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Prayers by Father William Hann from St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable STEVEN L. POINT, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 21st day of January, 2008, the Members took their seats.

The Honourable STEVEN L. POINT, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature:

In opening this session of the 38th Parliament, it is important we remember and honour the contributions of British Columbians who have passed away since this Assembly last convened.

We all owe a special debt of gratitude to Master Corporal Colin Bason and Master Corporal Darrell Priede, who fell while serving in Afghanistan.

We mourn the passing of former members of this Assembly: George Mussallem, Burton Peter Campbell, Frank Garden, and Peter Rolston.

We have lost a giant of the Canadian legal profession — former B.C. Chief Justice Allan McEachern, as well as his colleagues former B.C. Supreme Court Justice Dermod Owen Flood, and former provincial court Judge Sidney Clark.

Many great British Columbians left us this past year, but their legacies remain.

We will miss Chief Harry Pierre of the Tl'azt'en Nation, Chief Patrick Alfred of the Namgis First Nation, hereditary Chief Cosmos Richard Frank of the Ahousaht First Nation, Chief James Cooper of the T'Sou-ke Nation, and Tsartlip First Nation Elder Dr. Sammy Sam.

Dr. William Sauder was a philanthropist and a leader in business and education who, with Herb Doman, helped define our forest industry in the last half century.

Exemplary citizens like Jannit Rabinovitch, Colleen McCrory, Dr. Gary Randhawa, Norval Morrisseau, Philip Despard Pemberton Holmes, Jane Rule, W.D. West, and the "Urban Peasant" James Barber have all left us.

As have George Athans Sr., Gary Lupul, Darcy Robinson, Roy Mah, Keith Bradbury, John Pifer, Colin Price and Jeani Read.

We salute the 63 dedicated members of the B.C. Public Service who passed away last year, among them, Autumn Jenkinson, John Webb, Regan Paetz, Kenyon Wells and Wayne Peters.

We will miss them all even as their contributions live on.

Today we begin the fourth session of the 38th Parliament of British Columbia. It is an auspicious day in an auspicious year.

Two years from today our province will host the world for the opening of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Over two billion people will witness that spectacle as the Olympic torch completes its journey and lights up BC Place.

British Columbians will watch with pride as the opening ceremonies introduce the world to our country and our province — from the grasslands of the Chilcotin and Cariboo, to the vast expanses of the Peace, Northwest and North Coast, to the Kootenays, the Okanagan and Vancouver Island.

It will be a magic moment for us all as the world beholds the strength of B.C.'s First Nations, the diversity of our cultures and the character of all Canadians.

They will be our Olympics — the Olympics of Vancouver and Whistler. The Olympics of the Squamish, Lil'Wat, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam. As we watch that show unfold, all of Canada will be captured by the spirit of 2010 — the spirit of British Columbia — which will find its light in the eyes of our children.

This year, every venue for those Games will be completed and operational, with athletes training on their home field. The Olympics are a great unifying force. They are bringing our citizens together in support of Canada's athletes, in celebration of Canada's artists, and in pursuit of the most sustainable Games in history.

This year we celebrate another important milestone — British Columbia's 150th anniversary together. We celebrate our history, our heritage, and all that we have accomplished together. We look with confidence to the opportunities of our changed and changing world.

Building a New Relationship with B.C.'s First Nations

History has taught us that we all move forward by moving beyond the positions that have held us back.

That is the essence of your government's effort to build a New Relationship with First Nations.

It aspires to a brighter future for all Aboriginal Canadians, built on self-reliance and self determination, and based on mutual respect, recognition and reconciliation.

The Transformative Change Accord calls on us to close the gaps for B.C.'s First Nations in health, housing, education and economic opportunity.

Working together, we are opening new doors for progress.

There are new land use agreements for the North Coast, the Central Coast, the Sea-to-Sky corridor, the area north of Tweedsmuir Park, and Haida Gwaii.

