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Territorial welcome by Elder Florence Dick, Songhees Nation.

Prayers and Reflections by Chaplain Jason Goertzen, Leading Influence Ministries.

This being the first day of the fourth 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 20th day of January, 2023, the Members took their seats.

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 and Honourable Members. Welcome back.

I would like to start by acknowledging the Lekwungen peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, upon whose territories we are gathered today—and to thank them for sharing these lands in peace and friendship.

As Lieutenant Governor, I am pleased to deliver The Speech from the Throne.

Outlining your government's plans to tackle big challenges and build a stronger, more secure future for everyone who calls this beautiful province home.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Last September, British Columbians were deeply saddened by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She visited our province seven times, six as reigning monarch. Her service and dedication to duty will long be remembered.

We mourn Indigenous leaders: Kat Norris, Tla'kwagila Arthur Dick Sr., Hitlmas Tom Henderson, Chief Allan Tom, Chief Roger Adolph, Dini ze' Madeek Jeff Brown, and Chief Ken Baird.

We mourn those who once served in this legislature: Anne Edwards, Gary Lauk, Patrick McGeer, Clifford Michael, Bob Skelly, Clive Tanner, and Jack Weisgerber. As we also mourn George MacMinn, the former clerk of the Legislature.

We mourn the philanthropist Joseph Segal; community activists Ronald Lou-Poy and Tommy Wong; advocates Chrissy Brett, Greg Gowe, Sid Chow Tan, Robin Krause, and Mary-Wynne Ashford; local leaders Helen Fathers, Helen Hughes and George Puil; and, from the world of journalism, political columnist Jim Hume, and music critic Tom Harrison.

From the arts world, we mourn dancer Bebe Eversfield, conductor Bramwell Tovey, composer Joseph Koo, actor Pat John, singer Susan Jacks, artist Rodney Graham, gallery owner Thor Froslev, guitarists Ziggy Sigmund and Jerry Doucette, as well as Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker John Zaritsky.

From the world of sports, we mourn Tom Masich, Ernie Dougherty, Gino Odjick, and Olympic gold-medallist rower Kevin Neufeld.

We also mourn with the First Nations communities who continue their searches of residential school sites, and we reflect on the many losses in recent years from COVID-19 and the poisoned drug supply.

To everyone who lost a loved one last year, we acknowledge your grief and share in it.

HAVING YOUR BACK IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

We open this session of the legislature at a time when people are facing real challenges.

Global inflation is squeezing household budgets.

Food prices are going up.

It's hard to find a doctor.

We continue to see mental health and addiction challenges brought on by the pandemic and toxic drug crisis.

Housing costs continue to rise as our population grows and interest rates increase.

People in B.C. are working harder than ever.

But many feel like they're just getting by, not getting ahead.

People who work hard and play by the rules need someone on their side. Your government will be there for you.

From climate change and global conflicts to threats to democracy, this can feel like an uncertain time—not just in B.C., but around the world.

While we can't control global forces, we can take steps to protect people and build the more secure future for our province that we all want.

When threats are at the door, government must be in your corner, standing with you and your family while helping to build a stronger future.

Over the next year, your government will keep working hard with people across our province, country, and the world.

To make sure you have a more secure home, more secure health care, a good paying job, and more confidence when the bills come at the end of the month.

BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE

Before the pandemic hit, we were starting to see the results of your government's work on the things that matter most to people.

There's no doubt COVID-19 set us back.

Government had to respond and shift our focus to keeping people safe and businesses afloat.

As we emerge from the pandemic, we face big choices to ensure security for you and your family in the face of likely economic storms.

Putting people at the centre of your government's choices has resulted in economic growth that allows us to deliver even more.

Investing in child care meant that B.C. led Canada in women being able to return to work.

Careful management of the pandemic meant we closed as little of our economy as possible.

While the highest supports in Canada meant businesses were ready to get back at it when we re-opened.

Responsible management of our natural resources meant revenue set new records.

Restructuring our public insurer put ICBC back on solid financial footing and provided people with some of the lowest rates in Canada, instead of losing billions of dollars.

Unemployment rates have been near record lows, with more people working than before the pandemic and more job opportunities.

All of this has led to a multi-billion dollar surplus this year.

Still, economists are predicting a global slow down.

Because we are a province that thrives on export and international relationships, this year's surplus won't be there next year.

Your government has a proactive plan to deal with these global trends.

It will put this year's surplus to work for people—to support them now and for the long term.

By reducing costs for families and helping businesses attract the talent they need.

By growing our health-care workforce to cut wait times and give more people access to a family doctor.

By building more homes that people who live and work in our communities can afford.

By giving record support to cities and regions, rural and urban, that have grown quickly.

By fighting climate change and growing a cleaner economy through innovation, partnerships, and stronger export relationships.

These choices will pay off immediately and over the long term.

Some say we should respond to a downturn by pulling back, reducing services, or by making people pay out of pocket for health care.

But that would make many of our most serious challenges worse and pass down costs at a time when people can least afford it.

There's too much at stake right now to pull back on supports for people who are only now finding their footing after the pandemic.

We couldn't afford short-term thinking before. And we certainly can't afford it now.

In a chaotic world, B.C. is doing things differently.

Stable. Secure. Stronger. And more sustainable.

INVESTING TODAY TO BUILD A STRONGER TOMORROW

Your government will continue to make choices that put people first with the introduction of a new budget at the end of this month.

Budget 2023 will make smart investments today to build a stronger tomorrow.

It will make record new investments to improve public health care and deliver more housing for middle-class families.

It will ensure we build the hospitals, schools, childcare centres, roads, and public transit that make us stronger.

It will introduce new measures to address the cost of living, especially for those most vulnerable.

And it will help people train for the jobs of the future, while helping businesses find the talent they need to grow.

HELPING PEOPLE WITH COSTS

By far the biggest source of anxiety for people right now is the rising cost of living.

B.C. is an incredibly desirable place to live, but that can also make it an expensive one.

Global inflation and the long-lasting impacts of the pandemic are only making it harder—at the grocery store, at the gas pump, and when looking for housing.

In just the last few months, your government has taken significant action to help put money back in your pockets.

The new B.C. Affordability Credit landed in bank accounts at the start of the new year to help 85% of British Columbians with increased costs.

As much as \$410 for a family of four went to British Columbians last month.

Basic car insurance rates have been frozen for another two years, and a \$100 credit reduced everyone's hydro bill.

In December 2022, child care costs were reduced again, this time by as much as \$550 more a month for each child, or over \$6,000 a year in additional savings.

This has been life-changing for many parents.

As stocking the cupboards with nutritious food or even a night out at a restaurant becomes more feasible.

These cost-saving measures build on the work your government has done over the last five years.

To reduce ICBC rates by an average of \$490 a year.

To end bridge tolls in the Lower Mainland.

And to eliminate medical premiums—representing the largest middle-class tax cut in a generation.

But even with all of this, people and families are still feeling squeezed.

That's why your government will keep working to help people with new measures targeted to those who need it most, including people with lower incomes and families with children.

And this fall, the significant child care savings your government delivered for children who are kindergarten age and younger will be extended to parents with school-age kids.

PUTTING PEOPLE WHO PLAY BY THE RULES FIRST

To truly feel secure, working people must also be paid and treated fairly on the job.

Over the last five years, B.C.'s minimum wage has gone from one of the lowest in Canada to the highest among provinces.

Workers' right to join a union and negotiate for better wages and working conditions has been protected.

And B.C. became the first province in Canada with five days paid sick leave, so workers don't need to choose between going to work sick and putting food on the table.

In this spring session, your government will continue to put honest people who play by the rules first.

It will introduce new pay transparency legislation.

A critical tool to shine a light on the gender pay gap and move closer to equal pay for equal work.

And it will go after organized criminals, rich tax evaders, and corrupt officials from around the world who mistakenly think they can hide in B.C. at the expense of hard-working people.

Your government is going to send a strong message by seizing their homes and profits.

Using the proceeds to support British Columbians who want strong, safe, and secure communities.

A DECENT HOME YOU CAN AFFORD

For most British Columbians, their biggest expense by far is housing costs—whether renting or paying a mortgage.

The stability and security provided by an affordable home is also key to building a good life here in British Columbia.

Yet, finding a decent place to call home is challenging right now.

For too long, the housing market has worked very well for speculators.

And it has worked very well for investors who have used the housing crisis to make excessive profits by purchasing homes and flipping them for a higher price.

All of this has driven up the cost of housing and put it out of reach for many people.

In its first five and a half years, your government took important action to deliver the homes people need.

It cracked down on speculation with the Speculation and Vacancy Tax.

Which helped turn 20,000 empty condos into rental homes for people in Metro Vancouver alone.

Helping to keep housing prices and rents lower than they would have been.

And your government started making urgently needed investments in affordable housing of every kind after decades of neglect.

We're starting to see the results of these efforts.

For example, construction of rental housing for people was up 10% last year.

The highest ever on record and seven times what it was a decade ago.

Despite that improvement, we are facing new housing pressures coming out of the pandemic—from interest rates to record population growth.

The loss of existing buildings and an overall lack of supply can't meet the needs of our growing population.

That's why your government has recently removed unfair strata restrictions so empty condos become rental units for people.

It is investing \$500 million in a new *Rental Protection Fund*.

A fund that will safeguard renters against evictions or rent hikes by the big investment companies that want to buy affordable rental buildings and make money through exploitation and eviction.

It is working with municipalities to set ambitious targets to deliver more housing where it is needed most.

And it is breaking down permitting barriers that are preventing new homes from getting built quickly.

In the months ahead, your government will make major new investments to increase housing and services near public transit hubs around the province.

It will also launch a refreshed housing strategy.

In the Fall session—after working with local governments, homebuilders and communities—new laws will be introduced to turn that strategy into new affordable homes.

More homes for middle-class families—instead of profit for speculators.

More homes for seniors.

More homes and support for people with the greatest need.

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH CARE

Another top concern for British Columbians is making sure health care is there when they need it.

The pandemic strained patients, their families, and health-care workers to their very core.

At the same time, we are also facing a record respiratory and flu season, the toxic drug crisis, an aging population and rapid growth.

This combination of factors means that too many people can't find a family doctor, or they're waiting too long in emergency rooms.

Our health-care workers need more support from us than ever.

These challenges are not unique to British Columbia.

There are debates right now about the future of universal medicare around the country.

Some jurisdictions are pushing for more privatization, allowing the wealthiest to buy their way to the front of the line.

Make no mistake, that doesn't fix the line.

It would only lead to more costs and longer lines for the rest of us.

And it is a dangerous step towards a two-tiered system we know British Columbians do not want. We need doctors, nurses, and health sciences professionals.

Pulling them out of hospitals into private surgery clinics will not solve problems for patients.

It would just mean we're paying more to pad the profits of the clinic operator instead of supporting our patients.

You can count on your government to strengthen public health care and increase our ability to do surgeries, offer family doctors, and make sure people have care they can count on.

Once again, our province is doing things differently by putting patients first.

Private surgical centres and thousands of privatized health-care workers are being brought back into the public system.

Instead of privatizing, your government is working every day to achieve its vision of connecting people to strong public health care that doesn't cost them more.

Investing in new hospitals, a new medical school at SFU, and expanded medical school at UBC, and a new deal that will help more people find a family doctor.

And action is being taken to get more internationally trained doctors, nurses, and health workers into our hospitals and clinics to provide care to British Columbians.

2,000 internationally educated nurses are being fast tracked in health care right now.

In the last year, another 5,500 nurses have said they want to work in B.C. and we're ready to welcome them here.

We're moving toward a historic agreement on health care funding with the federal government.

This is good news, but after the pandemic there is a lot more to do to get back on track.

There is also a need to connect more people with substance use care, where and when they need it.

That's why your government will build on historic investments in saving lives with further expansion of treatment and recovery services, so more people can access care.

As our population increases and ages, there is a growing demand for all health services, and in particular cancer care.

Close to 90 people every day are diagnosed with cancer in B.C.—that number will only increase.

After a cancer diagnosis, nobody should be stuck waiting for treatment they urgently need.

That's why your government will continue its work to build our health workforce and fight cancer with new investments to enhance access to screening and early detection, diagnostic imaging, and treatments.

SAFER COMMUNITIES

People in B.C. want to know that our province is a safe place to build a life and raise a family.

But communities in B.C.—and across North America—are seeing our streets change for the worse.

This did not happen overnight.

It's the product of more than a decade of cuts to supports and services in B.C. and chronic underinvestment in housing.

It's a consequence of changes to federal laws and subsequent Supreme Court decisions.

It's the product of a toxic drug supply that hurts even more people than it kills, leaving them with serious brain injuries and struggling in our streets.

At the same time, and for related reasons, we've seen a rise in violent and repeat offending across the country.

What's happening now isn't working for anyone. And your government is determined to change that.

There is no one solution—it will take collaboration between police, prosecutors, mental health experts and community service providers.

GETTING REPEAT VIOLENT OFFENDERS OFF OUR STREETS

What we do know is this:

Being compassionate for those on the street and taking action on mental health does not mean we accept repeated criminal behaviour or violence.

Your government will not rest until every British Columbian feels safe.

In this legislative session, you will see new measures to keep people and communities safe.

Legislation will be introduced to crack down on gangs and money laundering.

As part of its *Safer Communities Action Plan*, your government is implementing new response teams to track, arrest and jail repeat violent offenders.

These teams are made up of police, dedicated prosecutors, and probation officers.

It is investing to ensure the RCMP can operate to its full capacity to keep people safe, particularly in rural British Columbia.

Because when people facing violence call 911, they need to know help is on the way.

The B.C. Prosecution Service has been directed to strengthen their bail policy.

The public needs to have confidence that bail rules for violent offenders make sense and keep everyone safe.

And your government is joining with all provinces and territories to press for urgent reforms to *Criminal Code* bail rules.

TAKING ACTION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS

Your government's plan also focuses on getting supports to people living on our streets.

It is expanding mental-health crisis response teams into more communities, so people in crisis get help from mental-health experts, and so police are freed up to focus on crime.

When a person's violent or disruptive behaviour results from mental health and substance use, they need treatment to get better.

That's why your government is working on a new model of addictions care.

One that moves people seamlessly from detox to treatment and fills the gaps between services where people might relapse and fall through the cracks.

It's why your government has worked overtime to make sure those struggling with addiction turn to doctors and nurses, not predatory drug dealers.

To get people who are sick access to treatment and the opportunity to get better.

Urgent action is being taken in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver to move people from dangerous encampments to more secure housing.

And a long-term plan is being developed with every level of government and the community to address the ongoing crisis in that neighbourhood.

With similar strategies to move from decampments to decent homes in communities around the province grappling with this issue.

Because a plan for safer communities must include the safety of those living on our streets.

SUPPORTING STRONG AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Our population is growing quickly.

People are choosing to move to British Columbia in record numbers from across the country and around the world, for the stability and opportunity we offer in this province.

We set a record last year. We have already set a record this year.

This growth is our strength.

These new arrivals will make our province stronger, and all of them bring skills and contributions we need—including nurses, doctors, and health-care professionals.

Cities big and small are on the front lines of this growth.

British Columbians want sustainable, fun, and welcoming communities.

They want governments working together to build roads, parks, and community centres that people need to enjoy and move around their communities.

That's why B.C. will make record investments to support local governments in responding to the growth they are seeing in a way that makes our communities stronger and more liveable for families.

It will also continue funding enrolment growth in classrooms, recruitment of new teachers, and building new schools in fast-growing parts of the province.

Progress will continue on the Broadway Subway project in Vancouver and the Surrey-to-Langley Skytrain, the first rapid transit project south of the Fraser River in 30 years.

A rural community strategy will respond to the unique needs of a growing rural British Columbia.

Roads, bridges and childcare centres will be built and maintained in every part of the province—to support parents and families that commute to work and want to spend more time at home.

Your government will also continue to take action to combat hatred and racism to ensure our communities are safer and more inclusive.

This year, a new anti-racism action plan has been launched for K-12 students to ensure schools are welcoming places for everyone.

Working in partnership with Indigenous, Black and other people of colour, B.C. will release data to help identify and address systemic discrimination and barriers in government programs and services as part of the *Anti-Racism Data Act*.

And legislation will be introduced in this session to address the malicious and exploitative non-consensual sharing of intimate images.

