i>

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 7), as stood down.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.

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.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Banman* rose to complete his representations on the point of order raised earlier today regarding comments made by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier) during Oral Question Period on March 11, 2024, and by leave, tabled correspondence from the Semiahmoo First Nation.

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

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 C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Social Development and Poverty Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Clause 7 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Clauses 16 through 41 and the title of Bill (No. 7) passed.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2024*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 7 and the title of Bill (No. 5) passed.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust (Winding Up) Act*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,135,439,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

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

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.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,749,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.

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 C (Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Sturko*.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 12, 2024.

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 and Section C of Committee of Supply.

22 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, as an exercise of the Legislative Assembly's exclusive right to regulate its own internal affairs as they relate to its legislative and deliberative functions, including control over the conduct of its proceedings, the use of videoconferencing technology be authorized to enable all Members to be present in the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly through remote participation, counting towards quorum, while other Members continue to be present physically in the Legislative Chamber, thereby enabling hybrid proceedings of the House.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

That, recognizing the importance of responsible government and the fundamental role of the Legislative Assembly to scrutinize the executive, the House affirm the expectation for Members of the Executive Council to make every effort to be physically present for proceedings of the House, particularly for Oral Question Period and when a Minister is to answer questions on any assigned Votes within the Estimates in the Committee of Supply or answer questions on a Bill in a Committee of the Whole House, for Members of the Executive Council to fulfill their collective ministerial responsibility to the Legislative Assembly.

And that, consequently, the *Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia* be amended by replacing Standing Order 8 as follows:

Attendance required. Remote participation.

8. (1) Every Member is bound to attend the service of the House and is expected to make every effort to do so in person. The expectation of in-person attendance is higher for Members of the Executive Council, particularly for Oral Question Period and when a Minister is to answer questions on any assigned Votes within the Estimates in the Committee of Supply or answer questions on a Bill in a Committee of the Whole House.
- (2) When a Member is unable to attend the service of the House in person, the Member may be authorized, in accordance with subsection (3) (b), to attend the service of the House through the approved videoconferencing technology, and will be counted as present for the purposes of quorum and for the purposes of determining a majority of votes. A Member participating in the business of the House by such means must have the audio and video functions enabled with their face clearly visible in order to be counted towards quorum, to participate in debate, and to vote.
- (3) In enabling remote participation of Members in proceedings of the House, the Speaker shall:
 - (a) approve the videoconferencing technology platform used to support hybrid proceedings of the House, and
 - (b) establish and publish rules, expectations and requirements for remote connectivity and participation by Members, and shall consult the House Leaders or Whips as required.
- (4) When a Member is participating in proceedings of the House by remote means, the Speaker is empowered to:
 - (a) exercise discretion on the application of Standing Order 17A as it may relate to the facilitation of participation of Members in proceedings of the House remotely;
 - (b) exclude a Member from participating if the Member has failed to meet the rules, expectations and requirements for remote connectivity;
 - (c) intervene on any matter of decorum, including by muting a Member's microphone and excluding a Member from sittings of the House in cases of serious misconduct;

- (d) exercise discretion in the interpretation of the provisions of any Standing Order requiring Members to stand or speak in their assigned place and with respect to the transmission of documents, as these requirements may relate to Members participating via the approved videoconferencing technology; and
- (e) exercise discretion, in consultation with the House Leaders or the Whips, in the interpretation of any provision of the Standing Orders that may require leniency or alteration in order to allow a Member to be able to fully exercise their duties.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Walker* moved the following amendment—

That Motion 22 be amended by adding the underlined text as follows:

8. (3) In enabling remote participation of Members in proceedings of the House, the Speaker shall:
- (a) approve the videoconferencing technology platform used to support hybrid proceedings of the House, and
 - (b) establish and publish rules, expectations and requirements for remote connectivity and participation by Members, and shall consult the House Leaders or Whips and Independent Members as required.
- (4) When a Member is participating in proceedings of the House by remote means, the Speaker is empowered to:
- (a) exercise discretion on the application of Standing Order 17A as it may relate to the facilitation of participation of Members in proceedings of the House remotely;
 - (b) exclude a Member from participating if the Member has failed to meet the rules, expectations and requirements for remote connectivity;
 - (c) intervene on any matter of decorum, including by muting a Member's microphone and excluding a Member from sittings of the House in cases of serious misconduct;
 - (d) exercise discretion in the interpretation of the provisions of any Standing Order requiring Members to stand or speak in their assigned place and with respect to the transmission of documents, as these requirements may relate to Members participating via the approved videoconferencing technology; and
 - (e) exercise discretion, in consultation with the House Leaders or the Whips and Independent Members, in the interpretation of any provision of the Standing Orders that may require leniency or alteration in order to allow a Member to be able to fully exercise their duties.

A debate arose on the amendment.

The amendment to Motion 22 was negatived.

The debate resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to.

23 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That the *Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia* be amended by replacing Standing Order 16 (2) as follows:

- (2) When a division has been called, the division bells shall be rung forthwith. Not sooner than 5, nor longer than 10 minutes thereafter, the Speaker shall again state the question. No Member shall enter or leave the House or Committee of the Whole after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken, and every Member present shall vote. No Member participating remotely shall connect to or disconnect from the approved videoconferencing technology after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken.

Motion agreed to.

21 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That the Sessional Order adopted by the House on February 20, 2024, enabling hybrid proceedings of the House, be discharged.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Commercial Transport Amendment Act, 2024*, 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.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust (Winding Up) Act* was committed.

Clauses 1 through 4 and the title of Bill (No. 8) passed.

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

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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 Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

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 Forests.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$273,423,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

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 C (Ministry of Municipal Affairs) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, March 14, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Olsen*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Firefighter Protection Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "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 C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Commercial Transport Amendment Act, 2024*, was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 10) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 10).

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.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2024

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Commercial Transport Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

Clause 2, clause 3 and the title of Bill (No. 10) passed.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 11 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

Clauses 12 through 19 of Bill (No. 9) stood down.

Clauses 20 through 23 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

On clause 24 of Bill (No. 9).

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 4) *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 5) *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 7) *Social Development and Poverty Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 8) *Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust (Winding Up) Act*.

Bill (No. 10) *Commercial Transport Amendment Act, 2024*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 6) *Supply Act (No. 1), 2024*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

Clauses 24 through 47 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

Clause 48 of Bill (No. 9) stood down.

Clause 49 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

On clause 50 of Bill (No. 9).

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$413,993,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$232,736,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Management, to 31st March, 2025.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,991,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2025.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

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) to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, when the House next adjourns, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Yao*.

The Hon. *M. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Land Title and Property Law Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 28, 2024.

