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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Forty-first Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 2nd day of August, 2017, the Members took their seats.

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

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature:

I wish to acknowledge the wisdom, culture and traditions of our province's First Peoples, and thank T'Sou-ke Elder Shirley Alphonse for providing opening prayers for us this afternoon.

We gather in the people's house, on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen speaking peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

Wildfires

As we open a new session of the Legislative Assembly, our thoughts and our hearts are with people in the Interior, where communities are fighting the worst wildfire season our province has ever seen.

More than 1,200 fires have burned 1.1 million hectares of land, an area four times the size of Metro Vancouver, or one-third of the size of Vancouver Island. Thousands of people were forced from their homes. And thousands more have yet to return, not knowing what awaits them. Buildings, homes, and livelihoods have been lost.

In times of trouble, communities come together. We are grateful to our firefighters, RCMP and Canadian Armed Forces, as well as the public employees and emergency responders who are working hard to keep communities safe. We thank the Canadian Red Cross and other service agencies, the federal government, and every British Columbian who volunteered, donated money and opened their homes and hearts to people in need.

Fighting these persistent and difficult fires remains a top priority. Together, we will get through this. Together, we will rebuild.

Opioids

First responders throughout B.C. are also on the front lines of another crisis, which is more deadly and equally devastating.

Powerful opioids like fentanyl have taken too many of our loved ones. In 2016, we lost 978 people to overdoses, and 876 more in the first seven months of this year. People who had long lives ahead of them, full of promise and potential. People who needed help but died alone because they weren't aware of the risks, couldn't find treatment, or believed it wouldn't happen to them.

The scourge of fentanyl afflicts communities across North America. It demands an immediate and direct response, which your government is determined to provide.

Homelessness and housing

While those driven from their homes by wildfires are beginning to return, other British Columbians find themselves without homes of any sort.

The circumstances that bring a person to homelessness can be as arbitrary and unexpected as a wildfire. But it is no less devastating. Those without homes need and deserve our help. Your government is determined to work with all levels of government—federal, municipal and First Nations—to address homelessness, which touches every region of our province.

These are challenging times. British Columbians have the talent, the strength and the spirit to meet these challenges, and many more.

In Memoriam

As we mark the passing of British Columbians we have lost, let us not forget that their spirit lives on in the acts and the deeds that helped make our province a better place: community volunteer Tom Oshiro; environmentalist Gwen Barlee; sports trailblazer Barbara Howard; political scientist Norman Ruff; MP and womens' rights advocate Margaret Mitchell; yoga innovator Michael Stone; writer and commentator Merv Adey. And we remember Ian Moore Wilson, who was killed in a senseless attack of terrorism in Barcelona, Spain.

We honour them and their contributions to our province.

Government that works for people

British Columbians deserve a government that is working for people.

Families in B.C. work hard to give their children a better life than they had. They spend more and more income on a safe and secure place to live, and sacrifice more time away from home on longer commutes.

Young people dream of a post-secondary education. But high tuition and housing costs have put many of those dreams out of reach. Students graduate with a burden of debt that holds them back just as they are starting out.

Parents need safe, affordable childcare. Yet many must leave the workforce because wait lists are too long, spaces aren't available, or care is just too expensive.

Seniors, who need stable care and a helping hand, are struggling to find timely medical care, and an affordable home so they can live their final years in dignity.

Families want to raise their children in the communities they grew up in. Yet housing prices are so unaffordable they are being pushed out—a situation as astonishing as it is unacceptable.

And the people in B.C.'s rural and remote regions, who deserve the same opportunities as all other British Columbians, face higher unemployment and have fewer services in their communities.

The problems facing people today are the result of past choices.

Choices that resulted in:

- a generation of students learning in overcrowded classrooms
- out-of-control housing prices
- growing waits for services like health care
- and the rise of part-time, low-paying jobs

These are choices that have divided people, and created disparities between rural and urban B.C.

Our province cannot continue down this road. We cannot afford to shut people out of opportunity. And we cannot afford to leave families behind.

Starting today, your government will make different choices—choices that put people first.

We will listen, deal honestly with the problems facing us today, and bring people together to find solutions. We will defend B.C.'s interests, economy, environment and our coast. And we will share B.C.'s prosperity with all of the people who built this province.

Your government will work hard, today and every day, to make life better and help families get ahead—guided by the values of help and hope, respect and dignity, justice, equality, and fairness.

Your government will build a better B.C. where no one is left behind.

Foundations of a Better B.C.

That work begins by setting a strong foundation, starting with a government-to-government partnership with Indigenous Peoples.

Indigenous Peoples

Working with First Nations and all Indigenous communities, your government will embrace the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and address all of the Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission into residential schools.

These are important commitments, which your government takes very seriously.

We cannot continue to push these actions further down the road to a day that never comes. Together with First Nations and all Indigenous Peoples, your government will seek to bring these principles to life.

We must build a true partnership, based on rights, respect, and reconciliation. We can only move forward together.

Reforming Your Government

A government that is working for people must start out on a new path, with new ways of working that transform our politics and put people first.

Your government is based on a new and innovative agreement between two parties, which provides the basis to move forward on important initiatives to reform our democratic processes, protect our environment and build our economy. An agreement rooted in the belief that the Legislature works best when we recognize that no single party has all the answers.

All sides must come together to deliver a government that works for people—a government they can count on.

This fall, your government will put people at the heart of our politics.

Government will reform B.C.'s campaign finance laws to eliminate corporate and union donations, put strict limits on individual contributions, and make sure that only people living in B.C. can donate to our political parties.

Your government will bring forward legislation to move B.C.'s fixed election date to the fall of 2021, and every four years thereafter, to make sure government's annual budget and financial priorities are focused on people, not politics.

Government will set the terms for a referendum on proportional representation to take place no later than November 2018, and will actively campaign in favour of reform, so that citizens can be assured that every vote counts.

And new lobbying restrictions will make sure former public office holders do not improperly benefit from their experience serving the public.

Your government is encouraged by the broad support for these reforms that exists across all parties in this Legislature. It is a welcome sign to British Columbians, who expect their interests to be at the heart of government decision-making. The people of B.C. must always come first.

British Columbians Must be Heard

Governments must listen. They cannot ignore the problems families face. And they cannot deliver lasting solutions before they understand the heart of the matter.

Many of the problems facing people today have deep roots in the past, problems that have developed over years. It will take time to find the right solutions.

Your government will be listening to British Columbians and asking their views in preparation for a full budget in February.

Government will be consulting families on the issues that matter to them, from the housing crisis, to child care, to environmental management.

By listening and building a common understanding of the problems people are facing, the solutions that make life better will be found.

Vision for a Better B.C.

Government's success cannot be counted in the number of regulations it creates, bills it passes, or pronouncements it makes. Success must instead be measured by how its actions and decisions benefit people.

Government is working for people when it acts on the things that matter most: Relief from high costs and fees, better access to services, and an economy that works for everyone. These are your government's priorities. And they are the markers of progress that matter.

Affordability

Too many families were left behind for too long. It's time that we made life more affordable. Your government has already started making better choices to help families get ahead.

A \$100 increase to monthly income assistance and disability rates will help to lift families out of poverty.

And removing unfair tolls on the Port Mann and Golden Ears bridges will give daily commuters well-deserved relief.

These are the first steps of a government that's making life more affordable. There is much more to do.