The true leadership provided by the Tsawwassen, the Huu-ay-aht, the Ka:'yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles7eth'h, the Toquaht, the Uchucklesaht, and the Ucluelet First Nations has resulted in the highest form of negotiated settlement — constitutionally protected treaties, which are awaiting ratification by Parliament. Those First Nations will soon join the Nisga'a.

Final agreement negotiations are underway with the Sliammon, Yale, Yekooche and In-SHUCK-ch Nations. The treaty process is producing real results. It can and will be improved.

Your government will support fast-tracked treaty negotiations at common tables, as suggested by the BC Treaty Commission and First Nations themselves. It will pursue "incremental treaty agreements" to help First Nations benefit earlier in the treaty-making process.

New mechanisms will facilitate effective engagement of all parties in meaningful consultation and help First Nations participate as equity partners in major economic development projects.

Aboriginal rights to harvest wood for domestic purposes on Crown land will be given new statutory recognition. New investments in carbon offset projects that benefit First Nations will be an integral part of your government's climate action plan.

The journey to reconciliation is about bridging the barriers that have divided Aboriginal Canadians from everyone else in Canada. Nowhere is that more important than in caring for our children.

It is time that all of Canada embraced Jordan's Principle. Simply put, that principle says the interests of Aboriginal children must always be paramount, and that no child, on- or off-reserve, should be put at risk due to jurisdictional disputes.

Your government will work with First Nations and the federal government to put Jordan's Principle into action, and to strengthen services for Aboriginal children and families.

New legislation will enable Aboriginal authorities to assume legal responsibility for the delivery of most child and family services in their communities.

Your government will contribute to the establishment of the Stehiyaq Healing and Wellness Village in the Fraser Valley. It will be a place of healing for Aboriginal youth and families from across British Columbia who are addressing histories of trauma, addiction and mental illness.

This August, the Cowichan Tribes will host the North American Indigenous Games. That event will be a celebration of competition, sport and First Nations cultures. Everyone is invited.

Our Common Goal is Sustainable Growth

We live in a time as transformative as the Industrial Revolution.

New knowledge, technology and solutions are reshaping our world at a record pace.

New challenges, like climate change, call everyone to action with new speed and urgency, and a new emphasis on sustainability.

New approaches, forward thinking and a new commitment to long-term results are demanded.

Your government's Five Great Goals for B.C. aspire to healthier families and sustainable health delivery; educational excellence; safe, supportive communities; environmental stewardship; and a strong economy.

Meeting those goals obliges us to act with resolve in a sustained effort to understand global change as both an ally and a fact of our lives.

The future we want is ours to build by taking actions that stand the test of time.

Each of our great goals is integrally linked to the others.

A healthy environment and educated populace are essential to healthy human development and a globally competitive economy. A safe, humane society is the object and outcome of an enlightened, prosperous and caring community. The bedrock of each goal is a strong economy.

Without a strong economy and prudent financial management, your government could not make record investments in health, education, housing, transportation and other public services, while still balancing the budget.

Equally critical to our success is long-term thinking that transcends the timelines of electoral cycles.

Many members of this legislature will not be alive in 2050. But most have or will have children and grandchildren who will be. It is for them, and all who follow in our footsteps, that today's decision makers must act.

Living Smart Starts with Our Environment

British Columbians cherish their high quality of life and our province's natural environment.

Together, we have established new parks and new conservancies. More than 13 million hectares are now protected — an area equal to the size of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P.E.I. combined, over 14 per cent of our province — more than any other jurisdiction in Canada.

Our forest management practices and environmental management are second to none.

This session, all members will be asked to build on that record of stewardship with new conservancies and parks envisioned in approved land use plans.

Amendments to the *Wildlife Act* will build on the Mountain Caribou Recovery Plan, the Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Project and the Kitasoo Spirit Bear Conservancy. Tough new penalties will prevent and punish poaching and killing endangered species.