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. *R. Kahlon* (Minister of Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 28, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, B.C.’s Toxic Drug Crisis: Implementation of Harm Reduction Programs, March 2024.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Lee*, 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 Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The following report was received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses (for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024), Revised Schedule F, No. 2, January 15, 2024.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$79,047,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,420,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*, to 31st March, 2025.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

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 Emergency Management and Climate Readiness) to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$188,053,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,074,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

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 C (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *S. Malcolmson*.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation (Residential Property (Short-Term Holding) Profit Tax) Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 2024.

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. *R. Kahlon* (Minister of Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 2, 2024.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Speaker made a statement regarding order and decorum during Oral Question Period.

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 C of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Land Title and Property Law Amendment Act, 2024*, 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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act*.

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

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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 Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,004,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,453,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2025.

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

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 Food) to be considered at the next sitting.

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

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 Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 48 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

Clause 50 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

On clause 51 of Bill (No. 9).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.58 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 4, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *D. Coulter*.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 2024.

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, Mr. *Stone* moved—

Be it resolved that pursuant to section 13, subsection (2) of the *Auditor General Act*, the Legislative Assembly request that the Auditor General undertake an examination of the Government of British Columbia's CleanBC Go Electric Program, including but not limited to the Commercial Vehicle Innovation Challenge and the Advanced Research and Commercialization Program, administered by MNP LLP, with a view to examining any potential conflict of interest relating to program administrators charging success fees to successful applicants who use their advisory services.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—46

Chandra Herbert
A. Singh
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains
Malcolmson

Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk
Rice
Yao
Leonard
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth

Kahlon
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Fleming
Dean
Rankin
Alexis
Sims
Elmore
Glumac

Routley
D'Eith
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen

YEAS—27

Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Halford
Ross
Oakes

Bernier
Paton
Davies
Kyllo
Shypitka
Sturko
Merrifield

Wat
Lee
Stewart
Clovechok
Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick

Tegart
Furstenau
Olsen
Rustad
Banman
Walker

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, April 4, 2024

ONE O’CLOCK P.M.

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 the Whole.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Sturko*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 51 through 56 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

Clause 57 of Bill (No. 9) stood down.

Clauses 58 through 81 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

Clauses 12 through 19 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

On clause 57 of Bill (No. 9), as stood down.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

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

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Davies*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 4 and the title of Bill (No. 11) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 11) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 11) read a third time and passed.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 3 and the title of Bill (No. 13) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 13) intituled *Land Title and Property Law Amendment Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 13) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, April 8, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Kyllo*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

24 By leave, Ms. *Sturko* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports scrapping this Government's decriminalization experiment.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Monday, April 8, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 5, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *G. Lore* (Minister of Children and Family Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Children and Family Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 5, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Paton*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Preserving Brunswick Point for Agriculture and Migrating Waterfowl Habitat Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

By leave, the Hon. *J. Osborne* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation) moved—

That the proceedings of the House on the consideration and decision of the motion by leave moved by the Member for Kamloops-South Thompson during the morning sitting of Thursday, April 4, 2024, be declared null and void.

And that, pursuant to section 13 (2) of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2), the House request that the Auditor General undertake an examination of the administration of grants by MNP LLP under the Advanced Research and Commercialization Program and the Commercial Vehicle Innovation Challenge.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Stone* moved the following amendment—

That the motion be amended by adding “And further that the Auditor General make public an interim report on the matter no later than 90 days hence, and make a final report public no later than September 1, 2024.”

A debate arose on the amendment.

The amendment to the motion was agreed to.

The debate resumed on the main motion, as amended.

Mr. *Walker* moved the following amendment—

That the motion moved by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation be amended by striking the indicated text and adding the underlined text, as follows:

And that, pursuant to section 13 (2) of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2), the House request that the Auditor General undertake an examination of the administration of grants by MNP LLP, including, but not limited to, ~~under~~ the Advanced Research and Commercialization Program and the Commercial Vehicle Innovation Challenge.

A debate arose on the amendment.

The amendment to the motion was negatived.

The debate resumed on the main motion, as amended.

Motion, as amended, 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 the Whole.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. Kahlon*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 57 and the title of Bill (No. 9) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 9) read a third time and passed.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 3) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 3).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

The Hon. *L. Beare* (Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *First Nations Mandated Post-Secondary Institutes Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 5, 2024.

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. *Sturko*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 2024*, 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 Ms. *Furstenau*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection (Greenwashing Prevention) Amendment Act, 2024*, 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 the Whole.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 3).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$213,767,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

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 C (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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 the Whole.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 18) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 2 through 73 of Bill (No. 3) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) on the Order Paper to clause 74 of Bill (No. 3) passed.

Clause 74, as amended, of Bill (No. 3) passed.

Clauses 75 through 250 of Bill (No. 3) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) on the Order Paper to clause 251 of Bill (No. 3) passed.

Clause 251, as amended, of Bill (No. 3) passed.

Clauses 252 through 281 and the title of Bill (No. 3) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2024*, complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 3) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,121,197,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C 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 C (Ministry of Children and Family Development) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Letnick*.

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 6, 2024.

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. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Safe Access to Schools Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 6, 2024.

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 the Whole.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *First Nations Mandated Post-Secondary Institutes Act*, 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. 19) intituled *Children and Family Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation (Residential Property (Short-Term Holding) Profit Tax) Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

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

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 42 and the title of Bill (No. 16) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 16) intituled *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 16) read a third time and passed.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 30 and the title of Bill (No. 18) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 18) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 18) read a third time and passed.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 17).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 17) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,407,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Labour and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

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 C (Ministry of Labour) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 11, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Sturko*.

The Hon. *J. Osborne* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 10, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Olsen*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Correction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 23-07, Uber Canada Inc., Designated Filer: Brian Kuntz, November 15, 2023; and,

Registrar of Lobbyists, Reconsideration Decision 23-07 (Determination Decision 23-07), Designated Filer: Brian Kuntz, March 28, 2024.

Mr. *Glumac* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish and Food, Carbon Sequestration and Related Technology in British Columbia’s Agricultural Sector, for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), April 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Glumac* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Begg* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint an Information and Privacy Commissioner for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament, April 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Begg* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Begg* moved—

That the Legislative Assembly recommend to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that Michael Harvey be appointed as an Officer of the Legislature to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Information and Privacy Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia for a six-year term commencing May 6, 2024, pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Stone* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, reports of open illicit drug use and trafficking in hospitals.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* made representations.