RECONCILIATION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Foundational to all of your government's work is partnership with Indigenous Peoples.

The people who have always been here, on this land, since time immemorial.

Starting in 2017, we have worked in collaboration to bring transformational changes to B.C.'s laws, structures, and policies.

From the unanimous passage of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* in this legislature, to the first consent-based, decision-making agreement under the act with the Tahltan, we've come a long way together.

Your government's vision for B.C. moving forward is one that recognizes inherent rights as our greatest act of reconciliation, and respect.

By working together, historic progress is being made.

B.C. is now the first province to recognize—in law—the inherent rights of Indigenous communities to provide their own child and family services.

Investments are being made in both on- and off-reserve housing, making B.C. the first province to do so.

Like in N'quatqua, where families are moving into new affordable rental homes in the community's first new housing development in more than a decade.

We are working together with Indigenous Peoples to close the unjust gap in access to primary health-care services.

Just a few months ago, patients started receiving care at the new First Nations Wellness Centre in Williams Lake.

Through work on the BC First Nations Justice Strategy, we're starting to address the over-representation of Indigenous people in the justice system.

By breaking the cycle of jail and release and addressing the poverty, trauma and health issues that brought the person to the justice system in the first place.

In Prince Rupert, Prince George and Merritt, people are getting meaningful supports to break that cycle closer to home in new Indigenous Justice Centres, and 10 more are on the way.

A few weeks ago, Blueberry River First Nations and other Treaty 8 Nations reached significant agreements with the provincial government that commit to respecting Treaty 8 rights by finding a new balance of environmental restoration and resource development.

Such agreements are based on our shared experience that full partnership and respect is the only constructive way forward.

Not endless court battles.

Not short-term transactional relationships.

The future lies in a rights-based partnership approach to decisions respecting land, water and resource stewardship.

We will ensure this future through the ongoing implementation of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

One that will provide stability and predictability for industry, while ensuring First Nations can meaningfully exercise their rights.

One that recognizes First Nations working to pursue sustainable economic development and long-term partnerships with industry, benefit not just First Nations—but everyone around them, now and into the future.

A CLEANER ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

Investing in the people of our province has helped us build the strongest economic recovery in Canada.

But with a global economic slowdown on the horizon, more must be done to support B.C. businesses.

They have the customers to grow, but labour shortages and supply chain disruptions hold them back.

This spring, your government will introduce *Future Ready*.

A skills-training action plan to make education and training more accessible, affordable, and relevant to help prepare British Columbians for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

It's a plan that will give more opportunity to every British Columbian.

One that will help people expand the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in high-demand, good paying jobs.

Your government will also continue work to develop a *Goods Movement Strategy* that will ensure goods are moving as efficiently as possible so businesses can scale up.

It will expand our low-cost, clean energy potential through electrical generation and the promise of hydrogen.

To leverage our strengths and attract new economic opportunities across the province.

This means British Columbians will continue to be able to access safe, affordable electricity even as global fuel prices rise.

To make sure more people are able to work or start a business from home—even in rural and remote areas—your government is working to connect every underserved community to high-speed internet by 2027.

It is working with the forest sector to ensure a sustainable industry going forward to retool mills and manufacture value-added products, including those that replace plastics made from fossil fuels.

And it continues to work with farmers, ranchers and producers to ensure we have sustainable local food systems while creating opportunities that boost the economy and strengthen food security.

By promoting innovation, it will increase efficiency in food production through the use of new technologies and investments such as the B.C. Centre for Agritech Innovation in the Fraser Valley.

All are key pieces of the *StrongerBC Economic Plan* that will keep guiding us forward. In an increasingly interconnected global economy, B.C. has many natural strengths.

We are a gateway to the Asia-Pacific and the United States, and we share many family and cultural ties to countries that are growing rapidly.

To expand our trading relationships and create new opportunities for people and B.C. businesses, your government will make trade missions to emerging markets a priority.

It will also work to remove unnecessary barriers to growth.

The changes being made to speed approvals for housing permits will also be applied to other projects, including those in natural resources and tourism.

Even as we work to fix bureaucratic delays, B.C. will continue to have high standards.

Because that is equally important to our economic future.

International accounting firm KPMG surveyed the heads of the largest companies in the world and here's what they told them:

Businesses embracing environmental, social, and governance priorities—known as ESG—are best able to secure talent, attract loyal customers and raise capital.

These priorities have gone from a “nice-to-have” to integral to the long-term success of their businesses.

Our high standards are a competitive advantage.

One that your government will seek to build on with a new ESG Centre of Excellence.

CLIMATE ACTION

Our world is changing.

Sometimes in ways that can feel scary, but just as often for the better.

It's only when we confront monumental challenges that we see new opportunities.

Failing to match global action on climate change doesn't just mean more climate disasters.

It also means we'll miss the economic opportunity of a lifetime as our major trading partners look for low-carbon technologies, energy, resources and solutions.

As countries set new targets to tackle climate change, B.C. is well positioned to thrive.

We are a clean-energy powerhouse.

Our ground-breaking *CleanBC: Roadmap to 2030* plan puts us on a path to reach net-zero, as well as to be leaders in clean and inclusive economic growth.

Last year, B.C. eliminated the largest subsidy for oil and gas companies to give British Columbians a fair return and allow us to reinvest in our priorities.

Over the next number of months, you will see your government act with increased urgency to make sure B.C. meets its ambitious climate targets.

In the spring session, legislation will be introduced to strengthen our ability to ensure polluters pay the cost of environmental cleanup on abandoned sites.

New legislation will also improve access to electric vehicle charging stations in condo buildings.

To fight climate change now and protect this beautiful place for future generations, B.C. will work with Indigenous Peoples, the federal government, industry, workers and communities to protect 30% of our land and water by 2030.

You will see accelerated work on your government's plan to protect more of B.C.'s old-growth forests in partnership with First Nations rights holders in the months to come.

And you will see work with First Nations, communities and stakeholders to help protect our watersheds—our clean water sources—now and for future generations.

CLIMATE READINESS

As we take action to protect the environment, we also must prepare for a stark reality: climate change is happening now.

We can see it all around us in B.C.—as we've been hit with one climate disaster after another.

It's clear that we need to be better prepared.

That's why your government is investing to make B.C. an international leader in future-proofing our infrastructure to make it more climate resilient.

It is why a new Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness has been created.

And it is why in this spring session, a *New Emergency and Disaster Management Act* will be introduced to better improve B.C.'s ability to respond and recover from whatever might be in store.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR B.C.

Despite everything we've gone through together over the last few years, British Columbians remain relentlessly optimistic about their province.

And with good reason. B.C. is the place to be.

In a time of global economic uncertainty, B.C.'s strong economy continues to attract people from across Canada and around the world.

Vancouver's tech sector is growing at the highest rate in North America.

Mining is booming in British Columbia with record-breaking exploration expenditures in 2022. B.C.'s life sciences and agritech sectors are thriving.

In 2021, B.C. saw more growth in new businesses opening their doors than in any other big province.

Our province will play host to national and international sporting events for three years in a row—starting in 2024 with the Grey Cup, followed by the Invictus Games, and the FIFA Men's World Cup.

And this summer will be the grand opening of the Chinese Canadian Museum in Vancouver Chinatown's historic Wing Sang Building.

The future is bright here in B.C.

And your government shares people's sense of optimism about our endless potential.

It is an optimism rooted in the fact that our greatest strength will always be our people.

After all, it is the people of B.C. who got shots into arms, rebuilt highways after flooding, kept kids learning in schools, and businesses thriving in difficult circumstances.

It is the people of B.C. who responded to Vladimir Putin's illegal invasion of a sovereign country a year ago by welcoming fleeing Ukrainians into their homes, places of worship, and communities.

And by helping support those who stayed to defend their country.

Like Tamara Moldon, a nurse in Coquitlam who fled Ukraine as a child, who joined many others to help ship medical supplies to those in need.

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ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

If these challenging few years have taught us one thing, it's that going it alone doesn't work.

We're all in this together.

There is nothing British Columbians can't overcome if we keep pulling together and looking out for each other.

Your government believes B.C. should be a place where everyone can build a good life.

Where you can afford to buy or rent a decent home.

Where you feel safe in your home—and your community.

Where health care and public services are there when you need them.

Where there are training opportunities for young people to pursue their dreams.

Where our beautiful natural heritage is protected for future generations.

Where our economy is cleaner and fairer, rewarding those who work hard and play by the rules.

And where we always work in true partnership with Indigenous Peoples.

This is the better, brighter future we all believe in.

We've accomplished so much together, but there's much more to do.

As we begin this legislative session, let's keep working together to build a stronger and more secure British Columbia.

One where we all belong, and no one gets left behind.

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. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy 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*, *Doug Clovechok*, and *Adam Olsen*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.58 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Elder Shirley Alphonse, T'Sou-ke Nation.

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 *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 2, 2023.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That a Special Committee to Appoint a Merit Commissioner be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of an individual to hold office as the Merit Commissioner for the province of British Columbia, pursuant to section 5.01 of the *Public Service Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385).

That the Special Committee shall 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. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain such 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 June 2, 2022, 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: *Mike Starchuk* (Convener), *Susie Chant*, *Fin Donnelly*, *Mike Morris* and *Teresa Wat*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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 Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Chandra Herbert*.

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. 3) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3, 2023.

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) 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 *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 2, 2023.

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. *Milobar*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Provincial Sales Tax (Used Passenger Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2023*, 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 202) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 2023*, 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 203) intituled *Correction Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, 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 *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2023*, 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. *Merrifield*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Equal Pay Reporting Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Ms. *Kirkpatrick*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 2023*, 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. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Province of British Columbia Forty-sixth Annual Report pursuant to the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, Year Ended March 31, 2022.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* presented the Report of the Special Committee of Selection for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament, February 8, 2023.

“PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
FEBRUARY 8, 2023

MR. SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on February 6, 2023, to prepare and report lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House, recommends the following lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session, with the exception of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives as the list of Members to compose that Committee is recommended for the remainder of the present Parliament:

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*, *Kelly Greene*, *Kelli Paddon*, *Adam Olsen*, *Ian Paton*, *Ellis Ross*, *Roly Russell*, *Aman Singh*, *Jordan Sturdy*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH—*Jinny Sims* (Convener), *Mike Bernier*, *Bob D’Eith*, *Kelly Greene*, *Karin Kirkpatrick*, *Norm Letnick*, *Kelli Paddon*, *Doug Routley*, *Aman Singh*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS—*Garry Begg* (Convener), *Brittney Anderson*, *Bob D’Eith*, *Megan Dykeman*, *Sonia Furstenuau*, *Mike Morris*, *Doug Routley*, *Tom Shypitka*, *Adam Walker*, *Teresa Wat*.

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

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—*Mike Starchuk* (Convener), *Bruce Banman*, *Susie Chant*, *George Chow*, *Mable Elmore*, *Ronna-Rae Leonard*, *Tom Shypitka*, *Ben Stewart*, *Adam Walker*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH—*Brittney 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 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—*Henry Yao* (Convener), *Brittney Anderson*, *Dan Ashton*, *Spencer Chandra Herbert*, *Fin Donnelly*, *Rick Glumac*, *Michael Lee*, *Norm Letnick*, *Doug Routley*.

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

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—*Peter Milobar* (Convener), *Bruce Banman*, *Garry Begg*, *Susie Chant*, *Fin Donnelly*, *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.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. *Routledge* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Annual Review of the Budgets of Statutory Offices, for the Third Session of the Forty-second Parliament (Third), December 2022.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *Routledge* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.52 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 9, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Dykeman*.

The Speaker made a statement regarding the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Parliament Buildings.

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. 5) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 3, 2023.

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."

13 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, for the remainder of the current Session:

1. Standing Order 2 (1) be amended to provide for the Thursday afternoon sitting to be from 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. instead of 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
2. Standing Order 3 be amended by striking the words "6:00 p.m. on Thursday" and replacing them with "5:30 p.m. on Thursday".

Motion agreed to.

12 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That Standing Order 25 of the *Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia* be amended to provide for the consideration of Private Members' Motions prior to Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members for the order of business for Monday morning sittings, being Private Members' Time, therefore providing:

Monday
10 a.m. to 12 noon
(*Private Members' Time*)

Private Members' Statements (10 a.m.)
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.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Mental Health and Substance Use Services for Indigenous People in B.C. Correctional Centres, February 2023.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. Rankin*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, February 9, 2023

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, Mr. *Horgan* made a personal statement from a seat other than his assigned place.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Eby* (Premier) made a statement.

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

By leave, Ms. *Furstenau* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, February 13, 2023

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."

3 By leave, Mr. *Routley* moved—

Be it resolved that one year after the anti-vaccine protests in Ottawa and communities including Victoria, South Surrey, Kelowna, and Cranbrook, this House denounces the freedom convoy protests and affirms that public health orders, including vaccine requirements, have been an essential tool in B.C.'s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *D'Eith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Monday, February 13, 2023

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. 6) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act (No. 5)* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 8, 2023.

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."

14 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 6, 7, 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.

A debate arose.

Mr. Stone moved the following amendment—

That Motion 14 be amended by inserting the underlined text:

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 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2).

That the complete final report on the forensic audit of B.C. Housing be transmitted to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts within 10 days of its receipt by the Office of the Comptroller General.

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.

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived, on division.

The debate resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to.

15 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. Complete, 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 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, including consideration of any information or evidence received by the Committee during the Third Session of the Forty-second Parliament.

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.

Ms. *Merrifield* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege regarding comments made earlier today during debate on Motion 3 by the Member for Parksville-Qualicum.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

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<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Ross</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Oakes</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Davies</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Morris</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Paddon</i>	<i>Lee</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Walker</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Routley</i>		

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Letnick*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act (No. 5)*, a debate arose.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 18 and the title of Bill (No. 4) passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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 Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *N. Cullen*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Lee* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege.

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

Ms. *Routledge* made a personal statement.

On the motion of Ms. *Leonard*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2023*, 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. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Coralee Oakes* replace *Ellis Ross* as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish and Food.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

16 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 the Committee report to the House by February 29, 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.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 17 and the title of Bill (No. 3) passed.

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act (No. 5)* was committed.

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

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

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

The debate continued.

Ms. *Routledge* made a personal statement.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Sims</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Russell</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Conroy</i>		

NAYS—23

<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	

And then the House adjourned at 6.58 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 16, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Doerkson*.

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 COVID-19 Response: Monitoring Vaccination Coverage, February 2023.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* sought leave to move a motion without notice.

Leave not granted.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 2) intituled *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Act* 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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, February 16, 2023

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

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. 7) intituled *Land Owner Transparency Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 15, 2023.

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) 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 *Real Estate Services Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 15, 2023.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 2) intituled *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Act* was again committed.

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

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 2) complete without amendment was agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—67

Chandra Herbert	Chow	Dykeman	Bernier
Lore	Whiteside	Greene	Paton
Beare	Farnworth	Anderson	Davies
Kang	Kahlon	Chant	Clovechok
Ma	Conroy	Russell	Morris
Heyman	Sharma	Sandhu	Kyllo
Osborne	Dix	Chen	Sturko
Bains	Fleming	Begg	Merrifield
Dean	Alexis	Paddon	Wat
Bailey	Rankin	Walker	Stewart
Mercier	Ralston	Doerkson	Shypitka
Brar	Simons	Milobar	Banman
A. Singh	Elmore	Stone	Letnick
Routledge	Glumac	Bond	Furstenau
Starchuk	Routley	Halford	Olsen
Rice	Yao	Ross	Rustad
Leonard	Donnelly	Oakes	

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

The Hon. R. Kahlon moved—

That, when the House next adjourns, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 1.32 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Russell*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

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

1. Examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the budget consultation paper prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* (S.B.C. 2000, c. 23) and, in particular, to:

- a. conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the Committee considers appropriate; and,
- b. prepare a report no later than November 15, 2023, on the results of those consultations.

2. 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;
 - 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 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, 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.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Real Estate Services Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Real Estate Services Amendment Act, 2023*.

Mr. *Milobar* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *G. Lore*.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Mark* made a personal statement.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Eby* (Premier) made a statement.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Sturdy*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Crown Land Residential Lease Act, 2023*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Hon. *M. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) made a ministerial statement recognizing the solemn responsibility of caretaker communities with respect to the impacts of the residential school system.

Mr. *Lee* made a statement.