Comprehensive air and water stewardship strategies will be released this spring, as new steps are taken to combat global warming.

British Columbians are taking decisive action on climate change.

The *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act* now requires us to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 33 per cent from 2007 levels by 2020, and by 80 per cent below 2007 levels by 2050.

The Climate Action Team is working to identify the most credible, aggressive and economically viable greenhouse gas reduction targets possible for 2012 and 2016. Legislated targets for both years will be put in place by December 31st.

Your government will be carbon neutral by 2010.

A climate action plan to advance those targets will be released shortly after the budget. It will be annually updated and founded on personal responsibility, sound science and economic reality. And it will be driven by one simple truth: it is people who cause global warming and it is people who must act to stop it.

Waiting for others to act is not a solution — it compounds the problem.

Taking refuge in the status quo because others refuse to change is not an answer. It's avoiding responsibility and being generationally selfish.

The argument that British Columbia's mitigation efforts are, in global terms, too miniscule to matter misses the point.

Every molecule of carbon dioxide released into our atmosphere by human activities matters. It hangs there for decades or even centuries, and adds to the accumulated burden of global warming on our planet.

The benefit of our actions is not negated by the actions of others who add to the problem. They are cumulatively beneficial, globally significant and scientifically discernible. They contribute to the efforts being taken by growing legions of people around the world who are acting today to prevent the problem from becoming even worse.

We cannot be paralyzed into inaction by the scale of the task at hand. Rather, we will act now to make a real difference, and to encourage behavioural changes that will drive sustainable growth as a global imperative.

Market forces can play a positive role in this regard.

You Choose. You Save.

By living smarter, we can save on energy, water and fuel consumption. We can reduce waste and get better value from our land, our limited natural resources and our tax dollars.

This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and drive innovation that will create new jobs and opportunities. It will conserve water and energy, and save us money.

Your government will give citizens new choices for new savings. "You choose. You save."

It will reward smart choices and create the competitive advantages of higher productivity, lower costs, less waste and higher quality products for our industries.

That is why British Columbia is participating in the Western Climate Initiative, The Climate Registry, and the International Carbon Action Partnership.

This session, legislation will be introduced to facilitate British Columbia's participation in a regional "cap and trade" system that is being developed under the Western Climate Initiative. The framework for that system is scheduled for completion this year.

It will help large emitters meet their obligations to live within legally mandated, declining emissions “caps”, at the lowest possible cost.

All British Columbians will be asked to do their part in meeting B.C.’s legislated greenhouse gas reduction targets and in conserving energy.

As the cost of producing new, clean electricity unavoidably goes up, consumers will be given new tools to help conserve energy and save money on their power bills.

BC Hydro has been instructed to install Power Smart meters in every home in British Columbia by 2012 that will give families new information and control over their power consumption.

New “inclining block” rate structures will also allow families to choose and save by making Power Smart choices.

These changes and the BC Energy Plan will be supported by a new legislated direction for the BC Utilities Commission.

Government will encourage smart developments that minimize waste and increase affordability through better use of land, energy, water and building design.

This new initiative — LiveSmart BC — will help to contain urban sprawl and reward development that creates more affordable housing, new green spaces and more people-friendly neighbourhoods.

Carbon-smart communities are energy-smart, water-smart, health-smart and resource-smart. They are communities designed for human needs at the lowest “lifecycle” cost and highest long-term benefit possible — with the least impact possible on our environment.

Green developments waiting for provincial environmental approvals will be fast-tracked and given priority.

The new Green Building Code will be finalized and implemented to save energy and water.

All new provincial public buildings will be constructed to LEED Gold or equivalent standards. Existing buildings will be retrofitted to make them more energy efficient, climate friendly and healthier for public servants.

A new Trees for Tomorrow program will launch a large, urban afforestation initiative. Millions of trees will be planted in backyards, schoolyards, hospital grounds, civic parks, campuses, parking lots and other public spaces across B.C.