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

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 the Whole.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 17).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 17) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, April 11, 2024

ONE O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Anti-Racism Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 8, 2024.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

The Chair has reviewed the application made under Standing Order 35 by the Official Opposition House Leader for the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, being reports of open illicit drug use and trafficking in hospitals. The Chair appreciates the Official Opposition House Leader's advance notice to the Chair to raise this matter, in accordance with Practice Recommendation 8, and for his brief submission. The Chair is also grateful for the brief submission from the Acting Government House Leader.

Members will know that the requirements of Standing Order 35 are rigid. The process of raising a matter under Standing Order 35 is prescribed in detail within the Standing Order provisions and in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition.

It is the duty of the Chair to determine whether this high threshold under Standing Order 35 has been met. As noted in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, at page 121, reflecting a decision of Speaker Reid, the Chair must be guided by two factors. The first is to review the matter raised to determine whether other opportunities to debate the matter are available to the House. The second is to assess whether new, sudden, or unexpected events require the House to suspend all other business for a genuine emergency debate on the matter.

The subject of the application under Standing Order 35 by the Official Opposition House Leader has been raised during Oral Question Period this week. The Chair also recognizes that, immediately after the application under Standing Order 35 was made, the Committee of Supply proceeded to the consideration of the estimates of the Ministry of Health, where this topic could continue to be canvassed by Members of the House. It is therefore the ruling of the Chair that the threshold and criteria to satisfy an application under Standing Order 35 have not been met.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That, when the House next adjourns, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024.

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 the Whole.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 11 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Olsen* to clause 12 of Bill (No. 17) was ruled out of order.

Clauses 12 through 22 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

On clause 23 of Bill (No. 17).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 17) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,175,972,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

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 C (Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, April 22, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Chen*.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Standing Orders or usual practices of the House, Diane Brown (Gwaganaad), Leona Clow (Gulangxuaahlwaay), and Jason Alsop (Gaagwiis) of the Haida Nation be permitted to address the House from the floor of the House later today.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

26 By leave, Mr. *D’Eith* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the importance of arts and the creative industries in our province and celebrates their commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and sustainability.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Monday, April 22, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Territorial welcome by Elder Mary Ann Thomas, Esquimalt Nation.

Pursuant to the motion adopted earlier today, Diane Brown (Gwaganaad) and Leona Clow (Gulangxuahlwaaay) of the Haida Nation offered a blessing.

The Hon. *M. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 19, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the recognition of Haida Aboriginal title in Haida Gwaii.

Mr. *Lee* made a statement.

Ms. *Furstenau* made a statement.

Mr. *Rustad* made a statement.

Pursuant to the motion adopted earlier today, Jason Alsop (Gaagwiis), President of the Council of the Haida Nation, addressed the House.

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 the Whole.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 23 through 34 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

On clause 35 of Bill (No. 17).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 17) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Dykeman*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsperson Special Report No. 56, *Alone: The Prolonged and Repeated Isolation of Youth in Custody*, April 2024.

Ms. *Chant* presented a petition regarding legislative amendments with respect to advance requests for medical assistance in dying (MAID).

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 the Whole.

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

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 3) read a third time and passed, on division.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Safe Access to Schools Act*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 19).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 19) intituled *Children and Family Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

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 the Whole.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 10 of Bill (No. 19) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *G. Lore* (Minister of Children and Family Development) on the Order Paper to the title of Bill (No. 19) passed.

The title, as amended, of Bill (No. 19) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 19) intitled *Children and Family Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 19) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,710,062,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 11 of Bill (No. 15) passed.

On clause 12 of Bill (No. 15).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 15) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation (Residential Property (Short-Term Holding) Profit Tax) Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,576,781,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education and Child Care, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

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 C (Ministry of Education and Child Care) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Singh*.

On the motion of Ms. *Furstenau*, Bill (No. M 211) intituled *Clean Air Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier) tabled the following documents:

Deloitte Report, Costing and Financial Analysis of the Surrey Police Service Delivery Model (Surrey Police Service versus RCMP), April 2023; and,

Speaking Notes for the Hon. Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Surrey Policing Transition, BC Legislature, April 28, 2023.

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the *Crown Proceeding Act* Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2023.

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 the Whole.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Safe Access to Schools Act*.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 24) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. Rankin*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Mr. *Milobar* moved a proposed amendment to clause 12 of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—8

Russell
Routledge

Rice
Farnworth

Kahlon
Conroy

Simons
Anderson

YEAS—3

Milobar

Halford

Bernier

Clause 12 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clauses 13 through 110 and the title of Bill (No. 15) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 15) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation (Residential Property (Short-Term Holding) Profit Tax) Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 15) read a third time and passed.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 35 through 56 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

On clause 57 of Bill (No. 17).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 17) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,371,043,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

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 C (Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.52 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 25, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *D. Coulter*.

By leave, on the motion of Mr. *Falcon*, Bill (No. M 212) intituled *Name Amendment Act, 2024*, 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."

27 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That the revision of the *Civil Forfeiture Act* (S.B.C. 2005, c. 29) be presented to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills for examination and recommendation pursuant to section 3 and 4 of the *Statute Revision Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 440).

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. 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. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Children and Family Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 19) read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 57 through 79 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

On clause 80 of Bill (No. 17).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 17) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, April 25, 2024

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

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 the Whole.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 80 of Bill (No. 17) passed, on division.

Clauses 81 through 177, the schedules and the title of Bill (No. 17) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 17) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 17) read a third time and passed.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 22).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 22) intituled *Safe Access to Schools Act* and asked leave to sit again.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Seunghée Suzie Seo, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 3) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 9) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 11) *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 13) *Land Title and Property Law Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 15) *Budget Measures Implementation (Residential Property (Short-Term Holding) Profit Tax) Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 16) *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 17) *Police Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 18) *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*.

Bill (No. 19) *Children and Family Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Seunghée Suzie Seo*, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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 Housing.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.27 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, April 29, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Kirkpatrick*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

Upon request by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* that the House resume the adjourned debate on Motion 24, the Chair put the question of leave pursuant to Standing Order 27 (1).

Leave not granted.

5 The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 5 regarding putting the interests of regular people who are looking to afford a home ahead of real estate speculators and investors.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, April 29, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Sims* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, Annual Report, 2023–24, for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), April 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *Sims* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

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 the Whole.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—50

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
A. Singh
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Chow
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains

Malcolmson
Bailey
Brar
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk
Phillip
Yao
Leonard
R. Singh
Whiteside
Kahlon
Eby

Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Popham
Fleming
Dean
Rankin
Alexis
Sims
Simons
Elmore
Glumac

Routley
D'Eith
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Furstenau
Walker
Robinson

NAYS—23

Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Falcon
Bond
Halford

Oakes
Bernier
Davies
Morris
Kyllo
Shypitka

Sturko
Merrifield
Wat
Lee
Kirkpatrick
Stewart

Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick
Rustad
Banman

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

Bill (No. 20) intituled *First Nations Mandated Post-Secondary Institutes Act* was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 20).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Lee* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 22) was ruled out of order.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Robinson* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 22) was ruled out of order.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 22).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 22) intituled *Safe Access to Schools Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Davies*.