Mr. *Olsen* made a statement.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

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, the B.C. Government’s response to the challenges in British Columbia’s health care system.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Real Estate Services Amendment Act, 2023*.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Land Owner Transparency Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Milobar*, the debate was adjourned to later 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 the challenges in British Columbia’s health care system. The Chair appreciates the Official Opposition House Leader’s advance notice to the Chair, in accordance with Practice Recommendation 8, to raise this matter.

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 great 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.

Reflecting on these criteria, it is the ruling of the Chair that the threshold for an urgent debate under Standing Order 35 has not been met.

The Chair is aware that there appeared to be discontent in the House when the Chair reminded the Official Opposition House Leader that his statement needed to be brief and when an opportunity was not provided to hear from other Members on the application. The Chair is and must be guided by Standing Order provisions put in place by this House. In this regard, Standing Order 35 requires a Member making an application to rise and state the matter briefly. It thereafter requires the Member to hand their written statement to the Speaker and for the Chair to thereafter render a decision. The Standing Order does not provide for debate or other interjections. The Chair acted appropriately and in accordance with the Standing Order.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Land Owner Transparency Amendment Act, 2023*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.50 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 23, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Sims*.

On the motion of Mr. *Davies*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Electoral Districts (Renaming) Amendment Act, 2023*, 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. *Paton*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Preserving Brunswick Point for Agriculture and Migrating Waterfowl Habitat Act, 2023*, 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 211) intituled *Emergency Program Amendment Act, 2023*, 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. *A. Kang* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) made a ministerial statement commemorating one year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the continued efforts to support Ukrainian refugees.

Mr. *Stone* made a statement.

Mr. *Olsen* made a statement.

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

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 23-01, Domtar Inc., Designated Filer: Daniel Buron, January 9, 2023; and,

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Key Components of Effective Service Delivery for Children and Youth with Support Needs and Their Families: A Research Review and Analysis, February 2023.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

19 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That a Special Committee to Appoint a Representative for Children and Youth be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of an individual as the Representative for Children and Youth for the province of British Columbia, pursuant to section 2 of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act* (S.B.C. 2006, c. 29).

That the Special Committee shall 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. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain such personnel as required to assist 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: *Kelli Paddon* (Convener), *Mike Bernier*, *Kelly Greene*, *Coralee Oakes* and *Nicholas Simons*.

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Land Owner Transparency Amendment Act, 2023*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Thursday, February 23, 2023

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

18 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That a Special Committee to Review Private Members' Business be appointed and empowered to examine the current use of time for Private Members' business by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and other parliamentary jurisdictions in Canada, and to make recommendations on possible improvements to the consideration of Private Members' business, specifically, Private Members' bills and Private Members' motions, in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

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 the Committee report to the House by October 5, 2023, 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.

That the Special Committee of Selection prepare and report with all convenient speed the Members to compose the Special Committee to Review Private Members' Business.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.19 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, February 27, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Wat*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

20 By leave, Ms. *Kirkpatrick* moved—

Be it resolved that this House acknowledge that after six years, housing affordability for British Columbians has never been worse.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Monday, February 27, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *Wat*, Bill (No. M 212) intituled *Buddhist Culture Day 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.”

Ms. *Bond* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege regarding remarks made by the Minister of Forests.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Real Estate Services Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 3 and the title of Bill (No. 8) passed.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Land Owner Transparency Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 16 and the title of Bill (No. 7) passed.

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

18 The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 18 with respect to the appointment of a Special Committee to Review Private Members’ Business.

Motion agreed to.

17 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, consistent with the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Health intitled Closing Gaps, Reducing Barriers, this House affirm its support for a spectrum of addictions care, such as lifesaving harm reduction measures—including safe consumption sites, decriminalization and safer supply—and for a rapid, unprecedented expansion of drug treatment and recovery spaces.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *S. Malcolmson*, 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*

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Kyllo*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Heyman* (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) reserved his right to raise a question of privilege regarding remarks made by the Member for Saanich North and the Islands during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *N. Cullen* (Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship) rose on a point of order regarding remarks made by the Member for Skeena during Oral Question Period.

The Chair stated that they would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

17 The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 17 with respect to affirming support for a spectrum of addictions care.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.43 a.m.

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Ross* made a personal statement.

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, 2024; and,
Supplement to the Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 24, 2023.

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. 10) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 24, 2023.

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, 2023, required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;
Budget and Fiscal Plan, 2023/24 – 2025/26, 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 Authority; BC Council for International Education; BC Family Maintenance Agency; BC Financial Services Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Infrastructure Benefits Inc.; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; British Columbia Energy Regulator; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples' Cultural Council; Forest Enhancement Society of BC; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; InBC Investment Corp.; Infrastructure BC Inc.; Innovate BC; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Aid BC; Royal BC Museum Corporation; 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.

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:
Supplementary Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2023;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 24, 2023.*

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

21 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 11 Members, not including the Chair, being seven Members of the Government Caucus, three Members of the Official Opposition Caucus, and one Member of the Third Party Caucus.

10. Section C consist of 11 Members, not including the Chair, being seven Members of the Government Caucus, three Members of the Official Opposition Caucus, and one Member of the Third 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*, Hon. *Selina Robinson*, Hon. *Niki Sharma, Dan Ashton, Trevor Halford, Renee Merrifield* and *Sonia Furstenuau*.

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, Coralee Oakes, Tom Shypitka, Elenore Sturko* and *Adam Olsen*.

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 6, 2023.

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 6, 2023.

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 6, 2023.

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 seven 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, 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. Third Party Caucus;
- c. Official Opposition Caucus; and,
- d. Government Caucus.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.40 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Letnick*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

23 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Megan Dykeman* replace *Kelly Greene* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish and Food.

Motion agreed to.

24 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Michele Babchuk* replace *Kelli Paddon* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth.

Motion agreed to.

26 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Spencer Chandra Herbert* replace *Mable Elmore* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives.

Motion agreed to.

27 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Spencer Chandra Herbert* replace *Fin Donnelly* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. Kahlon*, 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 supplementary 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 No. 25 was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

And then the House adjourned at 6.47 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, March 2, 2023

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. 11) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 28, 2023.

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 B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the supplementary 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.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the supplementary 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 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, March 2, 2023

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 B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

41 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2023, on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Sims</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Russell</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Dean</i>			

NAYS—19

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the supplementary estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later 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 supplementary 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)

34 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Treaty and Other Agreements Funding, to 31st March, 2023, on the following division:

YEAS—8

<i>Beare</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

NAYS—3

<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
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Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the supplementary estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and further reported progress of the supplementary estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, March 6, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

Upon request by the Hon. *M. Dean* that the House proceed to Motion 22, the Chair put the question of leave pursuant to Standing Order 27 (1).

Leave not granted.

3 The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 3 regarding denouncing the freedom convoy protests and affirming B.C.'s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, March 6, 2023

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. 12) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 2, 2023.*

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 Human Rights Commissioner Report, From Hate to Hope: Report of the Inquiry into Hate in the COVID-19 Pandemic, March 2023.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

28 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Brittney Anderson* replace *Mable Elmore* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Motion agreed to.

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)

32 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2023, on the following division:

YEAS—47

<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Yao</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Sims</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Routley</i>	

NAYS—24

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the supplementary 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)

45 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2023, on the following division:

YEAS—8			
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Sims</i>
<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
NAYS—3			
<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.37 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Yao*.

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. 13) intituled *Pay Transparency Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 2, 2023.

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. *Clovechok*, Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Indigenous Names Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, 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 Auditor General Report, Fraud Risk and Financial Statements: B.C. Public Sector, Part 1, March 2023.

Mr. *Starchuk* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Merit Commissioner for the Third Session of the Forty-second Parliament, December 2022.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Starchuk* moved—

That the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that David McCoy be appointed as an Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Merit Commissioner for the province of British Columbia pursuant to section 5.01 of the *Public Service Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385) for a term of three years commencing on March 10, 2023.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

17 The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 17 with respect to affirming support for a spectrum of addictions care.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

40 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,495,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2023.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the supplementary estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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 B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

21 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Citizens' Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2023, on the following division:

YEAS—49

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Yao</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Sims</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Dean</i>			

NAYS—23

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Wat</i>	

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the supplementary estimates of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later 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 supplementary estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

38 (S.) *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2023, on the following division:

YEAS—8

Beare
Cullen

D'Eith
Chow

Farnworth
Sharma

Begg
Olsen

NAYS—3

Halford

Merrifield

Ashton

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the supplementary 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 supplementary estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Chant*.

The Speaker made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

The Hon. *B. Bailey* (Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and 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. 14) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Modernization) Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 2, 2023.

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 214) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 2023*, 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. *Rice* presented a petition regarding amending the *Ports Property Tax Act* (S.B.C. 2004, c. 7).

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2022.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

Chandra Herbert
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Malcolmson
Beare
Ma
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains

Dean
Bailey
Mercier
Brar
A. Singh
Routledge
Starchuk
D’Eith
Leonard
Chow
Whiteside

Kahlon
Conroy
Dix
Robinson
Alexis
Rankin
Popham
Simons
Elmore
Glumac
Routley

Yao
Donnelly
Dykeman
Sims
Greene
Russell
Chen
Begg
Walker
Furstenau
Olsen

NAYS—24

de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Halford

Ross
Oakes
Bernier
Paton
Davies
Sturdy

Clovechok
Kyllo
Kirkpatrick
Merrifield
Lee
Wat

Stewart
Ashton
Banman
Letnick
Tegart
Rustad

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

13 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$111,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2023, on the following division:

YEAS—7

*Malcolmson
Beare**A. Singh
Rice**Chow
Alexis**Simons*

NAYS—3

*Halford**Davies**Ashton*

43 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2023, on the following division:

YEAS—8

*Malcolmson
Beare**Cullen
Bains**Starchuk
Sims**Begg
Olsen*

NAYS—3

*Merrifield**Ashton**Letnick*

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the supplementary estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and 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 supplementary estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.48 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, March 9, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Chandra Herbert*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

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

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. 15) intituled *Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 2, 2023.*

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) 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 *Supply Act (No. 1), 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 8, 2023.

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. *Furstenau*, Bill (No. M 215) 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.”

Mr. *Stone* sought leave to move Motion 30.

Leave not granted.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, 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 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, March 9, 2023

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 Supply.

Order called for consideration of reports of Resolution from Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) moved—

That the reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on March 2, 6, 7 and 8 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 2 billion, 715 million dollars towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under Section 1 of the *Supply Act, 2022–2023*.

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. 9) intituled *Supply Act, 2022–2023 (Supplementary Estimates)* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 15, 2023.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Bill (No. 9) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) Bill (No. 9) was committed to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 9) was committed.

Clause 1 and clause 2, the preamble, the schedule and the title of Bill (No. 9) passed.

Bill (No. 9) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 9) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44			
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Sims</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Russell</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
NAYS—24			
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tegart</i>

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$176,229,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion 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.

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

The Deputy 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) *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Act*.

Bill (No. 3) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 4) *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 6) *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act (No. 5)*.

Bill (No. 7) *Land Owner Transparency Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 8) *Real Estate Services Amendment Act, 2023*.

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. 9) *Supply Act, 2022–2023 (Supplementary Estimates)*.

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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intitled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, March 27, 2023

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."

31 By leave, Ms. *Bond* moved—

Be it resolved that this House listens to health care professionals who are deeply concerned with the lack of scrutiny of Bill (No. 36) *Health Professions and Occupations Act* and its implications.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Milobar* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege regarding remarks made by the Member for Parksville-Qualicum.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Monday, March 27, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker made a statement expressing condolences regarding the deaths of Edmonton Police Service Constables Travis Jordan and Brett Ryan.

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. 17) intituled *Family Law Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 2023.

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 216) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 2023*, 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 Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 23-02, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, Designated Filer: Bridgitte Anderson, February 8, 2023.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Standing Orders or usual practices of the House:

1. The House forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House in Section A to consider the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 2) and for Members to put questions on the Amending Agreement (No. 2) to the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

2. The said Committee of the Whole House rise and report to the House by 5 p.m. today.

3. For greater certainty, the Standing Orders and practices of the House with respect to the conduct of proceedings of Committees of the Whole House be applicable to the said Committee of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Standing Orders or usual practices of the House, Valerie Cross (Chemkwaat) of the Tsawwassen First Nation (sc̓əwaθən məsteyəxʷ) 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 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. 16) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2023*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2023*, 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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Modernization) Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. Dix*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported completion of consideration of the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 2).

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Pursuant to the motion adopted earlier today, Valerie Cross (Chemkwaat) of the Tsawwassen First Nation (scəwaθən məsteyəxʷ) addressed the House.

29 The Hon. *M. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) moved—

Be it resolved that, pursuant to clause 6 of Chapter 23 of the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia consents to the amendments to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement set out in the attached Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 2).

TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION FINAL AGREEMENT AMENDING AGREEMENT (No. 2)

THIS SECOND AMENDING AGREEMENT (this “Amending Agreement”) is dated for reference the 17th day of November, 2022

AMONG:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the
**Assistant Deputy Minister of Implementation of Indigenous Rights and Relationships,
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada**
 (“Canada”)

AND

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by
the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
 (“British Columbia”)

AND

TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION, as represented by the **Tsawwassen Government**
 (“Tsawwassen First Nation”)

WHEREAS:

- A.** On April 3, 2009, the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement came into effect;
- B.** The Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement provides for its amendment and specifies requirements for the amendment of various of its provisions;
- C.** The Parties have previously agreed to amendments to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement;
- D.** The Parties agree to propose further amendments to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;
- E.** The Parties have determined that the processes set out in clauses 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of Chapter 23 – Amendment apply to the proposed amendments set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

PART I – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1. In this Amending Agreement:

“Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement” means the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement among the Tsawwassen First Nation, Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and Her Majesty the Queen in right of British Columbia, as it took effect on April 3, 2009 as amended.

2. A reference to a Chapter by number and name is a reference to the chapter of that number and name in the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement.

3. Words and expressions appearing in this Amending Agreement that are not defined in this Amending Agreement but are defined in the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement.

PART II – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

4. The proposed amendments in English to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 1.

5. The proposed amendments in French to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 2.

6. The proposed amendments will take effect in accordance with clause 9, Chapter 23 – Amendment of the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement.

PART III – PROCEDURES

7. This Amending Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts. A signed counterpart may be delivered by one Party to another Party by facsimile or e-mail transmission and a facsimile or e-mail so transmitted will constitute an original document. Signed counterparts held by a Party, taken together, will constitute one and the same instrument.

8. The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Amending Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which will be considered as an original signature for all purposes and will have the same force and effect as an original signature on paper. Without limitation, “electronic signature” will include faxed versions of an original signature or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g. via pdf) of an original signature.

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Implementation of Indigenous Rights and Relationships, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, signed this ____ day of November, 2022.

Heather McLean
Assistant Deputy Minister
Implementation of Indigenous Rights and Relationships
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Witnessed by

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, signed this ____ day of December, 2022.

The Honourable Murray Rankin
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Witnessed by

FOR TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION, as represented by the Tsawwassen Government, signed this ____ day of November, 2022.

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Chief Laura Cassidy

Witnessed by

Schedule 1**The Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement is amended as follows:**

1. The reference to “12th” is deleted in subclause 16.b of Chapter 20 – Taxation and replaced with “14th”.
2. The reference to “12th” is deleted in subclause 18.b of Chapter 20 – Taxation and replaced with “14th”.
3. Chapter 20 – Taxation is amended to add the following numbered clauses immediately after each of clauses 16, 17, 18 and 19 respectively:
 - 16.1 Despite clause 16 and subject to clause 18.1, as of the day this clause comes into effect, section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies to a Tsawwassen Member who is an Indian.
 - 17.1 Despite clause 16 and subject to subclause 1.a and clauses 18.1, 18.2 and 19.1, as of the day this clause comes into effect, section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies on Tsawwassen Lands that were Reserve lands or Surrendered Lands on the day before the Effective Date.
 - 18.1 Clauses 16.1 and 17.1 only apply so long as section 87 of the *Indian Act* itself remains in force.
 - 18.2 Clause 17.1 only applies to an Indian during a period that section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies to the Indian.
 - 19.1 Tsawwassen First Nation may enter into a tax agreement with Canada or British Columbia that limits the application of clause 17.1 to the extent specified in that tax agreement.
4. The reference to “clause 16” is deleted in clause 39 of Chapter 2 – General Provisions and replaced with “clauses 16 through 19.1”.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$682,770,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Citizens’ Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion 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 C (Ministry of Citizens’ Services) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.13 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Doerkson*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the following documents:

Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2022; and,
British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 2021/22.