Major investments in tree nurseries will be made to assist this initiative.

Those new trees will help clean our air and “lock away” carbon dioxide that would otherwise contribute to global warming.

Other legislation will require local governments to incorporate greenhouse gas reduction targets and supporting strategies in their Official Community Plans and Regional Growth Strategies.

The discharge of landfill gas will be regulated to foster the capture and conversion of emissions into clean energy.

A new “Brownfields to Greenfields” redevelopment strategy will target existing “dirty” sites for the creation of well-treed, green, liveable communities.

Higher densities will be encouraged around new transit routes to help make them more affordable and create affordable housing.

Better transit leads to reduced greenhouse gases, cleaner air, shorter transit times and healthier communities.

That is the intent of your government’s new \$14-billion vision for expanded public transit across B.C.

That initiative will double transit ridership and renew existing fleets with cleaner technologies. It will increase the number of buses by 60 per cent in areas outside of Metro Vancouver and double TransLink’s bus fleet by 2020.

That will substantially reduce emissions. It will mean that many citizens in TransLink’s region will see more transit routes as well as a bus every 15 minutes, 15 hours per day, seven days a week.

There will be new RapidBus BC lines on nine major routes in Kelowna, Victoria and Metro Vancouver. There will be four new rapid transit lines — the new Canada Line, Evergreen Line, UBC Line, and an upgraded and expanded Expo Line.

The new Port Mann Bridge will also restore public transit across that corridor for the first time in 20 years. There will be new investments in cycling paths and pedestrian paths across B.C.

All of these improvements will give people new opportunities to choose alternative forms of transit, with more routes, more options and new savings in time and vehicle costs.

To further reduce transportation-related emissions, this legislature will be asked to adopt new California equivalent vehicle tailpipe emission standards, in tandem with California and a number of other states and provinces.

Standards for low-carbon fuel content will be adopted to reduce the carbon intensity of motor vehicle fuels by 10 per cent by 2020.

New incentives will be created to encourage the purchase of fuel efficient vehicles.

The Scrap-It program will be expanded to get older vehicles with higher emissions off the road, while promoting newer, cleaner vehicles across the province.

New investments will be made in plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, hydrogen-powered buses, clean retrofits of dirty diesel trucks and the electrification of truck stops.

All these initiatives will stimulate innovation and job creation.

The Innovative Clean Energy Fund will help create 100,000 solar roofs in British Columbia and build on B.C.'s expertise in solar technology.

The new BC Bioenergy Strategy will create new opportunities in clean technology for rural communities, for independent power producers, and for our forest and agriculture industries.

A new Pacific Carbon Trust will foster economic growth from new opportunities in carbon credit trading and carbon offsets.

It will invest in made-in-B.C. offset projects that produce emissions reductions that are permanent, measurable, verifiable, and additional, and that are regulated by government.

Projects in energy efficiency, renewable energy, carbon capture and sequestration — including incremental tree planting — will all be eligible.

The Trust will manage the revenues generated from your government's plan to become carbon neutral by 2010. It will be open to offset purchases from private citizens, companies and other governments alike.

These new initiatives will help reduce British Columbia's greenhouse gas emissions while also creating jobs in new fields of employment like carbon accounting, carbon brokerage, carbon auditing and carbon trading.

A new Citizens' Conservation Council will support B.C.'s mitigation efforts with public education campaigns that will give citizens the tools and information they need to make informed choices.

A new Youth Climate Leadership Alliance will be formed that will comprise students and other young people from across B.C.

It will undertake paid government-sponsored field research, mitigation work, afforestation projects and adaptation efforts. It will also lead a new Youth LiveSmart outreach campaign to encourage young British Columbians to make carbon-smart lifestyle choices that are good for the environment, their health, their pocketbooks and our planet.