This fall, your government will take steps to help renters. Fixed-term lease loopholes will be closed, so people are no longer vulnerable to significant rent increases. And we will increase support to the Residential Tenancy Branch, to make sure tenants and landlords are treated fairly.

Your government will establish a Fair Wages Commission to put our province on the path to a \$15-an-hour minimum wage. The Commission will set the course for stable and predictable increases over time, helping those who have earned so little for so long.

Decisive action is being taken to fix the problems at ICBC and BC Hydro, to make sure our Crown corporations can deliver the best possible service to the people of B.C. at the lowest possible cost.

For the first time in the history of this province, your government will work with citizens to create a legislated poverty reduction plan. B.C. is the only province in Canada without such a plan. This important work will get under way in the coming weeks.

Government will deliver a provincewide universal child care program that is safe, accessible and affordable. It will start by creating more spaces to help families waiting months and years for quality care, and training more early childhood educators. Government will consult with families and child-care providers this fall on the best way forward.

The crisis in housing affordability affects people of all incomes in all parts of our province. Government will deliver a comprehensive housing strategy to create homes for people. Working with municipalities, co-operatives and the private sector, government will increase the supply of rental, social, co-op and owner-purchase homes. And government is examining options to curb speculation in B.C.'s housing market. Your government is determined to make housing more affordable for everyone.

Better Services for People

It's time B.C.'s economic growth was put to work for the people who built this province. Your government will make better choices that connect people to the services they count on.

Education is one of your government's highest priorities. There is no greater or more important investment we can make in our economy and our future. Education is the key to opportunity for young people to realize their full potential.

Your government will fix the problems in our education system, and invest in student success. The September budget update will take our first steps toward restoring proper funding for B.C. classrooms, and give students the supports they need to succeed.

This government's priority is making sure children are ready to learn, and have classrooms to learn in, as B.C. moves toward full implementation of class size and composition requirements.

Government is already making education more affordable and accessible by eliminating tuition fees for Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning, adding trades training spaces at B.C. colleges and universities, and making college and university tuition-free for former children in care. Government will consider additional measures to reduce the burden of debt on post-secondary students.

There is so much more government can do to deliver the services that people count on.

Increased support for people with disabilities is long overdue. Starting January 1, 2018 government will provide people with disabilities access to the transportation supports they need, including an annual bus pass for those who want one. It's the right thing to do.

Your government will promote and protect public health care, helping the thousands of British Columbians who can't find a doctor and are waiting longer on surgical waitlists. Your government will build new hospitals and urgent care centres, so that patients and families get quality health care where and when they need it. And your government will first reduce, and then eliminate, unfair MSP premiums.

And we must do everything we can to address the overdose crisis. When people are in trouble, they need help right away. Creating the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions is the first step. Your government will make sure people living with addictions have better access to treatment options. And we must increase enforcement to help get deadly drugs off of our streets.

Investments in public transit help reduce gridlock and get people and goods moving.

B.C. will work collaboratively with local mayors, and with our partners in the federal government, to deliver better transit options for people, including more buses and expanded rapid transit.

And your government will promote diversity and fight inequality with a renewed human rights commission, because every person should feel welcome to share in the future of our province.

A Strong, Sustainable Economy

It's time that British Columbians shared in the benefits of our strong economy. Your government will make better choices to invite people in to B.C.'s continued economic growth.

This government will support B.C.'s traditional industries, including forestry, mining, agriculture, and natural gas development. We will make B.C. a world leader in engineered wood products, and grow our value-added sector. And your government will continue to fight for a fair deal on softwood lumber that is good for B.C. forest workers, our softwood industry, and the communities that depend on it.

This government will invest in natural resource projects that create jobs and opportunity for people—where British Columbians receive a fair rate of return for our resources, First Nations are meaningful partners, and where B.C.'s land, air and water are protected.

And government will continue to support communities hit hard by this year's wildfires and floods. Natural disasters bear high economic and environmental costs. Our people are strong, our communities resilient.

When the fires are extinguished and the crisis has passed, British Columbians will come back even stronger than before. Government will work with them to rebuild local economies, including forestry, tourism, small business and agriculture.

There is much more to do.

Starting with initiatives to spark innovation and growth of a sustainable economy. This fall, your government will establish an Innovation Commission—an initiative of the Green Party Caucus—to encourage new investments in B.C.’s technology sector. Government will promote innovation in every region of our province, because everyone deserves to benefit from, and share in the wealth created by, the 21st-century economy.

Your government will take decisive action on global climate change, the greatest challenge of our generation. We must do everything we can to reduce emissions and keep global temperature increases below two degrees. Together, we will fight climate pollution and create opportunities for people, including thousands of jobs through energy retrofits and public infrastructure.

And this government will make important investments in the future of our province. New schools, hospitals, roads and homes for people will give communities the services they need, and attract new jobs and investment. Your government will work with local and federal governments on public infrastructure that builds up our province and our people.

This is your government’s vision for a Better B.C.—where our economy remains strong, families get ahead, and communities get the services they need and deserve.

No matter where in this great province we call home, we are united in our belief in the potential of each and every one of us.

The wealth we create together can lift people up, sustain us, and create a better future for everyone.

The road ahead won’t be easy. It will take time for the better choices this government is making to take hold—transforming people’s lives, revitalizing our communities, and bringing all of us together.

It will happen, starting with the work that takes place here in this Legislature. That work must start and end with the people we are here to serve.

We set out on this journey with a renewed energy, hope and optimism. Help is on the way for the people of B.C. Who have waited many years for relief. Who are ready for a government that is working for them.

Your government will not let them down.

Thank you to all for your service. You and your families sacrifice much so that you may work for the betterment of all British Columbians. I wish you success with this second session of the 41st Parliament. 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. *D. Eby* (Attorney General), Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

That *Raj Chouhan*, Member for Burnaby-Edmonds Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

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

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

That *Spencer Chandra Herbert*, Member for Vancouver-West End 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. *D. Eby* (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. *J. Horgan* (Premier) moved that the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

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

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Convener), *Garry Begg*, *Janet Routledge*, *Leonard Eugene Krog*, *Ronna-Rae Leonard*, *Michael de Jong*, *Jackie Tegart*, *Eric Foster*, and *Linda Larson*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.41 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Monday, September 11, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Dean*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Financial Statements, 2016/17;

Auditor General Annual Report, 2016/17;

Auditor General Report, An Audit of the Contract for the Family Maintenance Enforcement Program, August 2017;

Auditor General Report, Understanding Our Audit Opinion on B.C.'s 2016/17 Summary Financial Statements, September 2017; and,

Registrar of Lobbyists, Investigation Report 17-02, Lobbyist: Greg Feltmate, March 22, 2017.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

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

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:
Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018; and
Supplement to the Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 8, 2017.

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

The Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *J. Horgan* (Premier) "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 7, 2017.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

Budget and Fiscal Plan, 2017/18 – 2019/20, September Update, required under section 7 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Government's Strategic Plan, 2017/18 – 2020/21, September Update, required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministry Service Plans, September Update: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of the Attorney General and Ministry of Public

Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Citizens' Services; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

Crown Agency Service Plans, September Update: BC Assessment Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.; BC Innovation Council; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; British Columbia Council for International Education; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forest Enhancement Society of BC; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Industry Training Authority; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Partnerships BC; Royal BC Museum Corporation; and,

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.20 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Brar*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Ms. *Elmore* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. Fleming*—

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

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Report Required under the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act* for the Period April 1, 2017 to July 17, 2017.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Kang*.