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. 16) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 4, the preamble and the title of Bill (No. 16) passed.

Bill (No. 16) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 3 and the title of Bill (No. 15) passed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 15) complete without amendment was agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—75

Chandra Herbert
Babchuk
Lore
Malcolmson
Beare
Kang
Ma
Heyman
Osborne
Bains
Dean
Bailey
Mercier
A. Singh
Routledge
Starchuk
Rice
D'Eith
Leonard

Chow
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth
Kahlon
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Robinson
Fleming
Alexis
Rankin
Popham
Simons
Elmore
Glumac
Routley
Yao
Donnelly

Dykeman
Sims
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Russell
Sandhu
Chen
Begg
Paddon
Walker
de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Halford
Ross
Oakes

Bernier
Paton
Davies
Sturdy
Clovechok
Morris
Sturko
Kirkpatrick
Merrifield
Lee
Wat
Stewart
Shypitka
Ashton
Banman
Letnick
Olsen
Rustad

Bill (No. 15) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

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 Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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. 13) intituled *Pay Transparency Act*, 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. 11) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2023*.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 12) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Modernization) Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 14).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

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 \$1,912,095,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development 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 C (Ministry of Children and Family Development) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Kyllo*.

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. 19) intituled *Money Services Businesses Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 27, 2023.

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) 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 *Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 27, 2023.

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. Shypitka, Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, 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 218) intituled *North Island-Coast Development Initiative Trust Amendment Act, 2023*, 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.”

Mr. Letnick advised the House of the death of Al Horning, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. Halford reserved his right to raise a question of privilege regarding remarks made by the Member for Powell River-Sunshine Coast.

The Hon. K. Conroy (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:
Ministry of Finance Service Plan, 2023/24–2025/26, Revised April 2023; and,
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Service Plan, 2023/24–2025/26, Revised April 2023.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

38 The Hon. R. Kahlon moved—

That *Adam Olsen* be removed as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish and Food.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. *Simons* made a personal statement.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Family Law Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Modernization) Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clauses 1 through 1201 and the title of Bill (No. 14) passed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 14) complete without amendment was agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—78

<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Bernier</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Davies</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Morris</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Paddon</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Walker</i>	<i>Lee</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Yao</i>		

Bill (No. 14) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 14), the House divided.

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

YEAS—79

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Bernier</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>	<i>Davies</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Morris</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Paddon</i>	<i>Lee</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Walker</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	

Bill (No. 14) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Pay Transparency Act* was committed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 13) which was defeated, on division.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to add clause 1.1 to Bill (No. 13) which was defeated, on division.

Clauses 1 through 4 of Bill (No. 13) passed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 5 of Bill (No. 13) which was defeated, on division.

Clause 5 of Bill (No. 13) passed.

On clause 6 of Bill (No. 13).

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Act* was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 12).

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,835,152,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education and Child Care, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Child Care 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 Education and Child Care) to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,363,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

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 Program Act*, to 31st March, 2024.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution 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 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 Emergency Management and Climate Readiness) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.57 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, March 30, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

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. 21) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 27, 2023.

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. *Milobar*, Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Gas Price Relief) Amendment Act, 2023*, 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. 12) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Act* was again committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 12).

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 30, 2023

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. 12) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Act* was again committed.

Clauses 1 through 31 and the title of Bill (No. 12) passed.

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

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Family Law Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 17).

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

Bill 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.

(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.

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. 12) *Intimate Images Protection Act*.

Bill (No. 14) *Miscellaneous Statutes (Modernization) Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 15) *Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2023*.

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.”

Seunghée Suzie Seo, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 16) *Supply Act (No. 1), 2023*.

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

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 thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act.”

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (2) (b), when the House next adjourns, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.18 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, April 3, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Sandhu*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

32 By leave, Mr. *Chandra Herbert* moved—

Be it resolved that this House condemns violence and intimidation of artists and performers in the drag community.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *D’Eith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Monday, April 3, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission Final Report, April 3, 2023.

Mr. *Rustad* presented a petition regarding repealing the *Health Professions and Occupations Act*.

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. 17) intituled *Family Law Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clauses 1 through 25 and the title of Bill (No. 17) passed.

Bill (No. 17) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$483,568,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$204,120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Management, to 31st March, 2024.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,986,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2024.

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 Labour.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$199,682,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,392,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2024.

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

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.

Pursuant to section 33 (3) of the *Constitution Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 66):

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Langford-Juan de Fuca (Mr. *Horgan*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective March 31, 2023, was delivered to the Speaker.

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *P. Alexis*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Governance of the Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for the Public Service, March 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. 11) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 11).

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 Labour.
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 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.

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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. 18) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 2023.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

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

A proposed amendment by Mr. *de Jong* to clause 10 of Bill (No. 11) was defeated.

Clause 10 of Bill (No. 11) passed, on division.

Clause 11 of Bill (No. 11) passed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *de Jong* to clause 12 of Bill (No. 11) was defeated.

Clause 12 of Bill (No. 11) passed, on division.

Clauses 13 through 23 of Bill (No. 11) passed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *de Jong* to clause 24 of Bill (No. 11) was defeated.

Clause 24 of Bill (No. 11) passed, on division.

Clauses 25 through 38 of Bill (No. 11) passed.

On clause 39 of Bill (No. 11).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,489,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

(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 6.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Singh*.

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. 23) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 31, 2023.

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. *Dykeman*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 2023*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Ms. *Bond*, Bill (No. M 220) intituled *Defibrillator Public Access Act, 2023*, 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 Representative for Children and Youth Report, Toward Inclusion: The Need to Improve Access to Mental Health Services for Children and Youth with Neurodevelopmental Conditions, April 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. 11) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clauses 39 through 41 of Bill (No. 11) passed.

Clause 42 of Bill (No. 11) passed, on division.

Clauses 43 through 48 of Bill (No. 11) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) on the Order Paper to add clause 48.1 to Bill (No. 11) passed.

Clauses 49 through 52, the schedule and the title of Bill (No. 11) passed.

Bill (No. 11) reported complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 11) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 21) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A 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 later 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 Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$118,408,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$255,711,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 6, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *B. Ma.*

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

ROBERT BAUMAN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Vancouver Law Courts,
April 5, 2023.*

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. 22) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 29, 2023.*

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.

39 The Hon. R. Kahlon moved—

That, in accordance with section 14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 107), the proposals contained in the British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission Final Report tabled in the Legislative Assembly on April 3, 2023, be approved.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 4 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

On clause 5 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)

Section A 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.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply 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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, April 6, 2023

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. 21) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clauses 5 through 44 and the title of Bill (No. 21) passed.

Bill (No. 21) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

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)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,912,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$116,159,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Treaty and Other Agreements Funding, to 31st March, 2024.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,431,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Declaration Act Secretariat, to 31st March, 2024.

Section B 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.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, April 17, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Chandra Herbert*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Kyllo*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

Upon request by the Hon. *N. Sharma* that the House proceed to Motion 40, the Chair put the question of leave pursuant to Standing Order 27 (1).

Leave not granted.

3 The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 3 regarding denouncing the freedom convoy protests and affirming B.C.'s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A debate arose.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

20 The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 20 regarding housing affordability.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, April 17, 2023

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. 25) intituled *Electoral Districts Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 12, 2023.

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, 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 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)

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$93,246,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,315,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2024.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation.

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 Agriculture and Food) to be considered at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of Motion 3 regarding denouncing the freedom convoy protests and affirming B.C.'s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—64

<i>Sims</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Stone</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Bond</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Halford</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Oakes</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Morris</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Paddon</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Walker</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Tegart</i>

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Pursuant to section 33 (3) of the *Constitution Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 66):

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Vancouver-Mount Pleasant (Ms. *Mark*) of her intention to resign her seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective April 14, 2023, was delivered to the Speaker.

And then the House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Chandra Herbert*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Ross*.

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. 26) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 12, 2023.

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. *Chandra Herbert* (Deputy Speaker) tabled the Representative for Children and Youth Report, *Advocating for Change: Five Years in Review*, April 2023.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* presented the Report of the Special Committee of Selection for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (Second), April 18, 2023.

"PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
APRIL 18, 2023

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

Pursuant to the resolution of the House of February 27, 2023, the Special Committee of Selection recommends the following Members to compose the Special Committee to Review Private Members' Business:

Michele Babchuk (Convener), Bob D'Eith, Michael de Jong, Rick Glumac, Michael Lee, Ronna-Rae Leonard, Adam Olsen, Doug Routley, Jinny Sims and 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.

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, 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 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 Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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, 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 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 Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation.
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, April 19, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Chandra Herbert*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Doerkson*.

On the motion of Ms. *Dykeman*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *St. Mark's College Amendment Act, 2023*, 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."

41 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Henry Yao* replace *Brittany Anderson* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A, 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 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)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$112,841,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation 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 Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 20, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Chandra Herbert*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Tegart*.

On the motion of Ms. *Furstenau*, Bill (No. M 221) intituled *Members' Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2023*, 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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Act*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *N. Sharma*, 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 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 11.53 a.m.

Thursday, April 20, 2023

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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*.

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 *Electoral Districts Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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. 19) intituled *Money Services Businesses Act*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 18 of Bill (No. 10) passed.

On clause 19 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)

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,020,919,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

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 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 A (Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure) 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 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 5.28 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, April 24, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Russell*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

42 By leave, Ms. *Anderson* moved—

Be it resolved that this House celebrates this week as Tourism Week and recognizes the valuable economic and cultural contributions that the tourism industry brings to B.C.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Monday, April 24, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Stone*, Bill (No. M 222) intituled *Protecting Small Business from Crime and Vandalism Review 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."

The Hon. *M. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) made a ministerial statement regarding the confirmation of unmarked graves identified at a former residential school in Sechelt.

Mr. *Lee* made a statement.

Mr. *Olsen* made a statement.

The House observed a minute of silence.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Chant* reserved her 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, 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 at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,745,331,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

Section A 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 Health.

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 Social Development and Poverty Reduction) 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 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 6.25 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Glumac*.

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, Section B and Section C of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$884,436,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Housing, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2023*, 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 Health.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,715,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

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 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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. 26) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2023*.

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. 22) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Electoral Districts Act* was committed.

Clauses 1 through 6 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

Mr. *de Jong* moved a proposed amendment to Schedule 1 of Bill (No. 25) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—46

<i>Sims</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Russell</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Conroy</i>		

YEAS—26

<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>		

The schedules and the title of Bill (No. 25) passed.

Bill (No. 25) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 46 and the title of Bill (No. 24) passed.

Bill (No. 24) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 43 and the title of Bill (No. 23) passed.

Bill (No. 23) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 6 of Bill (No. 13) passed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 7 of Bill (No. 13) which was defeated, on division.

Clauses 7 through 10 of Bill (No. 13) passed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 11 of Bill (No. 13) which was defeated, on division.

Clauses 11 through 15 and the title of Bill (No. 13) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 13) intituled *Pay Transparency Act* 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 Health. 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, April 26, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Chant*.

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, Review of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act*, for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), April 2023.

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 and Section C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Act* was committed.

Clauses 1 through 5 and the title of Bill (No. 18) passed.

Bill (No. 18) reported complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 18) to be read a third time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Money Services Businesses Act* was committed.

Clauses 1 through 66 and the title of Bill (No. 19) passed.

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

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 24 and the title of Bill (No. 20) passed.

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 15 and the title of Bill (No. 22) passed.

Bill (No. 22) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 26) passed.

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed on the following division:

YEAS—46

<i>Sims</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Yao</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>		

NAYS—19

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Wat</i>	

Clause 3, clause 4 and the title of Bill (No. 26) passed.

Bill (No. 26) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 26), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—47

<i>Sims</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Yao</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Routley</i>	

NAYS—20

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tegart</i>

Bill (No. 26) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$124,009,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

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 7.08 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 27, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Chandra Herbert*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Greene*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Chandra Herbert* (Deputy Speaker) tabled the Representative for Children and Youth Report, Missing: Why are Children Disappearing from B.C.'s Child Welfare System?, April 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. 10) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clauses 19 through 62 of Bill (No. 10) passed.

On clause 63 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 Health.

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 Attorney General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, April 27, 2023

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 Health.

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 Attorney General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 63 through 185 and the title of Bill (No. 10) passed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 10) complete without amendment was agreed to, on division.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 10) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 10) read a third time and passed, on division.

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, May 1, 2023

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.”

The Chair made a statement reminding Members of the spirit and intent of Private Members’ Time pursuant to Standing Order 25A.

43 By leave, Ms. *Kirkpatrick* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports the limited use of involuntary treatment to keep our most vulnerable youth and adults at risk of harm to themselves or others safe at modernized, compassionate facilities with twenty-four seven psychiatric and medical supports.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.04 p.m.

Monday, May 1, 2023

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. 27) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 27, 2023.

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. *Yao* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, May 1, 2023.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

A debate arose.

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.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A, 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 Finance.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,526,258,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$643,641,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$93,617,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2024.

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, 2024.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,564,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Independent Investigations Office, to 31st March, 2024.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$147,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Electoral Boundaries Commission, to 31st March, 2024.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

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. 28) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 27, 2023.

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, Fraud Risk and Financial Statements: B.C. Public Sector, Part 2, May 2023.

Mr. *Milobar* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Summary of Activities, 2022–23, for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), May 2023.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

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 B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B 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.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Wat.*

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,013,019,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.57 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 4, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Doerkson*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Rustad* presented a petition regarding repealing the *Health Professions and Occupations Act*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$338,869,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,341,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Government Communications and Public Engagement, to 31st March, 2024.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$63,385,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2024.

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, 2024.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,308,553,000 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, 2024.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,500,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs, to 31st March, 2024.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,539,987,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Capital Funding, to 31st March, 2024.

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, 2024.

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, 2024.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,159,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Tax Transfers, to 31st March, 2024.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2023

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Oakes*, 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, May 8, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *D'Eith*.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* (Minister of Housing) tabled the Office of the Comptroller General, Investigation of B.C. Housing, Report of Observations and Recommendations, March 6, 2023.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* (Minister of Housing) made a statement regarding the Office of the Comptroller General, Investigation of B.C. Housing, Report of Observations and Recommendations, March 6, 2023.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Eby* (Premier) made a statement.

By leave, Ms. *Kirkpatrick* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

47 By leave, Mr. *Donnelly* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports this government's actions to secure B.C.'s watersheds so that safe, clean, abundant water and healthy functioning ecosystems are available to communities, nations and wildlife for generations to come.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, May 8, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Heyman* (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) 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. 29) intituled *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 3, 2023.

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 regarding the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla.

Mr. *Stone* made a statement.

Ms. *Furstenau* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Yao* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, May 8, 2023.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bill (No. Pr 402) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading.

Ms. *Paddon* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Representative for Children and Youth for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament, May 8, 2023.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *Paddon* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Ms. *Paddon* moved—

That Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth be appointed as an Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Representative for Children and Youth for a five-year term, effective October 1, 2023, pursuant to the *Representative for Children and Youth Act* (S.B.C. 2006, c. 29).

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Orders 2 (1) and 3, the House sit beyond the hour fixed for adjournment until the question on second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2023*, is put and decided.

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2023*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—54

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

NAYS—29

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

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.

And then the House adjourned at 6.44 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Elder Shirley Alphonse, T'Sou-ke Nation.

On the motion of Mr. *Stone*, Bill (No. M 223) 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."

Ms. *Sims* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, Annual Report 2022–23, for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (Second), May 2023.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *Sims* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. *Oakes* presented a petition regarding the proposed reactivation of the Roberta Pit gravel reserve.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Standing Orders or usual practices of the House, Erica Reid (Gidin Jaad) 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."

Erica Reid (Gidin Jaad), Council of Haida Nation Elected Representative, offered a prayer.

Jason Alsop (Gaagwiis), President of the Haida Nation, addressed the House.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Haida Nation Recognition Act*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.47 a.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Standing Orders or usual practices of the House, Robert Dennis Sr. (Emchayik) of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations be permitted to address the House from the floor of the House later today, and that Dillon Johnson (toqʷanən) of the Tla'amin Nation be permitted to address the House virtually later today.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

44 The Hon. *M. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) moved—

Be it resolved that, pursuant to 1.14.3 of Chapter 1 of the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia consents to the amendments to the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement set out in the attached Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Amending Process Agreement (No. 2023-1).

MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS FINAL AGREEMENT AMENDING PROCESS AGREEMENT (No. 2023-1)

THIS AMENDING PROCESS AGREEMENT 2023-1 (this “Amending Agreement”) is dated for reference March 6, 2023

AMONG:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

(“Canada”)

AND

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

(“British Columbia”)

AND

MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS, as represented by the First Nations of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society

(“Maa-nulth First Nations”)

WHEREAS:

- A.** On April 1, 2011, the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement came into effect;
- B.** The Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement provides for its amendment and specifies requirements for the amendment of various of its provisions;
- C.** The Parties have previously agreed to amendments to the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement;
- D.** The Parties agree to propose further amendments to the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;
- E.** The Parties have determined that the processes set out in 1.14.1, 1.14.2, 1.14.3, and 1.14.5 to 1.14.8 of Chapter 1 – General Provisions apply to the proposed amendments set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:**PART I – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

- 1.** In this Amending Agreement:
“Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement” means the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement entered into among the Maa-nulth First Nations, Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and Her Majesty the Queen in right of British Columbia, effective April 1, 2011, as amended.
- 2.** A reference to a Chapter by number and name is a reference to the chapter of that number and name in the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement.
- 3.** Words and expressions appearing in this Amending Agreement that are not defined in this Amending Agreement but are defined in the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement.

PART II – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- 4.** The proposed amendments in English to the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 1.
- 5.** The proposed amendments in French to the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 2.
- 6.** Pursuant to 1.14.8 of Chapter 1 – General Provisions of the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement, the proposed amendments set out in Schedules 1 and 2 will take effect on the date the last Party required to consent to the amendment provides its consent.

PART III – PROCEDURES

- 7.** This Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which will be considered as an original signature for all purposes and will have the same force and effect as an original signature on paper. Without limitation, “electronic signature” will include electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
- 8.** This Agreement may be signed in identical counterparts, each of which constitutes an original, and such counterparts taken together will constitute one agreement. The signatures of the Parties need not

appear on the same counterpart, and executed counterparts may be delivered in electronically scanned form by electronic mail.

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FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, signed this ____ day of _____.

Authorized Signatory

Printed Name

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, signed this ____ day of _____.

The Honourable Murray Rankin
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

FOR MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS, as represented by the First Nations of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society, signed this ____ day of _____.

Charlie Cootes
President
Maa-nulth Treaty Society

Schedule 1

The Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement is amended as follows:

1. Chapter 19 – Taxation is amended to add the following numbered provisions immediately after each of 19.5.1, 19.5.2, 19.5.3 and 19.5.4 respectively:
 - 19.5.1.1 Despite 19.5.1 and subject to 19.5.3.1, as of the day this provision comes into effect, section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies to a Maa-nulth-aht who is an Indian.
 - 19.5.2.1 Despite 19.5.1 and subject to 19.1.1a, 19.5.3.1, 19.5.3.2 and 19.5.4.1, as of the day this provision comes into effect, section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands that were an Indian Reserve or Surrendered Lands on the day before the Effective Date as if those lands were an Indian Reserve.
 - 19.5.3.1 19.5.1.1 and 19.5.2.1 only apply so long as section 87 of the *Indian Act* itself remains in force.
 - 19.5.3.2 19.5.2.1 only applies to an Indian during a period that section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies to the Indian.
 - 19.5.4.1 A Maa-nulth First Nation may enter into a tax agreement with Canada or British Columbia that limits the application of 19.5.2.1 to the extent specified in that tax agreement.

[Schedule 2 available for inspection at the Office of the Clerk.]

A debate arose.

Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Sr. (Emchayiik) of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations addressed the House on behalf of the Maa-nulth First Nations.

Motion agreed to.

45 The Hon. *M. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) moved —

Be it resolved that, pursuant to paragraph 38 of Chapter 2 of the Nisga’a Final Agreement, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia consents to the amendments to the Nisga’a Final Agreement set out in the attached Nisga’a Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 5).

NISGA’A FINAL AGREEMENT AMENDING AGREEMENT (No. 5)

AMONG:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

(“Canada”)

AND

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

(“British Columbia”)

AND

NISGA’A NATION, as represented by the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive

(“Nisga’a Nation”)

WHEREAS:

A. On May 11, 2000 the Nisga’a Final Agreement came into effect;

B. The Nisga’a Final Agreement provides for its amendment and specifies requirements for amendments of various of its provisions;

C. The Parties have previously agreed to make certain amendments to the Nisga’a Final Agreement;

D. The Parties now propose the further amendments to the Nisga’a Final Agreement as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;

E. The Parties have determined that the processes set out in paragraphs 37, 38 and 40 of Chapter 2 – General Provisions apply to the proposed amendments set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

PART I – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1. In this Amending Agreement:

“Nisga’a Final Agreement” means the Nisga’a Final Agreement among the Nisga’a Nation, His Majesty the King in right of Canada and His Majesty the King in right of British Columbia, as it took effect on May 11, 2000, as amended; and

2. A reference to a Chapter by number or name is a reference to the corresponding chapter name or number in the Nisga'a Final Agreement.
3. A reference to a number and paragraph of a Chapter is a reference to the corresponding number and paragraph of the chapter in the Nisga'a Final Agreement.
4. Words and expressions appearing in this Amending Agreement that are not defined in this Amending Agreement but are defined in the Nisga'a Final Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Nisga'a Final Agreement.

PART II – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

5. The proposed amendments in English to the Nisga'a Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 1.
6. The proposed amendments in French to the Nisga'a Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 2.
7. Pursuant to paragraph 41 of Chapter 2 – General Provisions of the Nisga'a Final Agreement, the proposed amendments set out in Schedules 1 and 2 will take effect on the date the last Party required to consent to the amendment provides its consent.

PART III – PROCEDURES

8. This Amending Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which will be considered as an original signature for all purposes and will have the same force and effect as an original signature on paper. Without limitation, “electronic signature” will include electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
9. This Amending Agreement may be signed in identical counterparts, each of which constitutes an original, and such counterparts taken together will constitute one agreement. The signatures of the Parties need not appear on the same counterpart, and executed counterparts may be delivered in electronically scanned form by electronic mail.

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FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, signed this ____ day of _____.

Authorized Signatory

Printed Name

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, signed this ____ day of _____.

The Honourable Murray Rankin
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

FOR NISGA'A NATION, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, signed this ____ day of ____.

Eva Clayton
President

Schedule 1

The Nisga'a Final Agreement is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 18 of Chapter 2 – General Provisions is amended by replacing “and 6” with “through 6.4”.
2. The following paragraphs are added to Chapter 16 – Taxation immediately after paragraph 6 of that Chapter:
 - 6.1 Despite paragraph 6 and subject to paragraph 6.3, as of January 1, 2024, section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies to a Nisga'a citizen who is an Indian as defined in the *Indian Act*.
 - 6.2 Despite paragraph 6 and subject to paragraphs 6.3 and 6.4, as of January 1, 2024, section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies on the following lands as if the lands were reserves:
 - a. Nisga'a Lands described in subparagraph 2(b) of the Lands Chapter; and
 - b. Category A Lands described in subparagraph 46(a) of the Lands Chapter.
 - 6.3 The application of section 87 of the *Indian Act*:
 - a. in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 is subject to section 87 of the *Indian Act* itself remaining in force;
 - b. on lands identified in subparagraph 6.2(a) is subject to paragraph 1; and
 - c. on lands identified in subparagraphs 6.2(a) and (b) is subject to a law of Parliament, or a treaty, self-government agreement or similar agreement given force of law by Parliament, limiting the application of section 87 of the *Indian Act* to an Indian.
 - 6.4 Nisga'a Nation may enter into an agreement with Canada or British Columbia that limits the application of paragraph 6.2 to the extent specified in that agreement.

[Schedule 2 available for inspection at the Office of the Clerk.]

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

46 The Hon. *M. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) moved —

Be it resolved that, pursuant to paragraph 5 (b) of Chapter 25 of the Tla'amin Final Agreement, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia consents to the amendments to the Tla'amin Final Agreement set out in the attached Tla'amin Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 3).

TLA'AMIN FINAL AGREEMENT AMENDING AGREEMENT (No. 3)

AMONG:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
("Canada")

AND

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

(“British Columbia”)

AND

Tla’amin Nation, as represented by the Hegus (Chief)

(“Tla’amin Nation”)

WHEREAS:

- A.** On April 5, 2016, the Tla’amin Final Agreement came into effect;
- B.** The Tla’amin Final Agreement provides for its amendment and specifies requirements for the amendment of various of its provisions;
- C.** The Parties have previously agreed to amendments to the Tla’amin Final Agreement;
- D.** The Parties agree to propose further amendments to the Tla’amin Final Agreement set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;
- E.** The Parties have determined that the processes set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Chapter 25 – Amendment apply to the proposed amendments set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

PART I – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.** In this Amending Agreement:
 - “Tla’amin Final Agreement” means the Tla’amin Final Agreement among the Tla’amin Nation, His Majesty the King in right of Canada and His Majesty the King in right of British Columbia, as it took effect on April 5, 2016 as amended.
- 2.** A reference to a Chapter by number and name is a reference to the chapter of that number and name in the Tla’amin Final Agreement.
- 3.** Words and expressions appearing in this Amending Agreement that are not defined in this Amending Agreement but are defined in the Tla’amin Final Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Tla’amin Final Agreement.

PART II – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- 4.** The proposed amendments in English to the Tla’amin Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 1.
- 5.** The proposed amendments in French to the Tla’amin Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 2.
- 6.** Pursuant to paragraph 7 of Chapter 25 – Amendment, the proposed amendments set out in Schedules 1 and 2 will take effect on the date the last Party required to consent to the amendment provides its consent.

PART III – PROCEDURES

7. This Amending Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts. A signed counterpart may be delivered by one Party to another Party by facsimile or e-mail transmission and a facsimile or e-mail so transmitted will constitute an original document. Signed counterparts held by a Party, taken together, will constitute one and the same instrument.

8. This Amending Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which will be considered as an original signature for all purposes and will have the same force and effect as an original signature on paper. Without limitation, “electronic signature” will include faxed versions of an original signature or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.

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FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, signed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Authorized Signatory

Printed name

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, signed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

The Honourable Murray Rankin
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

FOR THE TLA’AMIN NATION, as represented by the Hegus (Chief), signed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Hegus John Hackett

Schedule 1

The Tla’amin Final Agreement is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 30 of Chapter 2 – General Provisions is deleted and replaced with the following:

30. Subject to the Transition Chapter and paragraphs 16 through 16.4 of the Taxation Chapter, the *Indian Act* does not apply to the Tla’amin Nation, Tla’amin Institutions, Tla’amin Citizens, Tla’amin Lands and Other Tla’amin Lands, except for the purpose of determining whether an individual is an “Indian”.

2. *The following paragraphs are added to Chapter 21 – Taxation immediately after paragraph 16 of that Chapter:*

16.1 Despite paragraph 16 and subject to paragraph 16.3, as of the day this paragraph comes into effect, section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies to a Tla'amin Citizen who is an Indian.

16.2 Despite paragraph 16 and subject to paragraphs 16.3 and 16.4, as of the day this paragraph comes into effect, section 87 of the *Indian Act* applies on Tla'amin Lands that were Indian Reserves or Surrendered Lands on the day before the Effective Date as if the lands were Indian Reserves.

16.3 The application of section 87 of the *Indian Act*:

- a. in paragraphs 16.1 and 16.2 is subject to section 87 of the *Indian Act* itself remaining in force; and
- b. on lands identified in paragraph 16.2 is subject to:
 - i. subparagraph 1.a; and
 - ii. a law of Parliament, or a treaty, self-government agreement or similar agreement given force of law by Parliament, limiting the application of section 87 of the *Indian Act* to an Indian.

16.4 The Tla'amin Nation may enter into an agreement with Canada or British Columbia that limits the application of paragraph 16.2 to the extent specified in that agreement.

[Schedule 2 available for inspection at the Office of the Clerk.]

A debate arose.

Legislative Councillor Dillon Johnson (toqʷanən) of the Tla'amin Nation addressed the House.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 2023*, 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.

Clause 1 and clause 2, 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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *St. Mark's College Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. Pr 402) read a second time and by leave, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Clauses 1 through 15, the preamble and the title of Bill (No. Pr 402) passed.

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

The Hon. R. Kahlon moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Orders 2 (1) and 3, the House sit beyond the hour fixed for adjournment until any question necessary to complete the consideration of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2023*, at committee stage, is put and decided.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 5) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. K. Conroy (Minister of Finance) on the Order Paper to clause 2 of Bill (No. 5) passed.

Clause 2, as amended, of Bill (No. 5) passed.

The title of Bill (No. 5) passed on the following division:

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—28

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

Bill (No. 5) reported complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 5) 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 B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress 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.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Glumac*.

On the motion of Mr. *Davies*, Bill (No. M 224) intituled *Transportation Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, 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. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the *Crown Proceeding Act* Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2022.

The Hon. *H. Bains* (Minister of Labour) tabled the WorkSafe BC Annual Report, 2022, and Service Plan, 2023–2025.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

Mr. *Olsen* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2023*, be amended by deleting the word "now" and substituting "six months hence."

The amendment on the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 5) was negatived on the following division:

NAYS—49

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

Dean
Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Routledge
D'Eith
Leonard
Chow
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth
Kahlon

Eby
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Robinson
Fleming
Alexis
Rankin
Ralston
Popham
Simons
Elmore

Glumac
Routley
Yao
Dykeman
Donnelly
Greene
Russell
Sandhu
Chen
Begg
Paddon
Walker

YEAS—25

de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Falcon
Bond
Halford

Ross
Oakes
Paton
Morris
Kyllo
Sturko

Kirkpatrick
Merrifield
Lee
Wat
Stewart
Shypitka

Ashton
Banman
Letnick
Furstenau
Olsen
Rustad

The debate resumed on the main motion.

Bill (No. 5) read a third time and passed, on division.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,341,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislative Assembly, Legislative Assembly, to 31st March, 2024.
2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,275,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2024.
3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$786,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2024.
4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,967,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2024.
5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,505,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Human Rights Commissioner, to 31st March, 2024.
6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,272,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2024.
7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,442,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Merit Commissioner, to 31st March, 2024.
8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,773,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsperson, to 31st March, 2024.
9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,013,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2024.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,191,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Representative for Children and Youth, to 31st March, 2024.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$884,436,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Housing, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,769,979,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2024.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Legislative Assembly, Officers of the Legislature, the Ministry of Housing and 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 A (Legislative Assembly, Officers of the Legislature, Ministry of Housing and Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.57 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 11, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Bradley Dick, Songhees Nation.

On the motion of Mr. *Halford*, Bill (No. M 225) intituled *Fraser Valley Transit Services Act, 2023*, 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. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the Judicial Compensation Commission Final Report, 2022, April 28, 2023.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Thursday, May 11, 2023

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 B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,045,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2024.

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

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That a Special Committee to Review Provisions of the *Public Service Act* be appointed, pursuant to section 25.1 of the *Public Service Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385) to review that Act in relation to dismissal process reviews by the Merit Commissioner.

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 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: *George Chow* (Convener), *Michael de Jong*, *Mike Morris*, *Roly Russell*, *Harwinder Sandhu* and *Nicholas Simons*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, 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:

- a. 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;
- b. the effectiveness of the test set out in section 28 (1) in promoting adequate supply and passenger and driver safety;
- c. whether the Act promotes employment in the passenger directed vehicle services and transportation network services industries;
- d. 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,
- e. 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 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.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That a Special Committee to Appoint a Police Complaint Commissioner be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of an individual as Police Complaint Commissioner for the province of British Columbia, pursuant to section 47 of the *Police Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 367).

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 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), *Trevor Halford*, *Renee Merrifield*, *Adam Olsen*, *Kelli Paddon* and *Aman Singh*.

Motion agreed to.

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 9, 27, 28, 29, April 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, May 1, 3, 4, 10 and 11 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 68 billion, 449 million, 172 thousand dollars towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024. This sum includes the sum that was authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2023.