Other LiveSmart BC education and outreach initiatives will be launched by the government and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, an exciting new consortium involving UVic, UBC, UNBC and SFU.

It will bring together British Columbia's world leaders in conducting climate research and developing cutting-edge solutions. It will help shape our actions to mitigate global warming and adapt to its unavoidable consequences.

Changing temperatures and precipitation patterns are already affecting our weather, water cycles and ecology. Climate change is now impacting our forests, ecosystems, water levels, infrastructure, agriculture industry and recreational opportunities.

Risks of flooding and storm surges pose new threats for human health, safety and property.

Warmer temperatures and drier conditions are compounding insect infestations and wildfire threats in our forests and communities.

Your government will expand British Columbia's hydrometric and other climate-related networks to improve our ability to monitor, predict and adapt to these conditions.

It is responding with a new 10-year commitment to flood prevention, the Mountain Pine Beetle Strategy and the Wildfire Prevention Strategy.

This government will make the most of that beetle-killed wood while it is still viable and valuable for lumber, wood products, pulp and paper, and new opportunities in bioenergy.

We have few natural allies in our fight against climate change that are more important than our forests. Our trees clean the air, manage our watersheds, provide habitat for wildlife and protect the land.

Today, nearly 700,000 hectares of forest lands in British Columbia are not sufficiently restocked through reforestation.

Each year, new developments, urbanization, agricultural conversions, new power lines and other utility corridors contribute to deforestation.

That releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and removes millions of trees that are absorbing and storing carbon.

To reverse this problem, your government will pursue a goal of zero net deforestation. It will work with First Nations, industry and communities to put that goal into law by 2010 and establish a viable strategy for realizing that vision by 2015.

All forest land currently identified as not sufficiently restocked will be replanted and no "NSR" backlogs will be allowed to develop in ensuing years.

In addition to reforestation required by law of licensees, the Forests for Tomorrow program will plant an additional 60 million seedlings over the next four years.

It is reforesting areas of Crown land affected by the catastrophic wildfires of 2003 and 2004, and by the mountain pine beetle that would otherwise remain unplanted.

This will create new jobs and years of steady employment in rural communities and will be assisted by new research in planting equipment and forest species.

These are only some of the many initiatives your government is taking to leverage the challenges of global warming into opportunities for sustainable growth, stable jobs and more liveable communities.

But the challenge of sustainability is not restricted to the environment. It also challenges the long-term viability of our health services.

Living Smart Means Healthier Families and Sustainable Health Delivery

British Columbians were asked how we might strengthen our health system within the *Canada Health Act* and secure it for future generations during the Conversation on Health.

That Conversation produced valuable ideas and helped inform British Columbians about their health system, its challenges and the need for renewal.

This session your government will act to improve health care for the long term through a new emphasis on healthy lifestyles, prevention and accountability.

There will be one public payer for services under the *Canada Health Act* that will continue to deliver services through public and private service providers.

British Columbia's health care system will be built on an express commitment to accessibility, universality, portability, comprehensiveness and public — not private — administration.

Amendments will define and enshrine those five principles of the *Canada Health Act* under the *Medicare Protection Act*. A sixth principle of sustainability will be added to ensure our health care system will be there for our children, our grandchildren and their families.

The Medical Services Plan will be required to be administered in a manner that is fiscally sustainable and provides for British Columbians' current health needs without compromising future generations' entitlement to similar MSP benefits.

Other amendments will codify a commitment to building a public health care system that is founded on the values of individual choice, personal responsibility, innovation, transparency and accountability.

Our goal is an efficient, effective, integrated health system that promotes the health of all citizens, and provides high-quality patient care that is medically appropriate and ensures reasonable access to medically necessary services consistent with the *Canada Health Act*.

Citizens will gain new access to their health records and medical information so they can play an informed role in making both preventative and therapeutic care choices.

People who choose to, will have the option of staying in their homes with their families as long as possible at the end of life.