The Hon. *S. Fraser* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) made a ministerial statement regarding the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Mr. *Ashton* made a statement.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Wilkinson*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *C. Trevena* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.56 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Thursday, September 14, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, September 14, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
September 12, 2017.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

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

1. To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the budget consultation paper prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* (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;
 - (b) Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2017, on the results of those consultations; and
2. (a) To consider and make recommendations on the annual reports, rolling three-year service plans and budgets of the following statutory officers:

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

3. To be 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 performance report in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) be referred to the committee.

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

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

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

The said Committee is to be composed of *Bob D'Eith* (Convener), *Jagrup Brar*, *Mitzi Dean*, *Ronna-Rae Leonard*, *Dan Ashton*, *Stephanie Cadieux*, *Peter Milobar*, *Tracy Redies* and *Adam Olsen*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Monday, September 18, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Barnett*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

2 Mr. *Krog* moved—

Be it resolved that this House call on the Government to improve key services, such as health and education.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Monday, September 18, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 17, 2017.

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. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) tabled the following documents:
Report of the 2016 Judicial Compensation Commission; and,
Report of the 2013 Judges Compensation Commission.

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

Ms. *Barnett* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

1 The Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows:

1. Standing Order 25 be deleted and the following substituted:

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

Prayers (morning or afternoon sittings)

Introduction of Bills

Statements (Standing Order 25B) (afternoon sittings: Monday and Wednesday; morning sittings: Tuesday and Thursday)

Oral question period (30 minutes, afternoon sittings: Monday and Wednesday; 30 minutes, morning sittings: Tuesday and Thursday)

Presenting Petitions

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Presenting Reports by Committees

Motions on Notice

Written Questions on Notice

Proposed Amendments on Notice

Orders of the Day.

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

MONDAY

10 a.m. to 12 noon

(Private Members' Time)

Private Members' Statements (10 a.m.)

Public Bills in the hands of Private Members

Private Members' Motions

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.

MONDAY (AFTERNOON), TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

(Government Days)

Throne Speech Debate

Budget Debate including Committee of Supply

Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice

Private Bills

Public Bills in the hands of Private Members

Adjourned debate on other motions

2. Standing Order 47A be deleted and the following substituted:

There shall be a 30 minute Oral Question Period at the opening of each afternoon sitting on Monday and Wednesday and at the opening of each morning sitting on Tuesday and Thursday, which shall be subject to the following rules:

- (a) only questions that are urgent and important shall be permitted;
- (b) questions and answers shall be brief and precise, and stated without argument or opinion;
- (c) supplementary questions may be permitted at the discretion of the Speaker. There shall be no supplementary question to a question taken on notice;
- (d) debate shall not be permitted;
- (e) points of order arising during Oral Question Period may, at the discretion of the Speaker, be deferred until Question Period has been completed;
- (f) Oral Question Period shall not take place on the day of the Speech from the Throne.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECCAS, *Speaker*

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Letnick*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Hon. *L. Beare*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.18 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thornthwaite*.

The Hon. *J. Sims* (Minister of Citizens' Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Acting Information and Privacy Commissioner Continuation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
September 11, 2017.*

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. *D'Eith* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) tabled the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2016-2017.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

NAYS—41

<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Wat</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>			

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

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

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

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

3. Section A shall consist of 17 Members, being 8 Members of the New Democratic Party and 8 Members of the BC Liberal Party and one member of the Green Party. In addition, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole, or his or her nominee, shall preside over the debates in Section A.

Substitution of Members will be permitted to Section A with the consent of that Member's Whip, where applicable, otherwise with the consent of the Member involved. For the second session of the Forty-first Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and, *Jagrup Brar, Mitzi Dean, Bob D'Eith, Mable Elmore, Anne Kang, Jennifer Rice, Ronna-Rae Leonard, Rachna Singh, Simon Gibson, Jane Thornthwaite, Peter Milobar, Coralee Oakes, Joan Isaacs, Mike Morris, Teresa Wat, Ellis Ross and Sonia Furstenuau.*

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

- (1) Other Members;
- (2) Opposition; and
- (3) Government.

5. Section B shall be composed of all Members of the House.

6. Divisions in Section A will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells four times.

7. Divisions in Section B will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells three times at which time proceedings in Section A will be suspended until completion of the division in Section B.

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

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

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 6.38 p.m

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Thursday, September 21, 2017

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thomson.*

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Representative for Children and Youth Annual Report 2016/17 and Service Plan 2017/18 to 2018/19; and,

Representative for Children and Youth Financial Statements 2016/17.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 2017*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 7) read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) Bill (No. 7) was referred to the Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, September 21, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Acting Information and Privacy Commissioner Continuation Act*, a debate arose.

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

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

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 7) *Supply Act (No. 2), 2017*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty’s name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty’s loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act.”

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, October 2nd.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.41 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Monday, October 2, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

5 By leave, Ms. *Oakes* moved—

Be it resolved that this House continues to support a strong rural B.C.

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 11.57 a.m.

Monday, October 2, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) made a ministerial statement regarding the recent attacks in Edmonton and Las Vegas.

Mr. *de Jong* made a statement.

By leave, the Hon. *L. Beare* made a statement.

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 30, 2017.

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. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2016-2017; and,
Registrar of Lobbyists Annual Report, 2016-17.

The Hon. *L. Beare* (Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture) tabled the British Columbia Arts Council Annual Report, 2016/17.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That *Andrew Weaver* be appointed to replace *Adam Olsen* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the second session of the Forty-first Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Acting Information and Privacy Commissioner Continuation Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *S. Simpson*, 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 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 6.23 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECCAS, *Speaker*

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Glumac*, 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 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, October 3, 2017

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 Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017*.

The debate continued.

The Hon. *M. Mungall* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$774,876,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$237,968,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, to 31st March, 2018.

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

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 6.23 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Kang*.

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 11, 2017.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 11, 2017.

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. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the Representative for Children and Youth Report, Missing Pieces: Joshua's Story, October 2017.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

NAYS—40

<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Johal</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Foster</i>

Bill (No. 3) read a second time.

On the motion that Bill (No. 3) be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

NAYS—40

<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Johal</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Foster</i>

Bill (No. 3) *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 Agriculture. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Thursday, October 5, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Dean*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Registrar of Lobbyists Investigation Report 17-03, Lobbyist: Robert Iasenza, July 10, 2017,
 Registrar of Lobbyists Investigation Report 17-04, Lobbyist: Adrian Pollard, July 10, 2017,
 Registrar of Lobbyists Investigation Report 17-05, Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Limited,
 Designated Filer: Tony Santo, July 6, 2017, and;
 Registrar of Lobbyists Investigation Report 17-06, Lobbyist: Lorne Valensky, August 21, 2017.

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. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2017*, 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)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture. 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, October 5, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Property Law Amendment Act, 2017* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2017*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,410,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,549,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2018.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,524,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and 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 Agriculture and Ministry of Labour) to be considered 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—

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the title to the following Act:
Bill (No. 4) *Acting Information and Privacy Commissioner Continuation Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

1 Mr. *Throness* asked the Hon. Minister of Children and Family Development the following questions:—

1. Could the Minister provide a list of all organizations that received funding in the latest fiscal year from the Ministry of Children and Family Development that are located in the constituency of Kootenay West? This should include the organization name and amount of the funding.