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, 351 million, 564 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, 2024. This sum includes the sum that was authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2023.

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. 30) intituled *Supply Act, 2023–2024*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 8, 2023.

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. 30) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance), Bill (No. 30) was committed to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 30) was committed.

Clauses 1 through 3, the preamble, the schedules and the title of Bill (No. 30) passed.

Bill (No. 30) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 30) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—47

<i>Sims</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	

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<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Ross</i>			

Bill (No. 30) 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. 5) *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 10) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 11) *Election Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 13) *Pay Transparency Act*.

Bill (No. 17) *Family Law Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 18) *Haida Nation Recognition Act*.

Bill (No. 19) *Money Services Businesses Act*.

Bill (No. 20) *Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 21) *Civil Forfeiture Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 22) *Strata Property Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 23) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 24) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*.

Bill (No. 25) *Electoral Districts Act*.

Bill (No. 26) *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 5) Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. Pr 401) *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. Pr 402) *St. Mark's College Amendment Act, 2023*.

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. 30) *Supply Act, 2023–2024*.

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.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* tabled the revised 2023 Parliamentary Calendar.

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 Fourth 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 5.40 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Tegart*.

The certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the results of the elections of Members was read by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER,

“ELECTIONS BC

“VICTORIA, B.C., JULY 5, 2023

“*Honourable Raj Chouhan, MLA*

“*Speaker of the Legislative Assembly*

“*Room 207, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“Dear Mr. Speaker:

“On March 31, 2023 this office received your warrant advising of a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly resulting from the resignation of John Horgan, Member for the electoral district of Langford-Juan de Fuca. On April 14, 2023, a second warrant was received after the resignation of Melanie Mark, Member for the electoral district of Vancouver-Mount Pleasant.

“On direction from the Lieutenant Governor in Council, I simultaneously issued writs of election for the electoral districts of Langford-Juan de Fuca and Vancouver-Mount Pleasant on May 27, 2023, ordering by-elections be held to fill the vacancies. The writ specified Final Voting Day to be June 24, 2023.

“The by-elections were held in accordance with the provisions of the *Election Act*, and the completed writs of election have been returned to me.

“In accordance with section 147 (2) of the *Election Act*, I hereby certify the following individuals to be elected to serve as Members of the Legislative Assembly:

“*Ravi Parmar* of the BC NDP for the electoral district of Langford-Juan de Fuca

“*Joan Phillip* of the BC NDP for the electoral district of Vancouver-Mount Pleasant.

“Sincerely,

“ANTON BOEGMAN,
“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER”

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

That the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the results of the elections of Members be entered upon the *Journals* of the House.

Ms. *Joan Phillip* and Mr. *Ravi Parmar*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, were introduced by the Hon. *D. Eby* (Premier), and took their seats.

The Hon. *B. Ma* (Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness) 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. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
September 27, 2023.*

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. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) made a ministerial statement regarding the observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory holiday for the first time in British Columbia, and the 10th anniversary of Orange Shirt Day.

Mr. *Lee* made a statement.

Mr. *Olsen* made a statement.

Mr. *Rustad* made a statement.

The House observed a moment of reflection.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

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

Auditor General, BC’s COVID-19 Response: Destination Development Grants, May 2023;

Auditor General Annual Report, 2022/2023, June 2023;

Auditor General Annual Follow-Up Report: Status of Performance Audit Recommendations (2019–2021), July 2023;

Auditor General, Board Oversight of Cybersecurity Risk Management at Vancouver Island University, July 2023;

Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2022;

Elections BC, Delivering Modernized Elections, Annual Report, 2022/23 and Service Plan, 2023/24–2025/26;

Human Rights Commissioner, Sparking Change, Annual Report, 2022/23 and Service Plan, 2023/24–2025/26;

Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2022–2023;

Merit Commissioner Annual Report, Upholding Fair Hiring in the BC Public Service, 2022/23;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 53, Time to Right the Wrong: Monitoring Government’s Implementation of Recommendations Related to the Confinement of Doukhobor Children, July 2023;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 54, Fairness in a Changing Climate: Ensuring Disaster Supports are Accessible, Equitable and Adaptable, October 2023;

Ombudsperson Public Report No. 54, Misinformed: How the Ministry of Children and Family Development Failed in its Permanency Planning Obligations to a Youth in Care, September 2023;

Registrar of Lobbyists Annual Report, 2022–23;

Representative for Children and Youth, *The Right to Thrive: An Urgent Call to Recognize, Respect and Nurture Two Spirit, Trans, Non-Binary and other Gender Diverse Children and Youth*, June 2023; and,

Representative for Children and Youth Annual Report, 2022/23 and Service Plan, 2023/24–2025/26.

Mr. *Starchuk* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Interim Report on Statutory Offices, for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), June 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.

Mr. *Starchuk* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Report on the Budget 2024 Consultation, for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament (Second), August 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.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 28) read a second time.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, *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 *Money Judgment Enforcement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

The following documents were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Budget 2023 First Quarterly Report, September 2023;

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Annual Report, 2022–2023;

Government's Strategic Plan Annual Report, 2022–23;

ICBC Fairness Officer Annual Report, 2022/23;

ICBC's Response to the 2022/23 Annual Report of the ICBC Fairness Officer;

Ministerial Accountability Report, 2022/23;

Ministry Annual Service Plan Reports, 2023/24: 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; and, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship;

Crown Agency Annual Service Plan Reports, 2023/24: BC Assessment Authority; BC Council for International Education; BC Energy Regulator; BC Family Maintenance Agency; BC Financial Services Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Infrastructure Benefits Inc.; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Transit; British Columbia Lottery Corporation; British Columbia Securities Commission; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples' Cultural Council; Forest Enhancement Society of BC; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; InBC Investment Corp.; Infrastructure BC; Innovate BC; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Aid BC; Liquor Distribution Branch; Royal BC Museum Corporation; SkilledTradesBC; Transportation Investment Corporation; and, List of Organizations that have been exempted from section 16 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, and for which service plans are not being filed;

Ministry of Finance, Notification of Change in Accounting Policy;

Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Major Capital Project Plan: Capilano University — Squamish Campus Purchase;

Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Major Capital Project Plan: Vancouver Community College — Centre for Clean Energy and Automotive Innovation;

Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance Annual Report, 2022–2023;

Public Accounts, 2022/23;

Public Accounts, 2022/23, Consolidated Revenue Fund Detailed Schedules of Payments for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2023;

Public Accounts 2022/23, Consolidated Revenue Fund Supplementary Schedules for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2023;

Royal BC Museum Annual Service Plan Report, 2022/23, Revised September 2023; and, Speculation and Vacancy Tax Annual Report, 2021 Tax Year.

And then the House adjourned at 6.17 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

The Hon. *L. Popham* (Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport) 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. 32) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 27, 2023.

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) 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. 33) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 27, 2023.

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. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) made a ministerial statement regarding the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit and Gender-Diverse People.

Mr. *Lee* made a statement.

Mr. *Olsen* made a statement.

Mr. *Banman* made a statement.

The House observed a moment of reflection.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Ms. *Paddon* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege regarding comments made by the Member for Abbotsford South during Oral Question Period.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.50 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, October 5, 2023

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Doerkson*.

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. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 4, 2023.

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 regarding the death of Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Frederick “Rick” O’Brien.

Mr. *Falcon* made a statement.

Ms. *Furstenau* made a statement.

Mr. *Banman* made a statement.

The House observed a moment of reflection.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the following documents:

Civil Resolution Tribunal Annual Report, 2022/2023;

British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2022/2023;

Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 2022/2023; and,

Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2022.

The Hon. *L. Beare* (Minister of Citizens’ Services) tabled the Report on the Administration of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, 2022/23.

The Hon. *S. Malcolmson* (Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction) tabled TogetherBC: British Columbia’s Poverty Reduction Strategy Annual Report, 2022.

Ms. *Babchuk* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Review Private Members’ Business, for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament, October 2023.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *Babchuk* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

48 The Hon. *L. Beare*, on behalf of the Hon. *R. Kahlon*, moved —

That the Sessional Order adopted by the House on February 28, 2023, enabling certain proceedings of the House to be undertaken in three sections, be discharged, and substituted as follows.

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 and Section C 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, Section B, and 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).

6. 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

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

8. Section A 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.

9. 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.

10. 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, Hon. Selina Robinson, Hon. Niki Sharma, Dan Ashton, Trevor Halford, Renee Merrifield, Sonia Furstenuau, and John Rustad.*

11. 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, Coralee Oakes, Tom Shypitka, Elenore Sturko, Adam Olsen, and Bruce Banman.*

12. 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.

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

DIVISIONS

14. 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 6, 2023.

15. 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 6, 2023.

16. 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 6, 2023.

17. 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

18. 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.

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

The Speaker made a statement advising the House that although Bill (No. 32) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2023*, has the same title as Bill (No. M 207) standing in the name of the Member for Courtenay-Comox on the Orders of the Day, second reading debate will be permitted, and the title of Bill (No. 32) will be corrected to *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, by the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel as authorized under Standing Order 94.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 27).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 27) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Act* and asked leave to sit again.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Thursday, October 5, 2023

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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. 32) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 32) 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. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management 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)

Clauses 1 through 3 of Bill (No. 27) passed.

On clause 4 of Bill (No. 27).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 27) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill 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, October 16, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Anderson*.

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. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 14, 2023.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

49 By leave, Mr. *Bernier* moved—

That this House agrees that British Columbians deserve a break from seven years of middle-class squeeze.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.05 p.m.

Monday, October 16, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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. 36) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 11, 2023.

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 the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7th.

Mr. *Lee* made a statement.

Ms. *Furstenau* made a statement.

Mr. *Banman* made a statement.

The House observed a moment of reflection.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Province of British Columbia Consolidated Revenue Fund Guarantees and Indemnities Approved for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2023.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

50 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Fin Donnelly* replace *Adam Walker* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Motion agreed to.

51 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Nicholas Simons* replace *Adam Walker*, and that *Coralee Oakes* be added as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Motion agreed to.

52 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Nicholas Simons* replace *Adam Walker* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

Motion agreed to.

53 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Renee Merrifield* be added as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

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. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 4 through 25 of Bill (No. 27) passed.

Clause 26 of Bill (No. 27) passed, on division.

Clauses 27 through 41 of Bill (No. 27) passed.

On clause 42 of Bill (No. 27).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 27) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *L. Popham* (Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport) tabled the BC Arts Council Annual Report, 2022/2023.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 42 through 53 of Bill (No. 27) passed.

On clause 54 of Bill (No. 27).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 27) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.

Bill (No. 31) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. Dix*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 54 through 176 of Bill (No. 27) passed.

Clause 177 of Bill (No. 27) stood down.

Clauses 178 through 215 and the title of Bill (No. 27) passed.

On clause 177 of Bill (No. 27) as stood down.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 27) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill 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*

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Speaker made a statement regarding the order and decorum booklet for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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. 37) intituled *Crime Victim Assistance Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 11, 2023.

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."

54 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That *Bruce Banman* be removed as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Act* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) to clause 177 of Bill (No. 27) passed.

Clause 177, as amended, of Bill (No. 27) passed.

Bill (No. 27) reported complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 27) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2023*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—54

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

Dean
Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk
Rice
Phillip
Leonard
Chow
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth

Kahlon
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Robinson
Fleming
Ralston
Popham
Simons
Elmore
Glumac
Yao
D'Eith

Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen
A. Singh
Furstenau
Olsen
Walker

NAYS—26

de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Halford
Ross

Oakes
Bernier
Paton
Davies
Clovechok
Morris
Kyllo

Sturko
Kirkpatrick
Merrifield
Lee
Wat
Stewart

Shypitka
Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart
Rustad
Banman

Bill (No. 36) 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. 33) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 29) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.57 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, October 19, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Singh*.

The Speaker made a statement advising that the House would recess to take part in an international earthquake drill.

The House recessed until 11 o'clock a.m.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) re-tabled the Judicial Compensation Commission Final Report, 2022, April 28, 2023 (tabled on May 11, 2023).

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2022/2023.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Thursday, October 19, 2023

ONE O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—67

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Ross</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Bernier</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Davies</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Morris</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Paddon</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Russell</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Halford</i>	

NAYS—2

<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Banman</i>
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Bill (No. 35) 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. 36) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 36) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 36).

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. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and asked leave to sit again.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, October 23, 2023

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

The Hon. *A. Mercier* (Minister of State for Workforce Development), on behalf of the Hon. *S. Robinson* (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. 38) intituled *International Credentials Recognition Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 18, 2023.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

55 By leave, Mr. *Parmar* moved—

Be it resolved that this House celebrates October as Circular Economy Month and recognizes how a circular economy helps us protect the environment, address climate change and create good, sustainable family-supporting jobs.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, October 23, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsperson Annual Report, 2022–2023.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

Bill (No. 36) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clauses 2 through 7 of Bill (No. 36) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier) on the Order Paper to clause 8 of Bill (No. 36) passed.

Clause 8, as amended, of Bill (No. 36) passed.

Clause 9 and the title of Bill (No. 36) passed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 36) complete with amendment was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—52

<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Yao</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Walker</i>

NAYS—22

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Morris</i>		

Bill (No. 36) reported complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 36) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances 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)

Clauses 1 through 4 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

On clause 5 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Wat*.

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. 39) intituled *Zero-Emission Vehicles Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 18, 2023.

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."

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 27) 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. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 5 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act*.

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act* was committed.

Ms. *Kirkpatrick* moved a proposed amendment on the Order Paper to clause 1 of Bill (No. 35) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—56

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

YEAS—26

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>		

Ms. *Kirkpatrick* moved a proposed amendment on the Order Paper to clause 1 of Bill (No. 35) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS— 54

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

YEAS— 26

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Sturko</i>		

Clauses 1 through 6 of Bill (No. 35) passed.

On clause 7 of Bill (No. 35).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 5 through 32 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

On clause 33 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Letnick*.

The Hon. *R. Singh* (Minister of Education and Child Care) 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. 40) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 20, 2023.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Rustad* presented a petition regarding Bill (No. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2023*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—56

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

NAYS—27

de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Falcon
Bond
Halford

Ross
Oakes
Bernier
Paton
Davies
Morris
Kyllo

Sturko
Kirkpatrick
Merrifield
Lee
Wat
Stewart
Shypitka

Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart
Rustad
Banman

Bill (No. 36) read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act* was again committed.

On clause 7 of Bill (No. 35).

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

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Clause 1, clause 2 and the title of Bill (No. 32) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 32) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act, 2023*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 32) read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act* was again committed.

Clauses 7 through 13 of Bill (No. 35) passed.

Ms. *Kirkpatrick* moved a proposed amendment on the Order Paper to clause 14 of Bill (No. 35) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—52

Parmar
Sims
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Malcolmson
Beare
Kang
Ma
Heyman
Cullen
Bains
Dean

Mercier
Brar
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk
Rice
Phillip
Leonard
Chow
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth
Kahlon

Eby
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Robinson
Fleming
Rankin
Ralston
Popham
Simons
Elmore
Glumac
Routley

Yao
D'Eith
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Paddon
Begg
Chen
A. Singh
Olsen
Walker

YEAS—26

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Sturko</i>		

Clause 14 and clause 15 of Bill (No. 35) passed.

Ms. *Kirkpatrick* moved a proposed amendment on the Order Paper to add clause 15.1 to Bill (No. 35) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—49

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

YEAS—25

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Halford</i>			

On clause 16 of Bill (No. 35).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 33 through 46 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

On clause 47 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management 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)

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 29) passed.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 29).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 29) intituled *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 7.02 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, October 26, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Doerkson*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2023.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act* was again committed.

Clause 16 and clause 17 of Bill (No. 35) passed.

On clause 18 of Bill (No. 35).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 47 through 50 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

On clause 51 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management 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)

Clauses 1 through 9 of Bill (No. 33) passed.

On clause 10 of Bill (No. 33).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 33) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, October 26, 2023

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act* was again committed.

Clauses 18 through 35 of Bill (No. 35) passed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Banman* on the Order Paper to clause 36 of Bill (No. 35) was ruled out of order.

On clause 36 of Bill (No. 35).

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

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Clauses 10 through 30 of Bill (No. 33) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) on the Order Paper to add clauses 30.1 and 30.2 to Bill (No. 33) passed.