On the motion of Ms. *Furstenau* that Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Clean Energy Amendment Act, 2024*, be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

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

YEAS—78

Chandra Herbert	Leonard	Greene	Kyllo
Parmar	R. Singh	Anderson	Shypitka
A. Singh	Whiteside	Chant	Sturko
Babchuk	Farnworth	Dykeman	Merrifield
Coulter	Kahlon	Paddon	Wat
Chow	Conroy	Begg	Lee
Beare	Sharma	Chen	Kirkpatrick
Kang	Dix	de Jong	Stewart
Heyman	Fleming	Doerkson	Clovechok
Osborne	Dean	Milobar	Ashton
Cullen	Rankin	Stone	Sturdy
Bains	Ralston	Falcon	Letnick
Malcolmson	Alexis	Bond	Tegart
Bailey	Sims	Halford	Furstenau
Brar	Simons	Ross	Olsen
Russell	Elmore	Oakes	Rustad
Routledge	Glumac	Bernier	Banman
Starchuk	Routley	Davies	Walker
Phillip	D'Eith	Morris	Robinson
Yao	Donnelly		

Bill (No. M 213) 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. *Rustad* that Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Fairness in Women's and Girls' Sports Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—51

Chandra Herbert	Malcolmson	Sharma	Donnelly
Parmar	Bailey	Dix	Greene
A. Singh	Brar	Fleming	Anderson
Babchuk	Routledge	Dean	Chant
Coulter	Starchuk	Rankin	Dykeman
Lore	Phillip	Ralston	Paddon
Chow	Yao	Alexis	Begg
Beare	Leonard	Sims	Chen
Kang	R. Singh	Simons	Furstenau
Heyman	Whiteside	Elmore	Olsen
Osborne	Farnworth	Glumac	Walker
Cullen	Kahlon	Routley	Robinson
Bains	Conroy	D'Eith	

YEAS—27

de Jong	Ross	Sturko	Ashton
Doerkson	Oakes	Merrifield	Sturdy
Milobar	Bernier	Wat	Letnick
Stone	Davies	Lee	Tegart
Falcon	Morris	Kirkpatrick	Rustad
Bond	Kyllo	Stewart	Banman
Halford	Shypitka	Clovechok	

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Yao* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Anti-Racism Act*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

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 the Whole.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 14 and the title of Bill (No. 20) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 20) intituled *First Nations Mandated Post-Secondary Institutes Act* complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 20) read a third time and passed.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,033,255,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Housing, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 22) passed.

Mr. *Lee* moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 22) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—8

Parmar
Beare

Bains
Whiteside

Sharma
Sims

Simons
Begg

YEAS—3

Sturko

Lee

Ashton

Clauses 3 through 10 and the title of Bill (No. 22) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 22) intituled *Safe Access to Schools Act* complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 22) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—49

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
A. Singh
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Chow
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains

Malcolmson
Bailey
Brar
Russell
Starchuk
Phillip
Yao
Leonard
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth
Kahlon

Eby
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Fleming
Dean
Rankin
Ralston
Alexis
Sims
Simons
Elmore

Glumac
Routley
D'Eith
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Furstenau
Walker

NAYS—23

de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Ross

Oakes
Bernier
Davies
Morris
Kyllo
Shypitka

Sturko
Merrifield
Wat
Lee
Kirkpatrick
Stewart

Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart
Banman

Bill (No. 22) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$121,111,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation and further 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.

By agreement, summary of debate of estimates passed in Section C (Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.19 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Stone*.

On the motion of Mr. *Falcon* that Bill (No. M 215) intituled *Ending Decriminalization Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

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

YEAS—80

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
A. Singh
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Chow
Beare
Kang
Ma
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains
Malcolmson
Bailey
Brar
Routledge
Starchuk
Rice

Phillip
Yao
Leonard
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth
Kahlon
Eby
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Popham
Fleming
Dean
Rankin
Ralston
Alexis
Sims
Simons
Elmore

Routley
D'Eith
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen
de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Falcon
Bond
Halford
Ross
Oakes
Bernier

Paton
Davies
Morris
Kyllo
Shypitka
Sturko
Merrifield
Wat
Lee
Kirkpatrick
Stewart
Clovechok
Ashton
Letnick
Tegart
Furstenau
Olsen
Rustad
Banman
Robinson

Bill (No. M 215) 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 Ms. *Dykeman*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Anti-Racism Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 23) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 25).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C 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 6.59 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 2, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Wat*.

On the motion of Mr. *Shypitka*, Bill (No. M 216) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:
Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report and Service Plan, 2023–2024; and,
Registrar of Lobbyists Annual Report and Service Plan, 2023–2024.

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 the Whole.

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

28 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Standing Orders or usual practices of the House, the first hour of Orders of the Day at the afternoon sitting on Thursday, May 2, 2024, be allotted for Members not seeking re-election in the Forty-third provincial general election to deliver a farewell address to the House, with the speaking time limited to ten minutes per Member.

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 25).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Thursday, May 2, 2024

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

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 the Whole.

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

Pursuant to the motion adopted earlier today, Members not seeking re-election in the Forty-third provincial general election delivered farewell addresses to the House.

Ms. *Chen* made a statement.

Ms. *Kirkpatrick* made a statement.

Mr. *Morris* made a statement.

Mr. *Stewart* made a statement.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 25).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.19 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Monday, May 6, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *J. Brar*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

6 By leave, Ms. *Routledge* moved—

Be it resolved that this House agrees that instead of working for those at the top, governments must always work to deliver results for all British Columbians and put people first.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Monday, May 6, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *Furstenau*, Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Non-Disclosure Agreements Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The 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 the Whole.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—49

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
A. Singh
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Chow
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains

Malcolmson
Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Routledge
Starchuk
Phillip
Yao
Leonard
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth

Kahlon
Eby
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Fleming
Dean
Rankin
Ralston
Alexis
Sims
Simons

Elmore
Glumac
Routley
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen
Walker

NAYS—24

de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Halford

Ross
Oakes
Bernier
Davies
Morris
Kyllo

Shypitka
Sturko
Merrifield
Wat
Lee
Kirkpatrick

Stewart
Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick
Furstenau
Banman

Bill (No. 21) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 24).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$413,107,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,660,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Government Communications and Public Engagement, to 31st March, 2025.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,815,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2025.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Benefits and Other Employment Costs, to 31st March, 2025.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,976,474,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 2025.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,885,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies, to 31st March, 2025.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,665,197,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Capital Funding, to 31st March, 2025.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Commissions on Collection of Public Funds, to 31st March, 2025.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2025.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,492,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Tax Transfers, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous 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 C (Ministry of Finance) to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 11 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 12 of Bill (No. 14) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—8

Coulter
Beare

Starchuk
A. Singh

Farnworth
Kahlon

Anderson
Chant

YEAS—5

Bond
Halford

Kirkpatrick

Olsen

Walker

Clauses 12 through 28 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 29 of Bill (No. 14) which was defeated, on division.