This year the government will undertake a study of the opportunities and costs involved in the establishment of a new Independent Living Savings Account framework.

It would allow citizens to choose to invest a certain portion of their income each year, up to age 75, in a tax-sheltered savings account that can be used for home care support, assisted independent housing and supportive housing options.

Patient choice and access will also be improved through major new investments in eHealth and expansions to BC NurseLine, including a new "specialist referral service."

Since December, your government has waived the three-month residency period to access MSP benefits for soldiers and their families who are serving our country in Afghanistan and elsewhere abroad.

As of today, British Columbia will waive the wait period for all Canadian soldiers and their families who move to B.C. from elsewhere in Canada.

Your government urges all provinces to do likewise to show our national gratitude to those who serve in our military.

With their sacrifices in mind each of us can ask: what are we doing to help our planet, our country and future generations?

The fight against climate change is our fight. The battle to save Medicare is our battle. We all must do our part.

All the money raised from sales tax, Medicare premiums, tobacco tax, health-care fees, federal health transfer payments and corporate income tax combined does not cover the costs of our health services.

Health expenditures have grown at more than twice the rate of growth in GDP over the last 20 years and at nearly quadruple inflation rates in this decade.

If we fail to come to grips with that trend, it will be our children and their families who will pay the highest price.

This obliges us to adopt new effective strategies that at once improve the health of our citizens, improve health delivery and protect our public health system for the long term.

Throughout the Conversation on Health there was overwhelming support for more focus on disease prevention and health promotion.

Diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and strokes rob aging individuals of their memories, motor skills and faculties. Mental illnesses like depression, schizophrenia and substance abuse typically begin in childhood, exerting a lifelong impact on the individual, their families and society.

The causes of childhood afflictions such as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Autism Spectrum Disorder remain poorly understood.

This legislature will be asked to approve major investments aimed at strengthening our ability to prevent and treat such conditions.

Your government will build on the expertise and success of the Brain Research Centre with a new Centre for Brain Health. It will help people avoid brain diseases and provide new treatment and rehabilitation options for patients.

B.C. is recognized across the country for its excellent work in cancer research.

Expanded pediatric oncology research will offer new hope for cancer prevention and treatment specifically focused on children.

Some 20 per cent of all hip fractures result in death and half of those who do survive are left with disabilities. Musculoskeletal diseases generate more direct and indirect costs than any other health condition in B.C.

New investments in the Centre for Hip Health and Musculoskeletal Research will be undertaken.

The Hip Centre will work to prevent falls and hip fractures through the development of early intervention programs for youth and seniors. It will enhance the detection of osteoarthritis at an early stage and the education of highly skilled scientists and clinicians.

Personal health starts with personal commitment to healthy eating, active living and responsible health management.

Your government will establish ActNow seniors' community parks throughout the province. They will be designed especially for seniors to help them stay mobile, physically active and healthy.

The best way to stay healthier later in life is to be health-smart all our lives.

Expectant parents have been given new tools and support to help them make healthy choices for their new babies.

Universal early screening programs have been introduced that have been complemented by early childhood development programs for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

New daily minimum physical activity requirements are now in place for B.C. students.

Working with parents, educators and students, two new programs will be designed to provide our children with new opportunities for daily physical activities.

A new "Walking School Bus" program will be developed to enable young students to walk safely to their schools, accompanied by adults. A similar new program — the "Bicycle Train" — will give groups of children the chance to bicycle to class with adult supervision.

To encourage healthy eating, your government has introduced and is expanding the school fruit and vegetable nutritional program.

It has banned junk food in schools and vending machines in provincially-owned buildings.

It will now act to ban the use of trans fats in the preparation of foods in schools, restaurants and food service establishments by 2010.

Smoking remains one of the most pernicious health threats to children.

It has now been banned in all indoor public spaces and on all school property. Yet more must be done.