Clause 31 and clause 32 of Bill (No. 33) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) on the Order Paper to clause 33 of Bill (No. 33) passed.

Clause 33, as amended, of Bill (No. 33) passed.

Clause 34, clause 35 and the title of Bill (No. 33) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 33) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 2023*, complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 33) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act* was again committed.

Clause 36 of Bill (No. 35) passed on the following division:

YEAS—49

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Mercier</i>			

NAYS—21

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>			

Clauses 37 through 45 and the title of Bill (No. 35) passed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 35) complete without amendment was agreed to, on division.

Bill (No. 35) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 35) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—51

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	

NAYS—23

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	

Bill (No. 35) 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. 27) *Money Judgment Enforcement Act*.

Bill (No. 32) *Provincial Symbols and Honours Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*.

Bill (No. 35) *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act*.

Bill (No. 36) *Police Amendment Act, 2023*.

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."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act*.

Bill (No. 34) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Clauses 1 through 75 and the title of Bill (No. 28) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 28) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 28) to be read a third time at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 51 of Bill (No. 31) stood down.

On clause 52 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* was again committed.

Clauses 51 through 54 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

Clause 55 of Bill (No. 31) stood down.

Clause 56 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

On clause 55 of Bill (No. 31) as stood down.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.17 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, October 30, 2023

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Anderson*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

56 By leave, Mr. *Shypitka* moved—

Be it resolved that this House opposes taxpayer-funded drug trafficking and requests that the Auditor General of British Columbia investigate the use of public funds by the Drug User Liberation Front and the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Monday, October 30, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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. 41) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 25, 2023.

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. *M. Dean* presented a petition regarding the foreign buyer tax.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon*, on behalf of the Hon. *G. Heyman* (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy), tabled the Environmental Emergency Program Report to the Legislature, 2022/2023.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled *International Credentials Recognition Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 38) 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. 39) intituled *Zero-Emission Vehicles Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 34) passed.

Clause 3 and clause 4 of Bill (No. 34) stood down.

On clause 5 of Bill (No. 34).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances 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)

Clause 55 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

Clauses 57 through 68 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

On clause 69 of Bill (No. 31).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill 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, October 31, 2023

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Paddon*.

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. 42) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 26, 2023.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Crime Victim Assistance Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 37) 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)

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *G. Heyman* (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) passed.

On clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 29).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 29) intituled *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2023*, 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)

Clauses 69 through 71 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

On clause 72 of Bill (No. 31).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Zero-Emission Vehicles Amendment Act, 2023*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—50

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

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<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Banman</i>

Bill (No. 39) 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. 41) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 41) 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. 40) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 40) 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. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act* was again committed.

Clauses 5 through 9 of Bill (No. 34) passed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Furstenau* to clause 10 of Bill (No. 34) was defeated.

Clause 10 of Bill (No. 34) passed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Furstenau* to add clause 10.1 to Bill (No. 34) was defeated.

Clause 11 and clause 12 of Bill (No. 34) passed.

On the title of Bill (No. 34).

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 29) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *G. Heyman* (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) on the Order Paper to clause 4 of Bill (No. 29) passed.

Clause 4, as amended, of Bill (No. 29) passed.

Clause 5 and the title of Bill (No. 29) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 29) intitled *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2023*, complete with amendment.

By leave, Bill (No. 29) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Clauses 72 through 121 of Bill (No. 31) passed.

On clause 122 of Bill (No. 31).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intitled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and asked leave to sit again.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.16 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Yao*.

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. 43) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 30, 2023.

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. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 30, 2023.

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.”

The Hon. *L. Beare* moved—

That, when the House next adjourns, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 28) read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 37) intituled *Crime Victim Assistance Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 19 and the title of Bill (No. 37) passed.

Bill (No. 37) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier) to clause 3 of Bill (No. 34) passed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Sturko* to clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 34) was defeated.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Furstenau* to clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 34) was moved, and by leave, withdrawn.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Furstenau* to clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 34) was defeated.

On clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 34).

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 122 through 209 and the title of Bill (No. 31) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 31) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 31) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—42

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
Sims
Coulter
Lore
Malcolmson
Beare
Kang
Ma
Bains
Dean

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

Kahlon
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Popham
Simons
Glumac
Routley
Yao
D'Eith

Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen
A. Singh
Furstenau
Olsen

NAYS—22

Doerkson
Stone
Bond
Halford
Ross
Oakes

Bernier
Paton
Morris
Kyllo
Sturko
Kirkpatrick

Merrifield
Wat
Stewart
Shypitka
Ashton

Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart
Rustad
Banman

Bill (No. 31) read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act* was again committed.

Clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 34) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier) to clause 4 of Bill (No. 34) passed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Furstenau* to clause 4, as amended, of Bill (No. 34) was defeated.

Clause 4, as amended, and the title of Bill (No. 34) passed.

Bill (No. 34) reported complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 34) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 38) passed.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 38).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 38) intituled *International Credentials Recognition Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.56 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, November 6, 2023

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.”

5 By leave, Ms. *Elmore* moved—

Be it resolved that this House condemns the fire sale of public assets by previous governments and instead recognizes the value they bring to people and communities as spaces for future hospitals, schools and affordable housing.

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 12.01 p.m.

Monday, November 6, 2023

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. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 2, 2023.

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. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Statement of 2022/23 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A and Schedule B.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 42) 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)

Clauses 3 through 11 of Bill (No. 38) passed.

On clause 12 of Bill (No. 38).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 38) intituled *International Credentials Recognition 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)

Clauses 1 through 3 of Bill (No. 40) passed.

On clause 4 of Bill (No. 40).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 40) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill 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*

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Sturko*.

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. 46) intituled *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 2, 2023.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 43) 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. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 12 of Bill (No. 38) passed.

On clause 13 of Bill (No. 38).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 38) intituled *International Credentials Recognition 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)

On clause 4 of Bill (No. 40).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 40) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill 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, November 7, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Clauses 4 through 10 and the title of Bill (No. 40) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 40) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2023*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 40) read a third time and passed.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 13 through 18 of Bill (No. 38) passed.

Mr. *Kyllo* moved a proposed amendment to clause 19 of Bill (No. 38) which was defeated, on division.

Clause 19 and clause 20 of Bill (No. 38) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *A. Mercier* (Minister of State for Workforce Development) to clause 21 of Bill (No. 38) passed.

Clause 21, as amended, of Bill (No. 38) passed.

Clauses 22 through 78, the schedules and the title of Bill (No. 38) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 38) intituled *International Credentials Recognition Act* complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 38) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 39).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 39) intituled *Zero-Emission Vehicles Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill 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, November 8, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. Merrifield.

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. 47) intituled *Housing Statutes (Transit-Oriented Areas) Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
November 7, 2023.*

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."

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled *International Credentials Recognition Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 38) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act* the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—77

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
Sims
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Malcolmson
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains
Dean
Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk

Rice
Phillip
Leonard
Chow
R. Singh
Whiteside
Kahlon
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Robinson
Fleming
Alexis
Rankin
Ralston
Popham
Simons
Elmore
Glumac

Routley
Yao
D'Eith
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
A. Singh
de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Falcon
Bond
Halford

Ross
Oakes
Bernier
Paton
Davies
Clovechok
Morris
Kyllo
Sturko
Kirkpatrick
Merrifield
Lee
Wat
Stewart
Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart
Walker

NAYS—4

*Furstenau**Olsen**Rustad**Banman*

Bill (No. 34) read a third time and passed.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—50

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

Dean
Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk
Rice
Phillip
Leonard
Chow
R. Singh
Whiteside

Kahlon
Sharma
Dix
Robinson
Alexis
Rankin
Ralston
Popham
Simons
Elmore
Glumac
Routley

Yao
D'Eith
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen
A. Singh

NAYS—29

de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Halford
Ross
Oakes

Bernier
Paton
Davies
Clovechok
Morris
Kyllo
Sturko

Kirkpatrick
Merrifield
Lee
Wat
Stewart
Shypitka
Ashton

Sturdy
Tegart
Furstenau
Olsen
Rustad
Banman
Walker

Bill (No. 44) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after 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. 28) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 2023*.

Bill (No. 29) *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 31) *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.

Bill (No. 33) *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 34) *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act*.

Bill (No. 37) *Crime Victim Assistance Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 38) *International Credentials Recognition Act*.

Bill (No. 40) *School Amendment Act, 2023*.

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."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 37 of Bill (No. 41) passed.

On clause 38 of Bill (No. 41).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 41) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, 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)

Clauses 1 through 5 of Bill (No. 39) passed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Merrifield* to clause 6 of Bill (No. 39) was defeated.

Clause 6 of Bill (No. 39) passed on the following division:

YEAS—7			
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	
NAYS—4			
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

Clauses 7 through 9 of Bill (No. 39) passed on the following division:

YEAS—7			
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Yao</i>	
NAYS—4			
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

Clause 10 of Bill (No. 39) passed on the following division:

YEAS—7			
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Yao</i>	
NAYS—4			
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

Clause 11 of Bill (No. 39) passed on the following division:

YEAS—7			
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Yao</i>	
NAYS—4			
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

On clause 12 of Bill (No. 39).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 39) intituled *Zero-Emission Vehicles Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 7.01 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 9, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Stewart*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the BC Family Maintenance Agency Annual Service Plan Report, 2022/23, Revised November 2023.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 38 of Bill (No. 41).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 41) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, 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)

Clauses 1 through 13 of Bill (No. 43) passed.

Clause 14 of Bill (No. 43) passed, on division.

Clauses 15 through 26 of Bill (No. 43) passed.

On clause 27 of Bill (No. 43).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 43) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, November 9, 2023

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Representative for Children and Youth Report, Still Left Out: Children and Youth with Disabilities in B.C., November 2023.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

57 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 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.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Clauses 12 through 17 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

Clause 18 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

Clauses 19 through 32 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 39) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 39) intituled *Zero-Emission Vehicles Amendment Act, 2023*, complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 39) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—53

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

NAYS—23

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	

Bill (No. 39) read a third time and passed.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023*.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Clauses 27 through 81 and the title of Bill (No. 43) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 43) intituled *Money Judgment Enforcement Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions Act* complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 43) read a third time and passed.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—50

Parmar
Sims
Coulter
Lore
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Osborne
Cullen
Bains
Dean
Bailey
Mercier

Brar
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk
Rice
Phillip
Leonard
Chow
R. Singh
Whiteside
Kahlon
Conroy
Sharma

Dix
Robinson
Fleming
Alexis
Rankin
Ralston
Popham
Simons
Elmore
Glumac
Routley
Yao

Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen
A. Singh
Olsen
Walker

NAYS—22

de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Halford

Ross
Oakes
Bernier
Paton
Davies
Clovechok

Morris
Kyllo
Kirkpatrick
Merrifield
Stewart

Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart
Rustad
Banman

Bill (No. 46) 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. 47) intituled *Housing Statutes (Transit-Oriented Areas) Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 38 through 167 of Bill (No. 41) passed.

Clause 168 of Bill (No. 41) passed, on division.

Clauses 169 through 188 and the title of Bill (No. 41) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 41) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 41) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Clauses 1 through 108 of Bill (No. 42) passed.

Mr. *Walker* moved a proposed amendment to add clause 108.1 to Bill (No. 42) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7

Beare
Kang

Heyman
Bailey

Chow
Sharma

Glumac

YEAS—4

Doerkson *Stone* *Kyllo* *Olsen*

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Olsen* on the Order Paper to clause 109 of Bill (No. 42) was ruled out of order.

Clause 109 of Bill (No. 42) passed.

On clause 110 of Bill (No. 42).

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Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 42) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, November 20, 2023

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *A. Kang*.

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. 48) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 16, 2023.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

58 By leave, Mr. *Davies* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports permanently eliminating the provincial fuel tax to ease the pain at the pump and removing the carbon tax on all home heating.

A debate arose.

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 12.02 p.m.

Monday, November 20, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2022/2023.

The Hon. *A. Kang* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the Islands Trust Annual Report, 2022/23.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Orders 2 (1) and 3, the House sit beyond the hour fixed for adjournment until the questions on second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, and of Bill (No. 47) intituled *Housing Statutes (Transit-Oriented Areas) Amendment Act, 2023*, are put and decided.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS— 52

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

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

Kahlon
Eby
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Robinson
Rankin
Ralston
Popham
Elmore
Glumac
Routley
Yao

D'Eith
Donnelly
Greene
Chant
Sandhu
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen
A. Singh
Olsen
Rustad
Banman

NAYS—27

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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. 47) intituled *Housing Statutes (Transit-Oriented Areas) Amendment Act, 2023*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 47) 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. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—45

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

NAYS—28

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

Bill (No. 45) 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)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 44).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.
Committee to sit again later today.

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 44).

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Paddon*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:
Auditor General Annual Report, 2022/23, Revised November 2023; and,
Ombudsperson Public Report No. 55, No Notice, No Benefit: How Retroactive Changes to the BC Emergency Benefit for Workers Resulted in Unfairness, November 2023.

Mr. *Walker* sought leave to move a motion without notice.

Leave not granted.

The Hon. *G. Heyman* (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) reserved his right to raise a question of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 44).

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 110 of Bill (No. 42).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 42) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

By agreement, the Committee reconsidered clause 109 of Bill (No. 42).

Clause 109 of Bill (No. 42) passed.

Mr. *Walker* moved a proposed amendment to add clause 109.1 to Bill (No. 42) which was defeated, on division.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Olsen* to add clause 109.2 to Bill (No. 42) passed.

Clauses 110 through 112 of Bill (No. 42) passed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Olsen* on the Order Paper to clause 113 of Bill (No. 42) was ruled out of order.

Clauses 113 through 119, the schedules and the title of Bill (No. 42) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 42) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023*, complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 42) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *J. Whiteside*.

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 23-04, British Columbia's Cattlemen's Association, Designated Filer: Kevin Boon, September 21, 2023;

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 23-05, Consultant Lobbyist: Darryl Tempest, September 26, 2023; and,

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 23-06, Canadian Vaping Association, Designated Filer: Samuel Tam, September 26, 2023.

The Hon. *M. Rankin* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) tabled the following reports:

BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2018;

BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2019;

BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2020;

BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2021;

BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2022; and,

BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2023.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That the House recess from 6.30 to 7 p.m. and, notwithstanding Standing Orders 2 (1) and 3, thereafter sit until 9 p.m. today, and that, notwithstanding the Sessional Order adopted on October 5, 2023, Section A conclude its proceedings by 6.30 p.m. today.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—49

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

NAYS—25

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Ross</i>			

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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. 48) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—75

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Bernier</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Davies</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Morris</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Paddon</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Russell</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	

Bill (No. 48) 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)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 44).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.
Committee to sit again later today.

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

The Committee recessed until 7 p.m.

Clauses 1 through 3 of Bill (No. 44) passed.

Clause 4 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

On clause 5 of Bill (No. 44).

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

And then the House adjourned at 9 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 23, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Singh*.

On the motion of Mr. *Rustad*, Bill (No. M 226) intituled *No Net Loss of Wetlands Act, 2023*, 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, Ms. *Furstenau* tabled correspondence from the Nature Trust of British Columbia regarding statements made in the Legislative Assembly on October 5, 2023, concerning the Nature Trust of British Columbia.

The Hon. *L. Beare* (Minister of Citizens' Services) tabled the Chief Records Officer Annual Report, 2022/23.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, was committed.

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 45) stood down.

Clauses 3 through 8 of Bill (No. 45) passed.

On clause 9 of Bill (No. 45).

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 5 through 9 of Bill (No. 44) passed.

On clause 10 of Bill (No. 44).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill 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, November 23, 2023

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, was again committed.

Clauses 9 through 41 of Bill (No. 45) passed.

On clause 42 of Bill (No. 45).

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

Bill (No. 48) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 48).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 10 and clause 11 of Bill (No. 44) passed.

Ms. *Kirkpatrick* moved a proposed amendment to clause 12 of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	
YEAS—4			
<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

Ms. *Kirkpatrick* moved a proposed amendment to clause 12 of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Osborne</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	
YEAS—4			
<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

Mr. *Sturdy* moved a proposed amendment to clause 12 of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	
YEAS—4			
<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 12 of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	
YEAS—4			
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

Clause 12 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

On clause 13 of Bill (No. 44).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, November 27, 2023

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."