Clauses 29 through 45 and the title of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 14) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 14) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—68

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
A. Singh
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Chow
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Osborne
Bains
Malcolmson
Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Routledge

Starchuk
Yao
Leonard
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth
Kahlon
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Fleming
Dean
Rankin
Ralston
Alexis
Sims
Simons

Elmore
Glumac
Routley
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen
Doerkson
Milobar
Bond
Halford
Ross
Oakes

Bernier
Davies
Morris
Kyllo
Shypitka
Sturko
Merrifield
Wat
Lee
Kirkpatrick
Stewart
Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart
Olsen
Walker

NAYS—1

Banman

Bill (No. 14) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Dykeman*.

On the motion of Mr. *Sturdy*, Bill (No. M 218) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 2024*, 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. *Lee* rose on a point of order to correct a statement made in Oral Question Period regarding his participation in second reading debate on Bill (No. 23) intituled *Anti-Racism Act*.

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

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 the Whole.

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 24).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 23).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 23) intituled *Anti-Racism Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By notice from the Hon. *R. Kahlon* to the Table, Motion 30 was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

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 the Whole.

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 24) passed.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Furstenau* to clause 4 of Bill (No. 24) was ruled out of order.

Clause 4 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Clause 5 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Clause 6 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Clause 7, clause 8 and the title of Bill (No. 24) passed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 24) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 24) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Singh* made a personal statement.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act* was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 21).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Mr. *Lee* moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 23) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—9			
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Cullen</i>			
YEAS—4			
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Robinson</i>

Mr. *Lee* moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 23) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—9			
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Cullen</i>			
YEAS—4			
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Robinson</i>

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 23) passed.

Ms. *Robinson* moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 23) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—8			
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Chen</i>
YEAS—4			
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Robinson</i>

Clause 2 and clause 3 of Bill (No. 23) passed.

On clause 4 of Bill (No. 23).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 23) intituled *Anti-Racism Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Dykeman*.

On the motion of Ms. *Bond*, Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Defibrillator Public Access Act, 2024*, 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. *Stone*, Bill (No. M 220) intituled *Control of Foreign Funding and Electoral Influence Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

By direction of the Legislative Assembly Management Committee, the Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Assembly Reconciliation Action Plan, 2024–2028.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Eby* (Premier) tabled a list of protests at schools in British Columbia in the 2023/24 school year.

Mr. *Shypitka* presented a petition regarding the 1077 steam locomotive at Fort Steele Heritage Town.

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2023.

The Hon. *H. Bains* (Minister of Labour) tabled the WorkSafe BC Annual Report, 2023, and Service Plan, 2024–2026.

Mr. *Yao* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, Report on the Revision of the *Civil Forfeiture Act* (S.B.C. 2005, c. 29), for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), May 8, 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

Mr. *Yao* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, Report on Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Act*, for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (Second), May 8, 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Yao* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bill (No. Pr 401) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading.

Mr. *Rustad* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege regarding comments by the Premier in Oral Question Period.

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 the Whole.

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

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act* was again committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 21).

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Robinson* to clause 4 of Bill (No. 23) was moved, and by leave, withdrawn.

Ms. *Wat* moved a proposed amendment to clause 4 of Bill (No. 23) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—9			
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>			
YEAS—3			
<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	

Clauses 4 through 13 of Bill (No. 23) passed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Wat* to clause 14 of Bill (No. 23) was ruled out of order.

Clauses 14 through 19 of Bill (No. 23) passed.

Ms. *Wat* moved a proposed amendment to clause 20 of Bill (No. 23).

On the proposed amendment to clause 20 of Bill (No. 23).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 23) intituled *Anti-Racism Act* and asked leave to sit again.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,002,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$94,704,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Treaty and Other Agreements Funding, to 31st March, 2025.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,567,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Declaration Act Secretariat, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous 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 C (Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* (Minister of Housing) rose to clarify comments made yesterday during Oral Question Period in relation to the Point of Order raised by Mr. *Lee*.

And then the House adjourned at 6.57 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 9, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *S. Malcolmson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Bernier*, Bill (No. M 221) intituled *Family Compensation Amendment Act, 2024*, 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. *Parmar* presented a petition regarding rainforest trees and trespassing damage.

Ms. *Elmore* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Review Passenger Directed Vehicles for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament, May 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *Elmore* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

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 the Whole.

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

31 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Standing Orders or usual practices of the House, the first 90 minutes of Orders of the Day at the afternoon sitting on Thursday, May 9, 2024, be allotted for Members not seeking re-election in the Forty-third provincial general election to deliver a farewell address to the House, with the speaking time limited to ten minutes per Member.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. Pr 401) read a second time and by leave, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Clauses 1 through 27, the preamble and the title of Bill (No. Pr 401) passed.

Bill (No. Pr 401) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

29 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, effective September 9, 2024, the *Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia* be amended:

1. By deleting the text shown as struck out and adding the underlined text under the heading “Monday 10 a.m. to 12 noon (*Private Members’ Time*)” in Standing Order 25 to give Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members and Private Members’ motions equal precedence in the order of business on Monday mornings:

Monday
10 a.m. to 12 noon
(*Private Members’ Time*)

Private Members’ Statements (10 a.m.)

Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members and Private Members’ Motions

~~Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members~~

Private Bills

Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice

No division, on Orders of the Day, will be taken in the House or in Committee of the Whole during Private Members’ Time, but where a division is requested, it will be deferred until thirty minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House on the Monday, unless otherwise ordered.

2. By replacing Standing Order 25A with the following:

Private Members’ Statements.

- 25A.** (1) The time allocated for Private Members’ statements shall not exceed 30 minutes, and the time for each statement shall be limited to 5 minutes.
- (2) Party Whips shall confer to settle the names of the Private Members who will be recognized for “Private Members’ Statements” for the following Monday and shall advise the Speaker by noon on the Thursday prior as to who has been selected, together with the topic of the statement.
- (3) Private Members’ statements shall not be subject to amendment, adjournment or vote.
- (4) Statements under this Standing Order:
- (a) shall be confined to one matter;
 - (b) shall not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same Session;
 - (c) shall not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration by the House, in respect to which a notice of motion has been previously given and not withdrawn;
 - (d) shall not raise a question of privilege.