2. Could the Minister provide the list of transfers under \$20,000 in the latest fiscal year from the Ministry of Children and Family Development? This should include the organization name and amount of the funding.

The Hon. *K. Conroy* (Minister of Children and Family Development) replied as follows:

“Question:

“1. Could the Minister provide a list of all organizations that received funding in the latest fiscal year from the Ministry of Children and Family Development that are located in the constituency of Kootenay West? This should include the organization name and amount of the funding.

“Response:

“The Ministry collects expenditure information by the following categories: organizational unit, program/activity and object/type of expenditure. The Ministry does not maintain a correlation between organizational unit and political/constituency boundaries.

“Question:

“2. Could the Minister provide the list of transfers under \$20,000 in the latest fiscal year from the Ministry of Children and Family Development? This should include the organization name and amount of the funding.

“Response:

“Yes, the list of transfers are available and can be supplied to the Member upon request.

And then the House adjourned at 5.34 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Monday, October 16, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hunt*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

6 By leave, Ms. *Ma* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the celebration of diversity and recognize the importance of protecting human rights.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, October 16, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the Elections BC Annual Report 2016/17 and Service Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20.

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 Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

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 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 6.21 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Tegart*.

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Minor Corrections) Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
October 13, 2017.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Ms. *Thornthwaite* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,941,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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)

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$459,150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$506,293,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Fire Management, to 31st March, 2018.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,817,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2018.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

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 Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.31 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Throness*.

The Hon. *J. Horgan* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the death of three workers at an arena in Fernie.

Mr. *Clovechok* made a statement.

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 2017.

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. *J. Darcy* (Minister of Mental Health and Addictions) made a ministerial statement regarding Persons Day.

Ms. *Bond* made a statement.

Mr. *de Jong* made representations regarding the application of Standing Order 18 to Bill (No. 5) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017*.

The Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2017*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

NAYS—39

<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Johal</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Clovechok</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.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today, the Opposition House Leader sought guidance as to the application of Standing Order 18, which states, “No Member is entitled to vote upon any question in which he or she has a direct pecuniary interest, and the vote of any Member so interested shall be disallowed.”

The Opposition House Leader raised the matter in relation to continuing debate on Bill (No. 5) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017*, which proposes to amend legislation, by changing the definition of “leader of a recognized political party” by reducing the required threshold of “4 or more Members” to “2 or more Members”.

In practical terms, the implication of this amendment is that the Independent Members affiliated with the Green Party would become a “recognized political party” and its leader, the Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head, would presumably become the “leader of a recognized political party” within the meaning of section 1 of the *Constitution Act*.

By virtue of the *Members Remuneration and Pensions Act*, the Member as party leader would, consequently, be entitled to increased annual compensation, as would the Member for Saanich North and the Islands and the Member for Cowichan Valley, if they were to accept additional responsibilities for other party positions, such as House Leader or Party Whip.

The question is whether the Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head (or the other Independent Members affiliated with the Green Party) have a “direct pecuniary interest” in the passage of section 1 of Bill (No. 5).

It is well recognized by prior Speakers’ rulings on Standing Order 18 that a direct pecuniary interest must be immediate and personal if a Member is to be prevented from voting. The matter cannot be of a general or remote character, nor would it include the remuneration or benefits of a Member.

This view is supported by numerous parliamentary authorities. See *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 4th edition, pages 37 and 45 and *Erskine May*, 24th edition, page 83.

Bill (No. 5) deals with the number of Members required for recognized party status; the increase in salary would result from provisions in other legislation, which provide increased compensation to Leaders and other officials of recognized parties, and is therefore indirect.

Generally, Members of the Legislative Assembly should not be prevented from voting on the rules that establish (directly or indirectly) their entitlement to compensation. While doing so has the effect of providing them with pecuniary benefits, these decisions are expressions of the basic right held by parliaments that a House must be allowed to govern itself.

Further, in this case, I find that the interest of the Members affected is not personal. The benefit attaches to a position, namely, the leadership of a recognized political party, not to the Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head, or any specific Member personally.

Accordingly, I thank the Opposition House Leader for raising this matter and providing an opportunity to clarify that Standing Order 18, does not prevent any Members of this Legislative Assembly, from participating in the debate and voting on Bill (No. 5).

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,749,654,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.51 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Thursday, October 19, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Bond*.

The Speaker made a statement advising that the House would recess to take part in an international earthquake drill.

The House recessed until 11.00 a.m.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Rideshare Enabling and Increased Taxi Occupancy Act, 2017* 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.”

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Thursday, October 19, 2017

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 Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017*.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Minor Corrections) Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Monday, October 23, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

7 By leave, Ms. *Cadieux* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the implementation of ride sharing in British Columbia in 2017.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, October 23, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) tabled the following documents:

Government's Proposed Reconsidered Response to the Report of the 2013 Judges Compensation Commission, October 23, 2017;

Government's Proposed Response to the Report of the 2016 Judicial Compensation Commission in Respect of Provincial Court Judicial Justices, October 23, 2017; and,

Government's Proposed Response to the Report of the 2016 Judicial Compensation Commission in Respect of Provincial Court Judges, October 23, 2017.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection for the second session of the Forty-first Parliament, October 23, 2017.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

Be it resolved that the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be appointed to foster greater awareness and understanding among legislators and the public of the BC 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 of British Columbia; and,

5. Pursuant to section 30 (1) of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act*, S.B.C. 2006, c. 29, complete the comprehensive review of the Act or portions of the Act by February 28, 2018 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.

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

- a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the committee and to delegate to the subcommittee all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c) to conduct consultations by any means the committee considers appropriate;
- d) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- e) to retain personnel as required to assist the committee;

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

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

Be it resolved:

1. 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, with the exception of the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 2, which is referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services; and,

2. 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.

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

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

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

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the Registrar of Lobbyists Investigation Report 17-07, Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C., Designated Filer: Chris Gardner, September 13, 2017.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2017*.

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Minor Corrections) Amendment Act, 2017* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017* was committed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Letnick* on the Order Paper to section 1 of Bill (No. 5) was defeated, on division.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,054,376,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hunt*.

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Sheriff Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
October 20, 2017.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Health Professions Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
October 17, 2017.*

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. D. Plecas (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, An Independent Audit of Grizzly Bear Management, October 2017.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

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 Supply.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017* was again committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Rustad* on the Order Paper to section 3 of Bill (No. 5), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—43

<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	

YEAS—39

<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>	<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Yap</i>	

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. Trevena*.

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 20, 2017.

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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *University Amendment Act, 2017* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

8 The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) moved—

Be it resolved that pursuant to section 6 (2) of the *Judicial Compensation Act*, the Legislative Assembly:

- a. reject the following recommendations of the *Report of the 2013 Judges Compensation Commission* as laid before this Assembly on September 18, 2017 as unfair and/or unreasonable for the reasons outlined in *Government's Proposed Reconsidered Response to the Report of the 2013 Judges Compensation Commission* filed in this House; and
- b. set the remuneration, allowances or benefits that are to be substituted for the rejected recommendations;

as follows:

1. The recommended salary for puisne judges for April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 of \$241,500 is rejected. The salary for April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 is set at \$244,889.
2. The recommended salary for puisne judges for April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 of \$245,122, an increase of 1.5%, is rejected. The salary for April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 is set at \$248,562, which is a 1.5% increase on the substituted salary for fiscal year 2014/15.