60 By leave, Ms. *Sandhu* moved—

Be it resolved that this House agrees to work to eliminate gender-based violence, support survivors, and denounce the type of cuts made by the previous government between 2001–2017 that put women and gender-diverse people at risk.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, November 27, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That the Sessional Order adopted by the House on October 5, 2023, enabling certain proceedings of the House to be undertaken in three sections, be amended by:

- a. striking the text of section 8 and replacing it as follows: “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.” and,
- b. adding *Ravi Parmar* and *Adam Walker* to the membership of Section A as set out in section 10.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

59 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (1), the adjournment time of the sittings of the House commencing at 1.30 p.m. on

- a. Monday, November 27, 2023, be modified to 9 p.m. with a recess from 6.30 to 7 p.m.;
- b. Tuesday, November 28, 2023, be modified to 9 p.m. with a recess from 6.30 to 7 p.m.; and,
- c. Wednesday, November 29, 2023, be modified to 10 p.m. with a recess from 6 to 7 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 October 5, 2023, enabling certain proceedings of the House to be undertaken in three sections.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS— 50

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
Sims
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Malcolmson
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Cullen
Bains
Dean

Bailey
Mercier
Russell
Routledge
Starchuk
Phillip
Leonard
Chow
R. Singh
Farnworth
Kahlon
Eby
Conroy

Sharma
Dix
Robinson
Fleming
Alexis
Rankin
Popham
Simons
Elmore
Routley
Yao
D’Eith

Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Dykeman
Begg
Chen
A. Singh
Rustad
Banman
Walker

NAYS— 25

de Jong
Doerkson
Milobar
Stone
Bond
Halford
Ross

Oakes
Bernier
Paton
Davies
Clovechok
Morris

Kyllo
Sturko
Kirkpatrick
Merrifield
Lee
Wat

Stewart
Shypitka
Letnick
Tegart
Furstenau
Olsen

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

Bill (No. 48) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 48) passed.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 48).

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 13 of Bill (No. 44) passed.

On clause 14 of Bill (No. 44).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 7 p.m.

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clause 14 of Bill (No. 44) passed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 15 of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—46

<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Sharma</i>		

YEAS—25

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Ross</i>			

Mr. *Walker* moved a proposed amendment to clause 15 of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—47

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

YEAS—27

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	

On clause 15 of Bill (No. 44).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.10 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Wat*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Summary Financial Statements Audit: Supporting the Role of MLAs, November 2023.

Ms. *Merrifield* raised a question of privilege regarding remarks made by the Premier during Oral Question Period on November 20, 2023, with respect to housing supply in Kelowna and tabled the required motion.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

Bill (No. 48) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clauses 3 through 7 of Bill (No. 48) passed.

On clause 8 of Bill (No. 48).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clause 15 of Bill (No. 44) passed on the following division:

YEAS—8

Beare
Heyman

Bailey
Kahlon

Sharma
Donnelly

Anderson
Begg

NAYS—6

Milobar
Wat

Sturdy
Olsen

Banman

Walker

On clause 16 of Bill (No. 44).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill 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, November 28, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon*, on behalf of the Hon. *D. Eby* (Premier), made representations regarding the question of privilege raised earlier today by Ms. *Merrifield*.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

Bill (No. 48) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Clauses 8 through 11 and the title of Bill (No. 48) passed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 48) complete without amendment was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—76			
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Oakes</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Bernier</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Davies</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Paddon</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Lee</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Russell</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Walker</i>
NAYS—2			
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Banman</i>		

Bill (No. 48) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, was again committed.

On a proposed amendment by the Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) to clause 42 of Bill (No. 45).

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

Bill to be considered later today.

The House recessed until 7 p.m.

The Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Budget 2023 Second Quarterly Report, November 2023.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, was again committed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) to clause 42 of Bill (No. 45) passed on the following division:

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—28

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

Clause 42, as amended, of Bill (No. 45) passed on the following division:

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—28

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

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 45) 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)

Clauses 16 through 24 of Bill (No. 44) passed.

Mr. *Walker* moved a proposed amendment to clause 25 of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—8

Sims
*R. Singh**Kahlon*
*Conroy**Ralston*
*Glumac**Dykeman*
Begg

YEAS—6

Bernier
*Clovechok**Merrifield*
*Olsen**Banman**Walker*

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 25 of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—8

Lore
*Brar**Starchuk*
*Phillip**Farnworth*
*Kahlon**Donnelly*
Greene

YEAS—6

Bond
*Bernier**Morris*
*Olsen**Banman**Walker*

Clause 25 of Bill (No. 44) passed.

The Committee recessed until 7 p.m.

On clause 26 of Bill (No. 44).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.54 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Merrifield*.

On the motion of Mr. *Yao*, Bill (No. M 227) intituled *Lunar New Year 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 Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

The Chair is prepared to rule on the question of privilege raised by the Member for Kelowna-Mission yesterday, which was taken under advisement. The Chair thanks the Member for Kelowna-Mission and the Government House Leader, on behalf of the Premier, for their submissions.

In outlining the grievance of her question of privilege, the Member for Kelowna-Mission took objection to remarks made by the Premier during Oral Question Period on November 20, 2023.

The submission of the Member for Kelowna-Mission essentially disputes the characterization of remarks made outside the House—in a forum of which the Chair has no knowledge without it having been laid before the House.

Further, the matter at hand appears to be one of disagreement or debate between two Members and is therefore not a matter for the Chair to weigh into or adjudicate.

As such, it is the ruling of the Chair that a *prima facie* breach of privilege has not occurred.

Members are reminded that the essential elements of raising a question of privilege are outlined on pages 399–400 of *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition.

Upon reviewing these requirements, Members will note that the process of placing a question of privilege before the Chair, or providing a response to a question before the Chair, is an opportunity to briefly state facts that are essential to assist the Chair in determining whether the question should have priority over all other House business.

As noted earlier, the Chair is not tasked with resolving a dispute between Members. Rather, the question before the Chair is whether a *prima facie* breach of the individual privileges of a Member, or the collective privileges of the House, has occurred.

I also remind all Members to be guided by the established parliamentary practices of this House, and to be prudent and measured in their language.

Freedom of speech is an essential privilege that Members of this House possess.

The Chair reminds Members that this freedom is not absolute, and that respect for one another—even at times of heated disagreement—must underpin all interactions between Members in the House.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Mr. *Bernier* rose on a point of order regarding comments made by the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure during Oral Question Period.

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

Ms. *Paddon* presented a petition regarding expansion of the criteria for the issuance of an Amber Alert.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

61 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 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: *Ravi Parmar* (Convener), *Brittany Anderson*, *Norm Letnick*, *Joan Phillip* and *Teresa Wat*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That, pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2):

1. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, be disposed of by 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

- a. If at 3.25 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 of 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), as amended by Sessional Order on February 6, 2023.

2. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023*, be disposed of by 9.45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

- a. If at 9.40 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 of 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), as amended by Sessional Order on February 6, 2023.
3. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, be disposed of by 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023.
 - a. If at 4.25 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 of 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), as amended by Sessional Order on February 6, 2023.
4. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 47) intituled *Housing Statutes (Transit-Oriented Areas) Amendment Act, 2023*, be disposed of by 4.45 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023.
 - a. If at 4.40 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 of 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), as amended by Sessional Order on February 6, 2023.

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.

Mr. *de Jong* rose on a point of order regarding Standing Order 81.1 (2).

Mr. *Walker* rose on a point of order regarding Standing Order 81.1 (2).

Mr. *Olsen* rose on a point of order regarding Standing Order 81.1 (2).

Mr. *Stone* rose on a point of order regarding Standing Order 81.1 (2).

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—49

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Yao</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>
<i>Bailey</i>			

NAYS—29

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

Mr. *Olsen* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege regarding remarks made by the Hon. *R. Kahlon* with respect to the time allocation motion moved earlier today pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2).

Mr. *Stone* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege regarding remarks made by the Hon. *R. Kahlon* with respect to the time allocation motion moved earlier today pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2).

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

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

Pursuant to the time allocation motion adopted earlier today, all necessary questions for the disposal of all remaining stages of Bill (No. 44) were put and deemed to have passed.

Clause 26 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 27 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 28 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 29 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 30 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 31 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 32 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 33 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 34 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 35 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 36 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 37 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 38 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 39 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 40 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 41 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 42 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 43 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 44 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 45 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 46 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 47 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

Clause 48 of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 44) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 44) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 44) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 44) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—45

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
Sims
Coulter
Lore
Malcolmson
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Cullen
Bains
Dean

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

Kahlon
Eby
Conroy
Sharma
Robinson
Fleming
Alexis
Rankin
Ralston
Simons
Elmore

Glumac
Routley
Yao
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Sandhu
Paddon
Begg
A. Singh

NAYS—29

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

Bill (No. 44) read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Stone* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege.

Mr. *Olsen* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege.

Bill (No. 46) intituled *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

Mr. *Olsen* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege in Committee.

Mr. *Milobar* reserved his right to raise a question of privilege in Committee.

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* made a personal statement.

The Committee recessed until 7 p.m.

Pursuant to the time allocation motion adopted earlier today, all necessary questions for the disposal of all remaining stages of Bill (No. 46) were put and deemed to have passed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 4 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 5 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 6 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 7 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 8 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 9 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 10 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 11 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 12 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 13 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 14 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 15 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 16 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 17 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Clause 18 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 46) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 46) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 46) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Yao</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Walker</i>

NAYS—28

<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Banman</i>

Bill (No. 46) read a third time and passed.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today, the Member for Peace River South raised a point of order stating that the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure used unparliamentary language during Question Period.

I took that matter under advisement.

Pursuant to practice, Speakers have ruled that if the Chair did not hear the offensive language or phrase, or if the offensive language was not recorded in the debates, the Chair cannot be expected to rule in the absence of a reliable record.

In this instance, I did not hear any such remarks. Also, a careful review of the Hansard Blues and broadcast video has been undertaken, but no unparliamentary remarks are captured in either Hansard record.

Therefore, I advise the House that I cannot take any further action on this matter.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

By notice from Mr. *Sturdy* to the Table, notice to introduce a Bill intituled *Safe Care Act, 2023*, was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

And then the House adjourned at 10.02 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 30, 2023

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Stone*.

Mr. *Falcon* advised the House of the death of Gordon F. Gibson, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) tabled the Report on Multiculturalism, 2022/23.

The Hon. *B. Bailey* (Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation) tabled the InBC Annual Legislative Report, 2022/23.

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General), on behalf of the Hon. *G. Heyman* (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy), tabled the Climate Change Accountability Report, 2023.

Mr. *Chow* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Review Provisions of the *Public Service Act*, Report on Dismissal Process Reviews by the Merit Commissioner, for the Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament, November 2023.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Assembly Management Committee Report, 2022–23.

Mr. *Stone* raised a question of privilege regarding remarks made by the Hon. *R. Kahlon* with respect to the time allocation motion moved on November 29, 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2).

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* made representations.

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

Mr. *Olsen* raised a question of privilege regarding remarks made by the Hon. *R. Kahlon* with respect to the time allocation motion moved on November 29, 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2).

The Hon. *R. Kahlon* made representations.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 42) read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Housing Statutes (Transit-Oriented Areas) Amendment Act, 2023*, was committed.

On a proposed amendment by Ms. *Wat* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 47).

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. 45) as stood down.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill 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, November 30, 2023

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

The Chair is prepared to rule on the questions of privilege raised earlier today by the Official Opposition House Leader and the Third Party House Leader, both of which were taken under advisement. While unusual, the crux of the matter outlined in both Members' grievances in raising their questions of privilege is the same, so the Chair will deliver one ruling. The Chair thanks the Members for following the proper procedure for raising a question of privilege and is grateful to the Official Opposition House Leader and the Third Party House Leader for their thoughtful submissions and to the Government House Leader for his responses. In the interests of time and in an attempt to return to the House with all possible expediency, the Chair's ruling will be brief.

The Official Opposition House Leader and the Third Party House Leader outlined in their submissions their view that the Government House Leader misled the House in his remarks prior to moving a time allocation motion under Standing Order 81.1 on November 29, 2023. An imputation with respect to a Member misleading this House is a very serious matter that the Chair must approach with utmost care.

In deciding on such a matter, the Chair must examine any evidence that: proves that the statement was misleading; establishes that the Member (in this case, the Government House Leader) making the statement knew at the time that the statement was incorrect; and, proves the Member intended to mislead the House in making the statement.

In reviewing the submissions made to the Chair, the dispute at hand appears to be a matter of disagreement about interpretation about the words spoken by the Government House Leader when he informed the House that a consensus could not be reached amongst the parties. As the Chair noted in a ruling only yesterday, a disagreement or debate between two Members is not a matter for the Chair to weigh into or adjudicate.

As such, it is the ruling of the Chair that a *prima facie* breach of privilege has not occurred.

Prior to concluding, the Chair will note an awareness of the frustrations that exist around the management of House business—a frustration that is rooted in a genuine desire that all Members have to undertake their parliamentary duties and to fulfill the democratic process.

The Chair acknowledges that the House Leaders have a key role in ensuring the smooth operations of this House. In the coming weeks, the Chair will take it upon himself to work with the House Leaders to find a better and more collaborative way forward prior to the resumption of House sittings in 2024.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Housing Statutes (Transit-Oriented Areas) Amendment Act, 2023*, was again committed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Wat* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 47) was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—45

<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Russell</i>			

YEAS—24

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Walker</i>

Clauses 1 through 11 of Bill (No. 47) passed.

Mr. *Milobar* moved a proposed amendment to clause 12 of Bill (No. 47) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—42

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Sharma</i>		

YEAS—22

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Ross</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>		

Clauses 12 through 25 and the title of Bill (No. 47) passed.

Bill (No. 47) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 47) the House divided.

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

YEAS—65

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Davies</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Morris</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Paddon</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Russell</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Banman</i>
<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Chow</i>			

Bill (No. 47) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 45) as stood down.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*, was again committed.

Mr. *de Jong* moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 45) which was defeated, on division.

Pursuant to the time allocation motion adopted on November 29, 2023, all necessary questions for the disposal of all remaining stages of Bill (No. 45) were put and deemed to have passed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 45) passed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 45) complete with amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 45) reported complete with amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

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. 39) *Zero-Emission Vehicles Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 41) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 42) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023*.

Bill (No. 43) *Money Judgment Enforcement Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions Act*.

Bill (No. 44) *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 45) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 4), 2023*.

Bill (No. 46) *Housing Statutes (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 47) *Housing Statutes (Transit-Oriented Areas) Amendment Act, 2023*.

Bill (No. 48) *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2023*.

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."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

62 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* moved—

That the *Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia* be amended

1. at Standing Order 2 (1) to provide for the Thursday afternoon sitting to be from 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. instead of 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and,

2. at Standing Order 3 by striking the words "6:00 p.m. on Thursday" and replacing them with "5:30 p.m. on Thursday".

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Kahlon* tabled the 2024 Parliamentary Calendar.

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 Fourth 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 4.44 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

TWELVE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Phillip*.

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

Elections BC, Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, 2023 Langford-Juan de Fuca and Vancouver-Mount Pleasant By-elections;

Merit Commissioner Report, Merit Performance Audit Report, Upholding Fair Hiring in the BC Public Service, 2022/23;

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 23-03, Tourism Industry Association of British Columbia, Designated Filer: Walt Judas, September 7, 2023;

Registrar of Lobbyists, Reconsideration Report 23-03 (Determination Decision 23-03), Designated Filer: Walt Judas, December 20, 2023; and,

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Missed Opportunities: A Review of the Use of Youth Justice Resources, January 2024.

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:

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this Fourth Session of the Forty-second Parliament of British Columbia, on behalf of all British Columbians, I note that in this Session we enacted 49 bills covering areas of substance and importance to the people of this Province. I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention you have given to your deliberations and the service you have provided to our great and beautiful Province. I now relieve you of your duties. *Splendor sine occasu*.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *N. Sharma* (Attorney General) then said:

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

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, October 19, 2023.

And then the House prorogued at 12.12 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

JANET AUSTIN
*Lieutenant Governor*CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, KING of Canada and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come — GREETING*To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia,
at Our City of Victoria* — GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on the twentieth day of February, two thousand twenty-four at 12 o'clock in the afternoon at Our City of Victoria.

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

WITNESS, The Honourable JANET AUSTIN, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this fifth day of February, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.