3. By adding the underlined text to Standing Order 27:**Precedence.**

27. (1) All items standing on the Orders of the Day, other than Government orders and Second Reading of Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members and Private Members' motions, shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned to each on the Order Paper.

Government orders.

- (2) Whenever Government business has precedence, Government orders may be called in such sequence as the Government thinks fit, and the Government may place Government orders at the head of the list on every sitting except Monday morning.

Urgent Government business.

- (3) Notwithstanding Standing Orders 25, 25A and 27 (2), urgent Government business may, with the consent of the Speaker, be considered on Monday morning, and given priority over any other business.

Private Members' business.

- (4) During Private Members' Time, Private Members' business shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned on the Order Paper. Second Reading of Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members and Private Members' motions shall be taken up according to the precedence established by a draw of Private Members.

4. By adding a new Standing Order 27A as follows:***Placement for Private Members' Business*****Draw for assigned placements for Private Members' business.**

- 27A. (1) At the earliest opportunity in a new Parliament, the Clerk of the House shall conduct a draw to establish the assigned placement of Private Members to propose business for the duration of that Parliament.

Exchanging or withdrawing place.

- (2) A Member may exchange their placement with another Member or withdraw their place by providing the Clerk of the House with written notice of their intention to this effect.

List to be appended to the Order Paper.

- (3) A list of assigned placements of Members to present Private Members' business shall be appended to the Order Paper.

New Private Members.

- (4) A new Private Member shall be assigned to the bottom of the list for the order of placement for Private Members' business. If more than one Private Member is to be added at the same time, the Clerk of the House shall conduct a draw.

Public Bill or motion ruled out of order.

- (5) A Private Member who has a Public Bill or motion standing in their name ruled out of order by the Speaker shall be added to the bottom of the placement list for Private Members' business.

5. By adding a new Standing Order 27B as follows:**Reinstatement of Private Members' business.**

- 27B. At the beginning of the second or subsequent Session of a Parliament, all items of Private Members' business that were listed on the Order Paper during the previous Session shall be reinstated on the Order Paper to their last stage of consideration at the time of prorogation, maintaining their order of precedence.

6. In Standing Order 45A,

- a. by striking the phrase “Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members” in the heading of Schedule 3,
- b. by renumbering Schedule 4 as Schedule 8 and adding the following text as new Schedule 4:

SCHEDULE 4
IN THE HOUSE
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ TIME
Private Members’ Motions

- (i) Mover5 minutes
- (ii) Any other Member5 minutes
- (iii) Mover in reply to close debate5 minutes

Time limit for Private Members’ motions debate.

- (1) Debate on a Private Member’s motion shall not exceed 75 minutes.

Question to be put.

- (2) At 75 minutes, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put any question necessary to dispose of the main question.

- c. by renumbering Schedule 5 as Schedule 9 and adding the following text as new Schedule 5:

SCHEDULE 5
IN THE HOUSE
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ TIME
Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members
(Second Reading and Amendments)

- (i) Mover10 minutes
- (ii) Any other Member10 minutes
- (iii) Mover in reply to close debate5 minutes

Time limit for Second Reading debate.

- (1) Second Reading debate on a Public Bill in the Hands of a Private Member shall not exceed 75 minutes. A Second Reading debate may be adjourned and hold precedence for continuation of Second Reading debate at the next Private Members’ Time.

Question to be put.

- (2) At 75 minutes, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put any question necessary to dispose of the main question.

- d. by renumbering Schedule 6 as Schedule 10 and adding the following text as Schedule 6:

SCHEDULE 6
IN THE HOUSE
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ TIME
Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members
(Report)

- (i) Each Member3 minutes

Time limit for Report Stage debate.

- (1) Report Stage debate on a Public Bill in the Hands of a Private Member shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Question to be put.

- (2) At 15 minutes, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put any question necessary to dispose of the main question.

e. by adding the following text as new Schedule 7:

SCHEDULE 7
IN THE HOUSE
PRIVATE MEMBERS' TIME
Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members
(Third Reading and Amendments)

- (i) Mover5 minutes
- (ii) Any other Member5 minutes
- (iii) Mover in reply to close debate2 minutes

Time limit for Third Reading debate.

- (1) Third Reading debate on a Public Bill in the Hands of a Private Member shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Question to be put.

- (2) At 20 minutes, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put any question necessary to dispose of the main question.

7. In Standing Order 68 (1),

- a. by adding to the list of Select Standing Committees a new Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills,
- b. by renaming the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct and Standing Orders, and
- c. reordering the list of Select Standing Committees in alphabetical order.

8. By adding a new Standing Order 84A as follows:**Private Members' Bills to be committed to Select Standing Committee.**

- 84A.** (1) When a Public Bill in the Hands of a Private Member has received Second Reading, it shall stand committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.
- (2) The Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills shall, within 30 sitting days of the Bill's committal to the Committee, report the Bill back to the House with or without amendment.
- (3) The Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills shall be appointed for the life of a Parliament and may continue consideration of any committed Bill, without interruption following prorogation.

9. In Standing Order 71, by striking the words "Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills" and replacing them with "Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills".

10. In Standing Order 105, by striking the words “Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members’ Services” and replacing them with “Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members’ Bills”.

11. In Appendix B—Private Bills, by striking the words “Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills” and replacing them with “Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members’ Bills”.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 25).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On the proposed amendment to clause 20 of Bill (No. 23).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 23) intituled *Anti-Racism Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, May 9, 2024

ONE O’CLOCK P.M.

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 the Whole.

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

Pursuant to the motion adopted earlier today, Members not seeking re-election in the Forty-third provincial general election delivered farewell addresses to the House.

Mr. *Donnelly* made a statement.

The Hon. *G. Heyman* made a statement.

Mr. *Kyllo* made a statement.

Mr. *Sturdy* made a statement.

Mr. *Ashton* made a statement.

Ms. *Robinson* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *Stone* made a statement regarding the death of Jordan Alexander Mason.

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 25).

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

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Wat* to clause 20 of Bill (No. 23) was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—9			
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Chow</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Kang</i>			
YEAS—3			
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	

Clauses 20 through 34 and the title of Bill (No. 23) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 23) intituled *Anti-Racism Act* complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 23) the House divided.