3. The recommended salary for puisne judges for April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 of \$250,024, an increase of 2.0%, is rejected. The salary for April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 is set at \$252,290, which is a 1.5% increase on the substituted salary for fiscal year 2015/16.
4. The recommended increase in the pension accrual rate for judges from 3% to 3.25% effective April 1, 2014 is rejected. The pension accrual rate is set at 3%.
5. Recommendation 5 that, effective April 1, 2014, government take steps to continue judges as active members in the Public Service Pension Plan to age 75 is accepted in part. Recommendation 5(d), to the extent that it applies to any retroactive measures, including return of pension payments, making back-contributions, or making interest payments, is rejected.

That the Legislative Assembly accept the remaining recommendations contained in the report.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

9 The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) moved—

Be it resolved that pursuant to section 6 (2) of the *Judicial Compensation Act*, the Legislative Assembly:

- a. reject the following recommendations of the *Report of the 2016 Judicial Compensation Commission* as laid before this Assembly on September 18, 2017 for the reasons outlined in *Government's Proposed Response to the Report of the 2016 Judicial Compensation Commission in Respect of Provincial Court Judicial Justices* filed in this House; and
- b. set the remuneration, allowances or benefits that are to be substituted for the rejected recommendations;

as follows:

1. The recommended salary for April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 of \$125,000 is rejected. The salary for April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 is set at \$118,000.
2. The recommended salary for April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 of \$126,875 is rejected. The salary for April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 is set at \$120,000,
3. The recommended salary for April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 of \$128,778 is rejected. The salary for April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 is set at \$122,000.
4. The recommended reimbursement of 100% of participation costs incurred by the Judicial Justices Association of British Columbia is rejected. The Association will be reimbursed according to the formula established in the *Judicial Compensation Act*, which is 100% of costs up to \$30,000 and two-thirds of costs between \$30,000 and \$150,000.

That the Legislative Assembly accept the remaining recommendations contained in the report.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

10 The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) moved—

Be it resolved that pursuant to section 6 (2) of the *Judicial Compensation Act*, the Legislative Assembly:

- a. reject the following recommendations of the *Report of the 2016 Judicial Compensation Commission* as laid before this Assembly on September 18, 2017 for the reasons outlined in *Government's Proposed Response to the Report of the 2016 Judicial Compensation Commission in Respect of Provincial Court Judges* filed in this House; and

- b. set the remuneration, allowances or benefits that are to be substituted for the rejected recommendations;

as follows:

1. The recommended salary for puisne judges for April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 of \$273,000 is rejected. The salary for April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 is set at \$262,000.
2. The recommended salary for puisne judges for April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 of \$277,095 is rejected. The salary for April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 is set at \$266,000.
3. The recommended salary for puisne judges for April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 of \$281,251 is rejected. The salary for April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 is set at \$270,000.
4. The recommended reimbursement of 100% of participation costs incurred by the Provincial Court Judges Association of British Columbia is rejected. The Association will be reimbursed according to the formula established in the *Judicial Compensation Act*, which is 100% of costs up to \$30,000 and two-thirds of costs between \$30,000 and \$150,000.

That the Legislative Assembly accept the remaining recommendations contained in the report.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$170,312,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,205,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Government Communications and Public Engagement, to 31st March, 2018.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,410,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2018.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Benefits, to 31st March, 2018.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,249,666,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 2018.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs, to 31st March, 2018.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,591,024,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Capital Funding, to 31st March, 2018.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Commissions on Collection of Public Funds, to 31st March, 2018.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2018.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,166,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Tax Transfers, to 31st March, 2018.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.51 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Thursday, October 26, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Brar*.

The Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Pooled Registered Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 20, 2017.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Olsen*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *First Nations Heritage Protection and Conservation Act, 2017* 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. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) tabled the following documents:
British Columbia Ferries Commissioner Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2017, August 28, 2017; and,
Labour Relations Board Annual Report 2016.

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:
Representative for Children and Youth Report, Room for Improvement: Toward Better Education Outcomes for Children in Care, October 2017; and,
Auditor General Report, An Independent Audit of the Regional Transportation Management Centre's Cybersecurity Controls, October 2017.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2017* was committed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, October 26, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 25, 2017.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2017* was again committed.

Ms. *Bond* moved a proposed amendment to section 60 of Bill (No. 2) which was defeated on the following division:

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<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	

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<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Thorntwaite</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>	<i>Stilwell</i>		

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Monday, October 30, 2017

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

11 By leave, Ms. *Singh* moved—

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to take seriously the allegations of money laundering in casinos.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Monday, October 30, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Local Elections Campaign Financing Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 26, 2017.

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. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) tabled the following documents:
Public Guardian and Trustee Annual Report, 2016-2017; and,
Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2016.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

Report to be considered later today.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,323,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Gibson*.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 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 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

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)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$843,545,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,890,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,002,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Treaty and Other Agreements Funding, to 31st March, 2018.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and further 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Stilwell*.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Court Order Enforcement Amendment Act, 2017* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the appointment of a Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to section 4 of the *Election Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 106).

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

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

- b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

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

The said Special Committee is to be composed of *Jagrup Brar* (Convener), *Doug Clovechok*, *Adam Olsen*, *Janet Routledge*, and *Jackie Tegart*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of an 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).

The said Special Committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition is empowered:

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

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

The said Special Committee is to be composed of *Doug Routley* (Convener), *Anne Kang*, *Coralee Oakes*, *Mary Polak*, and *Andrew Weaver*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to unanimously select and recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of an individual to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 287).

The said Special Committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition is empowered:

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

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

The said Special Committee is to be composed of *Rachna Singh* (Convener), *Spencer Chandra Herbert*, *Eric Foster*, *Mike Morris*, and *Adam Olsen*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2017* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Pooled Registered Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 13) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Health Professions Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Sheriff Amendment Act, 2017*, 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. 12) intituled *Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,595,922,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.53 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 2, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Shypitka*.

On the motion of Ms. *Furstenau*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Fish and Seafood Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2016.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

Be it resolved that the report of Committee of Supply Section A presented to the Legislative Assembly on November 1, 2017, regarding Vote 18, Ministry of Children and Family Development, be declared null and void and that Vote 18 be recommitted forthwith.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Pooled Registered Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2017* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Health Professions Amendment Act, 2017* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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

Thursday, November 2, 2017

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 Supply.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Sheriff Amendment Act, 2017* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2017* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

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<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Morris</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>	<i>Stilwell</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Weaver</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Olsen</i>	<i>Oakes</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Ross</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Milobar</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Johal</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Chow</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Routley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Foster</i>

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 5) *Constitution Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 9) *Miscellaneous Statutes (Minor Corrections) Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 10) *Health Professions Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 11) *Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 12) *Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 13) *Pooled Registered Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 14) *Sheriff Amendment Act, 2017*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

“In Her 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. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,595,922,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Monday, November 6, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

12 By leave, Ms. *Larson* moved—

Be it resolved that this House continues to support B.C. Family Day on the second Monday of February.

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 11.59 a.m.

Monday, November 6, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Endangered Species Act, 2017* 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. *de Jong* rose on a point of order regarding parliamentary language in Oral Question Period.

Ms. *Furstenau* made representations.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* made representations.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$138,607,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,870,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2018.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. Sims*.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) made a ministerial statement regarding the death of Constable John Davidson, a member of the Abbotsford Police Department.

Mr. *Coleman* made a statement.

Mr. *Weaver* made a statement.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday during Question Period, the Member for Richmond-Queensborough, was called to order after directing a question to the “Minister of Consultation Paralysis”. Similar to an incident on October 25, the Member was asked to re-phrase his question in order to address the Minister by their proper title.