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

YEAS—71

Chandra Herbert
 Parmar
 A. Singh
 Babchuk
 Coulter
 Lore
 Chow
 Beare
 Kang
 Ma
 Heyman
 Osborne
 Bains
 Malcolmson
 Bailey
 Mercier
 Brar
 Starchuk

Phillip
 Yao
 Leonard
 Farnworth
 Kahlon
 Conroy
 Sharma
 Dix
 Popham
 Fleming
 Dean
 Rankin
 Ralston
 Alexis
 Simons
 Elmore
 Glumac
 Routley

D'Eith
 Donnelly
 Greene
 Anderson
 Chant
 Sandhu
 Dykeman
 Paddon
 Begg
 Doerkson
 Milobar
 Stone
 Falcon
 Bond
 Halford
 Ross
 Oakes
 Bernier

Paton
 Davies
 Morris
 Kylo
 Merrifield
 Wat
 Lee
 Kirkpatrick
 Stewart
 Clovechok
 Ashton
 Sturdy
 Tegart
 Furstenau
 Olsen
 Walker
 Robinson

Bill (No. 23) read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, was again committed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 25).

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 21).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act* and asked leave to sit again.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C 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 5.20 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, May 13, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Tegart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

32 By leave, Mr. *Halford* moved—

Be it resolved that this House agrees that British Columbians deserve better than what they have received over the last seven years of neglect.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Monday, May 13, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *Chen*, Bill (No. M 222) intituled *Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 10, 2024.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Name Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
May 10, 2024.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Doerkson*, Bill (No. M 223) intituled *Wildfire (Carter's Law) Amendment Act, 2024*, 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. *Stone*, Bill (No. M 224) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Amendment Act, 2024*, 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. *Olsen*, Bill (No. M 225) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2024*, 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 the Whole.

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

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act* was again committed.

Clauses 1 through 6 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

On clause 7 of Bill (No. 21).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 25).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C 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 6.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Doerkson*.

On the motion of Ms. *Kirkpatrick*, Bill (No. M 226) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 2024*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *M. Dean* presented a petition regarding a Legislative Assembly mentorship program.

The Hon. *N. Cullen* (Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship) tabled the Provincial Health Officer’s Drinking Water Report, Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water, 2017/18–2021/22.

Mr. *Milobar* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Summary of Activities, 2023–24, for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), May 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Milobar* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

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 the Whole.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Name Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 25).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

34 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (1), the adjournment time of the sitting of the House commencing at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, be modified to 9 p.m.

And further, that this modified time of adjournment extend to the application of Standing Order 3 and to the interpretation of the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House in the Sessional Order adopted by the House on March 4, 2024, enabling certain proceedings of the House to be undertaken in three sections.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to, on division.

The Hon. R. Kahlon moved—

That, pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2):

1. The question on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Name Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*, and the question on any motion in amendment thereto, be put by 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, without further amendment or debate, and that, if a division is called, it shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

2. The question on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2024*, and the question on any motion in amendment thereto, be put by 6.15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, without further amendment or debate, and that, if a division is called, it shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

Motion agreed to, on division.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Name Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*.

Bill (No. 26) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2024*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Ms. Furstenau, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$129,660,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislative Assembly, Legislative Assembly, to 31st March, 2025.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,356,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2025.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$899,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2025.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$94,749,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2025.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,668,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Human Rights Commissioner, to 31st March, 2025.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,011,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2025.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,667,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Merit Commissioner, to 31st March, 2025.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,081,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsperson, to 31st March, 2025.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,296,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2025.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,829,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Representative for Children and Youth, to 31st March, 2025.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,068,431,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Legislative Assembly, Officers of the Legislature and 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 C (Legislative Assembly, Officers of the Legislature and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2024*.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to the time allocation motion adopted earlier today, all necessary questions for the disposal of second reading of Bill (No. 27) were put.

Bill (No. 27) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Mr. *Lee* moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 25) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—10

Parmar
Babchuk
Cullen

Malcolmson
Bailey
Rankin

Routley
D'Eith

Olsen
Walker

YEAS—3

Morris

Lee

Letnick

Mr. *Lee* moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 25) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—10

Parmar
Babchuk
Cullen

Malcolmson
Bailey
Rankin

Routley
D'Eith

Olsen
Walker

YEAS—3

Morris

Lee

Ashton

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

Mr. Lee moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 25) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—10			
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Sims</i>		
YEAS—3			
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Lee</i>	

Clauses 3 through 8 and the title of Bill (No. 25) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 25) to be read a third time at the next sitting.

The Hon. R. Kahlon moved—

That, pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2):

1. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2024*, be disposed of by 6.15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

- a. If at 6.10 p.m., the bill is still being considered at committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put any remaining question to complete the consideration of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall be deemed passed and which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- b. Once the title of the bill has passed, the committee shall rise and report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.
- c. Immediately thereafter, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to the times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of consideration the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.
- d. If a division is called on the motion for third reading of the bill, the division shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

2. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Name Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*, be disposed of by 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

- a. If at 8.25 p.m., the bill is still being considered at committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put any remaining question to complete the consideration of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall be deemed passed and which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- b. Once the title of the bill has passed, the committee shall rise and report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.
- c. Immediately thereafter, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to the times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of consideration the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.
- d. If a division is called on the motion for third reading of the bill, the division shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

3. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act* be disposed of by 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

- a. If at 8.25 p.m., the bill is still being considered at committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put any remaining question to complete the consideration of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall be deemed passed and which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- b. That, notwithstanding section 3 (a), if at 8.25 p.m., the committee has not considered the amendment to the bill standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Attorney General, the amendment to clause 78 shall be deemed to have passed, and clause 78, as amended, shall be deemed to have passed.
- c. That, notwithstanding section 3 (a), if at 8.25 p.m., the committee has not considered the amendment to the bill standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Attorney General, the amendment to clause 225 shall be deemed to have passed, and clause 225, as amended, shall be deemed to have passed.
- d. Once the title of the bill has passed, the committee shall rise and report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.
- e. Immediately thereafter, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to the times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of consideration the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.
- f. If a division is called on the motion for third reading of the bill, the division shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

And further, that, for greater certainty, a committee considering a bill in Section B may rise and report progress for the purpose of receiving a report from Section A or Section C in accordance with this order.

Motion agreed to, on division.

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Robinson*.

On the motion of Ms. *Furstenau*, Bill (No. M 227) intituled *Social Workers Amendment Act, 2024*, 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 Ms. *Kirkpatrick*, Bill (No. M 228) intituled *Victims of Crime (Publication Ban Choice and Awareness) Amendment Act, 2024*, 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. *Routley* presented a petition regarding a gravel pit eco-system on Gabriola Island.

Mr. *Starchuk* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Interim Report on Statutory Offices, for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), May 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Starchuk* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. *Phillip* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Human Rights Commissioner for the Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament, May 2024.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *Phillip* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Ms. *Phillip* moved—

That Kasari Govender, K.C., be reappointed as Human Rights Commissioner for one additional five-year term, effective September 3, 2024, pursuant to section 47.01 of the *Human Rights Code* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 210).

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Chow* (Minister of Citizens’ Services) tabled the Report on the Administration of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2023/24*.

Mr. *Chandra Herbert* presented a petition regarding the Residential Tenancy Regulation.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

33 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That the Sessional Order adopted by the House on March 4, 2024, enabling certain proceedings of the House to be undertaken in three sections, be amended by

- a. adding the underlined text in section 6, as follows: “Section C be authorized to examine all Estimates and any public bill appearing on the Orders of the Day at committee stage, which may be considered in the order determined by the Government House Leader in accordance with Standing Order 27 (2).” and,

- b. adding the underlined text in section 12, as follows: “The Members of Section C be: the Minister whose Estimates are under examination or who is in charge of the bill under consideration and *Michele Babchuk*, Hon. *Adrian Dix*, Hon. *Mike Farnworth*, Hon. *Rob Fleming*, Hon. *Bruce Ralston*, Hon. *Rachna Singh*, *Norm Letnick*, *Coralee Oakes*, *Tom Shypitka*, *Adam Olsen* and *Bruce Banman*.”

Motion agreed to.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—53

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Chow</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Bailey</i>			

NAYS—25

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>			

Bill (No. 25) read a third time and passed.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section C of Committee of the Whole.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 27) passed.

Pursuant to the time allocation motion adopted on May 14, 2024, all necessary questions for the disposal of all remaining stages of Bill (No. 27) were put and deemed to have passed.

Clause 3, clause 4 and the title of Bill (No. 27) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 27) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 27) read a third time and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (1), the House sit from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Standing Orders or usual practices of the House, on Thursday, May 16, 2024:

1. The first 45 minutes of Orders of the Day be allotted for Members not seeking re-election in the Forty-third provincial general election to deliver a farewell address to the House, and responses.
2. Beginning at 1 p.m., 75 minutes be allotted for Members not seeking re-election in the Forty-third provincial general election to deliver a farewell address to the House, and responses.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 9 and the title of Bill (No. 26) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 26) intituled *Name Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 26) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Clauses 7 through 29 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

Pursuant to the time allocation motion adopted on May 14, 2024, all necessary questions for the disposal of all remaining stages of Bill (No. 21) were put and deemed to have passed.

Clauses 30 through 77 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) on the Order Paper to clause 78 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

Clause 78, as amended, of Bill (No. 21) passed.

Clauses 79 through 224 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) on the Order Paper to clause 225 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

Clause 225, as amended, of Bill (No. 21) passed.

Clauses 226 through 317 and the title of Bill (No. 21) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act* complete with amendment.

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

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—49

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
A. Singh
Babchuk
Lore
Chow
Beare
Kang
Ma
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains

Malcolmson
Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk
Rice
Phillip
Yao
Leonard
R. Singh

Whiteside
Farnworth
Kahlon
Eby
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Popham
Fleming
Rankin
Alexis
Sims

Simons
Elmore
Glumac
Routley
D'Eith
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Dykeman
Begg
Walker

NAYS—21

Milobar
Stone
Falcon
Bond
Halford
Oakes

Paton
Davies
Morris
Kyllo
Shypitka

Sturko
Merrifield
Wat
Lee
Kirkpatrick

Stewart
Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.05 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 16, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to the motion adopted on May 15, 2024, Members not seeking re-election in the Forty-third provincial general election delivered farewell addresses to the House.

Mr. *Clovechok* made a statement.

Ms. *Merrifield* made a statement.

Mr. *Stone* made a statement regarding Mr. *de Jong*.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* made a statement regarding Mr. *de Jong*.

Mr. *de Jong* made a statement.

The House recessed until 1 p.m.

By leave, Mr. *Paton* made a statement regarding the death of Matthew Rogers.

By leave, Mr. *Parmar* made a statement regarding the death of John Goudy.

Pursuant to the motion adopted on May 15, 2024, farewell addresses by Members continued.

Ms. *Rice* made a statement.

Mr. *Simons* made a statement.

Mr. *Routley* made a statement.

The Hon. *K. Conroy* made a statement.

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Premier) made a statement regarding the farewell addresses by Members.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,754,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2025.

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

Report to be considered forthwith.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order called for consideration of reports of Resolutions from Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committee of Supply on March 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, April 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 30, May 6, 8, 14 and 16 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) moved—

That there be granted to His Majesty, from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of 76 billion, 833 million, 374 thousand dollars towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025. This sum includes the sum that was authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2024*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) moved—

That there be granted to His Majesty, from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of 1 billion, 596 million, 341 thousand dollars towards defraying the disbursements for capital expenditures, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025. This sum includes the sum that was authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2024*.

Motion agreed to.

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

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Supply Act, 2024–2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 10, 2024.

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. 28) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance), Bill (No. 28) was committed to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 28) was committed.

Clauses 1 through 3, the schedules, the preamble and the title of Bill (No. 28) passed.

Bill (No. 28) was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 28) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—42

<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Sims</i>
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Simons</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Elmore</i>
<i>Chow</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>		

NAYS—25

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Oakes</i>			

Bill (No. 28) read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 14) *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 20) *First Nations Mandated Post-Secondary Institutes Act*.

Bill (No. 21) *Legal Professions Act*.

Bill (No. 22) *Safe Access to Schools Act*.

Bill (No. 23) *Anti-Racism Act*.

Bill (No. 24) *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 25) *Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. 26) *Name Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024*.

Bill (No. 27) *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2024*.

Bill (No. Pr 401) *Vancouver Foundation Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 28) *Supply Act, 2024–2025*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

35 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

1. 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 Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker shall give notice to all Members 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.

2. That, by agreement of the Speaker and the House Leaders of each recognized caucus, the location of sittings and means of conducting sittings of this House may be altered if required due to an emergency situation or public health measures, and that such agreement constitute the authorization of the House to proceed in the manner agreed to. The Speaker shall give notice to all Members of the agreement and shall table it for it to be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House at the next sitting.

3. 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; in the event that the Deputy Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order; and in the event that the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, another Member designated collectively by the House Leaders of each recognized caucus shall act in her stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

JANET AUSTIN
*Lieutenant Governor*CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIACHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada and His other Realms and Territories,
Head of the Commonwealth*To all whom these presents shall come*—GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS We have thought fit to dissolve the forty-second Legislative Assembly of Our said Province,

NOW KNOW THAT We do, for this end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the
forty-second Legislative Assembly accordingly on September 21, 2024, and the members thereof are
discharged from further attendance on the same.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 JANET AUSTIN, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our
City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-first day of September, two thousand twenty-four and in the
third year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.