At the conclusion of yesterday’s Question Period, the Official Opposition House Leader raised a point of order to note that Members had in the past been guided by clear rules and conventions concerning disrespectful or offensive language.

The Official Opposition House Leader claimed the words used were not unparliamentary. He also noted that the Chair’s intervention requiring the withdrawal of language was inappropriate and suggested standards at play that Members were unaware of and that were not in any way predictable.

In speaking to the point of order, the Government House Leader noted that language in debate should be guided by good temperance and by not impugning motives. The Government House Leader added that, in asking a question, it was customary to address a Minister of the Crown by their proper title.

The Third Party House Leader also briefly spoke to the point of order and noted that elected officials had a duty to show leadership and to demonstrate that a government can be held accountable without name-calling.

First, let me be clear: unparliamentary language may be brought to the attention of the House by either the Speaker or on a point of order by any Member.

Points of Order are not permitted during Question Period and the Official Opposition House Leader followed the correct procedure to raise the matter immediately following that proceeding.

Standing Order 40 (2) states: “No Member shall use offensive words against any Member of this House”. As Speaker, it is my responsibility under Standing Order 9 to maintain order in the Chamber and to uphold all Standing Orders, including Standing Order 40.

When assessing the use of offensive, disrespectful or unparliamentary language, a Speaker must consider not only the words spoken, but the context in which they are used and the resulting effect potentially creating disorder during the proceedings.

Numerous rulings and parliamentary authorities affirm that unparliamentary language is not defined in an exhaustive or finite manner. A Speaker must exercise discretion and consider context in which language is used in debate when deciding whether to intervene. See *Erskine May Parliamentary Practice*, 24th edition, page 445, and Beauchesne’s *Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, 6th edition, page 143.

Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia, 4th edition, page 99, further states that “the codification of unparliamentary language is impractical, as the Speaker must consider the context in which the words were spoken, ... (including) whether or not the remarks created disorder in the House”.

Therefore, the particular circumstances of language are not necessarily readily predictable and must always be considered in the context of order in the House and the dignity of proceedings.

During Question Period, Members address questions to specific Ministers of the Crown. A question should be directed to the Minister officially responsible for the subject matter—see *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 4th edition, page 135.

The appropriate way to refer to a Minister is by their proper title or portfolio and references to a private Member is their constituency name. That has been the long-standing practice in this House and one that I intend to follow.

In reviewing the events surrounding the point of order, I conclude that the use of unofficial and, at times, mocking or derogatory titles when directing a question to a Minister of the Crown is indeed disrespectful to the Minister and reflects poorly on this institution.

Circumstances related to this point of order also raised serious concerns that must be addressed regarding the authority of the Chair.

First and foremost, it is the duty of the Speaker to preside over the debates in this House and to intervene as necessary to maintain order and decorum—especially in instances where words used in debate are likely to disrupt proceedings or cause disorder, such as during Question Period. As such, I want to keep any interventions during this important proceeding to a minimum.

However, it is always in order for the Speaker or Chair to intervene when required. The Chair's intervention during yesterday's Question Period was called into question. Challenges to the authority of the Speaker are unacceptable and will not be tolerated in the future.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, Speaker

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsperson Annual Report, 2016-2017.

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 Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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 Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$427,236,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,388,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2018.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$ 24,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, *Crown Proceeding Act*, to 31st March, 2018.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,574,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Independent Investigations Office, to 31st March, 2018.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Dean*.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Right to Roam Act, 2017* 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. *S. Fraser* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) tabled the British Columbia Treaty Commission Report, *Reconciling Prosperity, The Role of Local and Regional Governments in Treaty Negotiations, 2017*.

The Hon. *K. Chen* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

The Hon. *S. Robinson* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the Islands Trust Annual Report, 2016-2017.

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2016/2017.

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 Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2017* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Local Elections Campaign Financing Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Mr. *de Jong* made a personal statement.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—84

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Weaver</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Olsen</i>	<i>Morris</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Stilwell</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Oakes</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Thomson</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Ross</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Milobar</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>
<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Johal</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Chow</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Routley</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Dean</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Foster</i>

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,153,707,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.56 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 9, 2017

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Redies* reserved her right to raise a matter 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 of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2017* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Thursday, November 9, 2017

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 Supply.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2017* was again committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Throness* on the Order Paper to section 2 of Bill (No. 8), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—42

<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>		

YEAS—39

<i>Cadioux</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Yap</i>	

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$244,539,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$422,098,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Housing, to 31st March, 2018.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,594,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Auditor General for Local Government, to 31st March, 2018.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Monday, November 20, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hunt*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

13 By leave, Ms. *Elmore* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize that many women continue to face socio-economic barriers that prevent them from reaching their full potential in society.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Monday, November 20, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Hunt* presented a petition regarding the use of Soliris for patients with atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (aHUS).

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

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, An Independent Audit of Grizzly Bear Management, October 2017, revised October 31, 2017.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

Be it resolved that the House suspend proceedings on Tuesday, November 21 to invite the Honourable Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, to address the Legislative Assembly.

Further, that the address and the remarks following the address by the Premier, the Leader of the Official Opposition, and the Leader of the Third Party, or their designates, be printed as an appendix to the Hansard Report of Debates of the Legislative Assembly on that day.

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)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,105,460,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion 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 Social Development and Poverty Reduction) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECCAS, *Speaker*

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Davies*.

On the motion of Ms. *Larson*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Interpretation Amendment Act, 2017* 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.”

The House recessed while the Hon. Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, addressed the Assembly.

And then the House adjourned at 11.41 a.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

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. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,006,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Local Elections Campaign Financing Amendment Act, 2017* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Local Elections Campaign Financing Amendment Act, 2017* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$551,062,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Citizens' Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Milobar*.

The Speaker made a statement regarding the guidelines for introductions of guests by Members, and the restrictions respecting the use of electronic devices in the Chamber.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *D'Eith* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Report on the Budget 2018 Consultation, for the second session of the Forty-first Parliament, November 2017.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *D'Eith* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *L. Beare* (Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture) tabled the Report on Multiculturalism, 2016/17.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017* was committed.

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) moved a proposed amendment to section 20 of Bill (No. 3) which passed on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

NAYS—36

<i>Cadioux</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Johal</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Letmick</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Thorntwaite</i>	<i>Foster</i>

In consideration of section 20 as amended of Bill (No. 3), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

NAYS—36

<i>Cadioux</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Johal</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Foster</i>

Bill (No. 3) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Shypitka*, 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 and Culture.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 23, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Throness*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Ms. *Thornthwaite* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

The Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) tabled the Province of British Columbia Consolidated Revenue Fund Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2017.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Sultan*, 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 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 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, November 23, 2017

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 Supply.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Local Elections Campaign Financing Amendment Act, 2017* was again committed.

The Chair made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday, the Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head raised a Point of Order regarding the provision of notice for amendments.

I refer Members to *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 4th Edition, page 218, “Amendments may be proposed in the Committee without previous notice having been given.” *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia* does also note that the “better practice, especially with lengthy amendments, is to give notice.” However, notice is not required.

The Table and the Chair are available to review amendments from the floor of the House and to determine their admissibility as required. I should note that the Chair cannot rule on an amendment until it has been moved. It has been the long-standing practice in British Columbia that Members have been permitted to move and speak to amendments prior to the Chair ruling.

Amendments may be ruled out of order on the basis of form, content – if they are beyond the scope of the bill – or if they impose a charge if in the hands of a Private Member.

For a list of inadmissible amendments, I refer Members to pages 218 and 219 of *Parliamentary Practice*.

RAJ CHOUHAN, *Deputy Speaker*

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Stone* on the Order Paper to section 14 of Bill (No. 15), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—43

<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	

YEAS—38

<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Johal</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
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<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Morris</i>		

Bill (No. 15) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Rustad*, 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 and Culture.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Monday, November 27, 2017

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

15 By leave, Mr. *Bernier* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the importance of hydroelectric power to keeping energy rates low for B.C. families.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, November 27, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 211) intituled *Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act, 2017* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

Mr. *Rustad* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act* be amended by deleting the word "now" and substituting "six months hence."

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$133,832,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2018.

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

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 and Culture) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Kang*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

16 Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

Be it resolved that this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on ridesharing in British Columbia;

That the Committee be authorized to meet for up to 3 days to hear from expert witnesses;

That the Committee shall limit its consideration to forming recommendations on the following in its report:

- How provinces with public auto insurance companies have provided, or are looking to provide, insurance to both transportation network companies and the taxi industry;
- Assessing the impact transportation network companies would have on different communities across the province; and,
- Considering the regulatory regime that may be established between the Province and municipalities, including looking at the issue of public safety.

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

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

- b. to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- d. to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report as soon as possible to the House, but no later than February 15, 2018, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

A debate arose.

Mr. *de Jong* moved the following amendment—

That Motion 16 be amended as follows:

In the second paragraph, by deleting the words “for up to 3 days”;

In the third paragraph, second bullet, by deleting the word “Assessing”; and

In the third paragraph, second bullet, by adding the words, “existing taxi licensees, those employed in the taxi industry, and” after the words “would have on”.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

NAYS—43

<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	

YEAS—38

<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>	<i>Morris</i>		

The debate resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

Chouhan
Kahlon
Begg
Brar
Heyman
Donaldson
Mungall
Bains
Beare
Chen
Popham

Trevena
Sims
Chow
Kang
Simons
D'Eith
Routley
Ma
Elmore
Dean
Routledge

Singh
Leonard
Glumac
Darcy
Simpson
Robinson
Farnworth
Horgan
James
Eby
Dix

Ralston
Mark
Fleming
Conroy
Fraser
Chandra Herbert
Rice
Krog
Furstenau
Weaver
Olsen

NAYS—38

Cadieux
Rustad
Bond
de Jong
Coleman
Wilkinson
Stone
Bernier
Wat
Johal

Lee
Hunt
Barnett
Tegart
Martin
Throness
Davies
Sullivan
Polak
Morris

Ashton
Oakes
Thomson
Sturdy
Ross
Isaacs
Milobar
Thornthwaite
Clovechok

Yap
Redies
Paton
Gibson
Sultan
Shypitka
Reid
Letnick
Foster

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

14 The Hon. *S. Fraser* (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 First Amending Agreement.

**TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION FINAL AGREEMENT
 FIRST AMENDING AGREEMENT**

THIS FIRST AMENDING AGREEMENT (this "Amending Agreement") is dated for reference July 17, 2017.

AMONG:

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of
 Indian Affairs and Northern Development**

("Canada")

AND

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the
 Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation**

("British Columbia")

AND

TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION, as represented by **Chief Bryce Williams**
 (“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 agree to propose the amendments to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement set out in Part II of this Amending Agreement, in order to:
1. Update Appendix C-4 (*Parcel Description of Tsawwassen Lands*):
 - a. with the legal descriptions and parcel identifiers as of the Effective Date; and
 - b. to amend the legal descriptions and parcel identifiers for two parcels, after new survey plans were prepared and registered after the Effective Date, to accurately reflect the natural water boundaries as of the Effective Date;
 2. Update Appendix E-2 (*Parcel Description of Other Tsawwassen Land*), Part 1 (*Fraser River Parcels*) and Part 2 (*Boundary Bay Parcels*) with the legal descriptions and parcel identifiers as of the Effective Date;
 3. Update Appendix E-3, Part 1 (*List of Interests on Fraser River Parcels*) and Appendix E-3, Part 2 (*List of Interests on Boundary Bay Parcels*) with legal descriptions and parcel identifiers as of the Effective Date; and
 4. Update Appendix G-2 (*Parcel Description of Tsawwassen Lands included in the Agricultural Land Reserve*) and Appendix G-3 (*Parcel Description of Tsawwassen Lands Excluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve*) with legal descriptions and parcel identifiers as of the Effective Date.
- D.** 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 Part II of this Amending Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree that the proposed amendments to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement set out in Part II of this Amending Agreement be recommended:

- a) by Chief Bryce Williams to the Tsawwassen First Nation Government;
- b) by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to the Governor in Council; and
- c) by the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation to the Legislature of British Columbia.

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.

2. A reference to a Chapter by number or name is a reference to the chapter of that number or name in the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement.
3. A reference to an Appendix by letter or number is a reference to the Appendix of that letter or number in the Appendices to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement.
4. 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 – AMENDMENTS

5. Appendix C-4 is deleted, and the document entitled “Amended Appendix C-4” attached to this Amending Agreement is substituted.
6. Part 1 of Appendix E-2 is deleted, and the document entitled “Amended Part 1 of Appendix E-2” attached to this Amending Agreement is substituted.
7. Part 2 of Appendix E-2 is deleted, and the document entitled “Amended Part 2 of Appendix E-2” attached to this Amending Agreement is substituted.
8. Part 1 of Appendix E-3 is deleted, and the document entitled “Amended Part 1 of Appendix E-3” attached to this Amending Agreement is substituted.
9. Part 2 of Appendix E-3 is deleted, and the document entitled “Amended Part 2 of Appendix E-3” attached to this Amending Agreement is substituted.
10. Appendix G-2 is deleted, and the document entitled “Amended Appendix G-2” attached to this Amending Agreement is substituted.
11. Appendix G-3 is deleted, and the document entitled “Amended Appendix G-3” attached to this Amending Agreement is substituted.

PART III – PROCEDURES

12. The proposed amendments set out in Part II of this Amending Agreement will take effect in accordance with clause 9 of Chapter 23 – Amendment, on the date the consent requirements required under clauses 3, 5, 6 and 8 of Chapter 23 – Amendment are completed.
13. 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.

FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, signed this _____ day of _____, 2017.

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Witnessed by _____

FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, signed this _____ day of _____, 2017.

The Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

Witnessed by _____

FOR THE TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION, as represented by Chief Bryce Williams, signed this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Bryce Williams, Chief

Witnessed by _____

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The amendment on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) was negatived, on the following division:

NAYS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
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<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
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<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

YEAS—38

<i>Cadioux</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Redies</i>
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<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>	<i>Morris</i>		

The debate resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

NAYS—38

<i>Cadioux</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>	<i>Morris</i>		

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Brar*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Foster* presented a petition regarding Orkambi for patients with cystic fibrosis.

Ms. *Furstenau* reserved her right to raise a matter 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 of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act* was committed.

Mr. *Clovechok* moved a proposed amendment to section 2 of Bill (No. 6) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

YEAS—37

<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>			

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,011,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2018.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

10 Ms. *Isaacs* asked the Hon. Minister of Health the following questions:—

1. Regular flu shots are currently provided free of charge to all seniors over the age of 65. Last year, FLUAD, a flu shot designed specifically for adults 65 and older, was also offered at no cost. This year, however, seniors who would like to receive the FLUAD vaccine will be forced to cover the \$100.00 cost out of pocket. Can the Minister of Health explain why the Public Health Authority no longer provides the FLUAD vaccine to seniors free of charge?

2. There has been growing pressure to improve vaccine efficiency against influenza in the elderly, particularly since influenza transmitted to the elderly can exacerbate underlying chronic medical conditions and, in many cases, cause heart attacks and strokes. Fluzone High-Dose, an influenza vaccine specifically designed for adults 65 years and older, has been proven to promote a stronger immune response than that of the standard vaccine. As such, it reduces infection rates and outbreaks that occur in hospitals and residential care homes. Fluzone High-Dose is available at a cost of approximately

\$75.00-\$85.00 per vaccination. Will the Minister provide funding for seniors to access the Fluzone High-Dose vaccine this flu season?

The Hon. A. Dix (Minister of Health) replied as follows:

“Question:

“1. Regular flu shots are currently provided free of charge to all seniors over the age of 65. Last year, FLUAD, a flu shot designed specifically for adults 65 and older, was also offered at no cost. This year, however, seniors who would like to receive the FLUAD vaccine will be forced to cover the \$100.00 cost out of pocket. Can the Minister of Health explain why the Public Health Authority no longer provides the FLUAD vaccine to seniors free of charge?

“Response:

“Decisions on which vaccines are being used in B.C.’s 2017/18 influenza vaccination program were made in December 2016, and are based on the recommendations made by public health experts – specifically the Communicable Disease Policy Advisory Committee. This committee is chaired by B.C.’s Provincial Health Officer, and draws on the analysis and advice it receives from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control and the B.C. Immunization Committee. These public health experts also consider the advice of Canada’s National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI).

“Based on the recommendations of these public health experts, the decision was made in December 2016 that the following vaccines be provided through the 2017/18 flu season vaccination program: Trivalent and Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccines (TIIV & QIIV), and Quadrivalent Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV-Q). In regard to FLUAD, the experts determined that based on the available evidence, this vaccine is not considered superior to other available influenza vaccines for seniors.

“A briefing for the MLA with officials from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control and B.C. Immunization Committee regarding their analysis on FLUAD can be arranged through my office.

“Question:

“2. There has been growing pressure to improve vaccine efficiency against influenza in the elderly, particularly since influenza transmitted to the elderly can exacerbate underlying chronic medical conditions and, in many cases, cause heart attacks and strokes. Fluzone High-Dose, an influenza vaccine specifically designed for adults 65 years and older, has been proven to promote a stronger immune response than that of the standard vaccine. As such, it reduces infection rates and outbreaks that occur in hospitals and residential care homes. Fluzone High-Dose is available at a cost of approximately \$75.00-\$85.00 per vaccination. Will the Minister provide funding for seniors to access the Fluzone High-Dose vaccine this flu season?

“Response:

“Decisions about which vaccines would be covered this fiscal year were made in December 2016. Fluzone High Dose, by Sanofi Pasteur, was not considered for the 2017/18 influenza vaccination program.

“Value for money was a factor in the decision made by the province at that time. According to experts from the B.C. Immunization Committee and the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, the evidence has yet to catch up to the corresponding cost of this vaccine. There needs to be sufficient evidence that a significant price delivers a significant benefit. Providing Fluzone HD to the seniors, calculated to be around \$13 million, would surpass the total flu vaccine budget of \$10 million. This guided the previous government’s decision regarding Fluzone HD.

“A briefing for the MLA with officials from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control and B.C. Immunization Committee on this vaccine can be arranged through my office.

And then the House adjourned at 6.52 p.m.

Thursday, November 30, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Dean*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the Merit Commissioner Merit Performance Audit, 2016/17, Upholding Fair Hiring in the BC Public Service, November, 2017.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act* was again committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Rustad* on the Order Paper to section 9 of Bill (No. 6), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—43

<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Bains</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>
<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	

YEAS—37

<i>Cadioux</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Letmick</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>			

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,191,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislative Assembly, to 31st March, 2018.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,339,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2018.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$743,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2018.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,154,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2018.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,064,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2018.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,125,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Merit Commissioner, to 31st March, 2018.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,653,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsperson, to 31st March, 2018.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,428,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2018.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,970,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Representative for Children and Youth, to 31st March, 2018.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Legislative Assembly and Officers of the Legislature.

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 and Officers of the Legislature) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, November 30, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act* was again committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Ms. *Polak* on the Order Paper to section 9 of Bill (No. 6), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—44

<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Singh</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Fleming</i>
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<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
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<i>Popham</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

YEAS—37

<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Redies</i>
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<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Johal</i>			

Section 9, as amended, of Bill (No. 6) passed, on division.

Section 10 of Bill (No. 6) passed, on division.

Section 11 of Bill (No. 6) passed, on division.

Section 12 of Bill (No. 6) passed, on division.

Section 13 of Bill (No. 6) passed, on division.

Section 14 of Bill (No. 6) passed, on division.

The Title of Bill (No. 6) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 6) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

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

The Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on October 3, 5, 17, 18, 23, 25, 30, 31; and November 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 20, 21, 27, 29 and 30 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) moved—

That there be granted to Her Majesty, from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of 41 billion, 957 million, 011 thousand dollars towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public

service of the province for the fiscal year ending March, 31, 2018. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 2017*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) moved—

That there be granted to Her Majesty, from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of 856 million, 616 thousand dollars towards defraying the disbursements for capital, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March, 31, 2018. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 2017*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Supply Act, 2017-2018* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 9, 2017.

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. 17) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. James* (Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier) Bill (No. 17) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 3) *Election Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 6) *Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act*.

Bill (No. 8) *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 15) *Local Elections Campaign Financing Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 16) *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the title to the following Act:
Bill (No. 17) *Supply Act, 2017-2018*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the second session of the Forty-first Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3.07 p.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Throness*.

The Hon. *D. Plecas* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Report, Performance Audit Coverage Plan, 2017/18-2019/20;

Auditor General Report, Financial Statement Audit Coverage Plan, 2018/19-2020/21;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 39, Stem to Stern: Crown Land Allocation and the Victoria International Marina, January 2018; and,

Representative for Children and Youth Report, B.C. Adoption & Permanency Options Update, December 2017.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreements between the Government House Leader, the Hon. *M. Farnworth*, the Opposition House Leader, Mr. *de Jong*, and the Third Party House Leader, Ms. *Furstenau*, dated November 30 and December 14, be ratified, setting forth the following substitutions in the membership lists for the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations and the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills for the second session of the Forty-first Parliament:

Jordan Sturdy shall replace *Mike Morris* and *Rachna Singh* shall replace *Mable Elmore* as Members of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations; and,

Mike Morris shall replace *Jordan Sturdy* as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Motion agreed to.

The Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, 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 second session of the Forty-first Parliament of British Columbia, on behalf of all British Columbians, I note that in this session we enacted 16 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. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2:00 p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 97 – HOV Six Lining from Highway 33 to Edwards Road; and,
Second Quarterly Report, November 2017.

And then the House prorogued at 10.15 a.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

CANADA:
 PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING

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

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on the thirteenth day of February, two thousand eighteen at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at Our City of Victoria.

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

Witness, The Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this seventeenth day of January, two thousand eighteen and in the sixty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By Command.