The Canadian Cancer Society estimates that as many as one in five children are exposed to second-hand smoke while riding in passenger vehicles.

To ensure children are no longer subjected to second hand smoke in any vehicle, new legislation will ban smoking in vehicles when children are present. There is nothing more precious or important than the health of our children.

BC Children's Hospital provides outstanding care for many of British Columbia's most seriously ill or injured children. It provides highly specialized services that are not available elsewhere in B.C.

Your government is committed to the upgrading and expansion of BC Children's Hospital. It will work with the BC Children's Hospital Foundation and the Provincial Health Services Agency to plan, modernize and refurbish that important health facility and improve its health services for children in all regions of British Columbia.

British Columbia has some of the best population health outcomes anywhere in the world. Yet each year, public health risks emerge.

Improvements to the *Public Health Act* will help deal decisively with these challenges and protect our citizens from infectious diseases and emergency health hazards.

Your government will strengthen its statutory capacity to guarantee the highest standards of safety and quality in service delivery.

A new BC Patient Safety Council will be established. It will enhance patient safety, reduce errors, promote transparency and identify best practices to improve patient care.

New Patient Care Quality Review Boards will also be established for all health regions. They will provide a clear, consistent, timely and transparent process for patients to register complaints about service quality or clinical appropriateness in the health system, including the residential care sector.

Health professionals are the lynchpins of quality health care. Access to qualified health professionals will be substantially expanded.

New legislative authority will be sought to ensure health professionals who are certified to practise in other Canadian jurisdictions will be welcomed to practise in B.C. and have their credentials recognized. This includes foreign-trained doctors.

A new restricted licence will allow internationally trained physicians to practise in their specific areas of qualification.

Residency positions will be significantly expanded to complement the recent doubling of medical school spaces. A new framework to allow Canadian citizens trained outside Canada to find residencies and practise in B.C. will be developed and implemented.

A three-year Bachelor of Nursing Science program will be established. It will permit nurses to gain their degree a year sooner with significant ‘on-the-job’ training.

Nurses will be trained and authorized to deliver a broader range of health services such as suturing, ultrasounds, allergy testing, local anaesthesia and cardiac stress testing.

They will be able to give medications for minor pain at triage while patients are waiting to see a doctor. They will be authorized to order lab work, blood tests and X-rays.

Amendments to the *Health Professions Act* will allow health providers the opportunity to utilize their full scope of training and expertise.

A new Health Profession Review Board will ensure that all qualified health workers can fully and appropriately utilize their training and skills, and not be denied that right by unnecessary credentialing and licensure restrictions.

Pharmacists will be permitted to authorize routine prescription renewals, making it easier for patients with chronic illnesses to manage their conditions.

Ambulance paramedics will be authorized to treat and release when appropriate. Naturopaths will be permitted to prescribe medicinal therapies as appropriate and restrictions on their access to medical labs for prescribed tests for patients will be removed.

Midwives will be authorized to deliver a broader range of services without a physician present to new and expectant mothers who choose to utilize their services.

These measures will be bolstered by expanded access to primary care, new independent living options, and improved service levels in assisted living and residential care.

Teams of health professionals working together for patients will be available 24 hours a day to provide clinically appropriate care that is now only available in emergency rooms.

New tools and support services will be created to help home caregivers and family members who are providing in-home care.

Better co-ordination of patient services across the Lower Mainland will reduce administration costs. Those revenues will be redirected to patient services.

Integrated approaches to health human resources training and recruitment, data collection, procurement and services will be implemented.

New investments will standardize information technology platforms and provide new tools for better managing and optimizing health expenditures.

Your government will also launch an innovation and integration fund for the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser Health Authorities to help move beyond “block funding” toward a new provincewide patient centred funding model.

This new model will see health dollars follow patients, wherever they are treated. It will tie funding to performance and to increased service levels in specific priority areas, like emergency care and surgical backlogs.

These measures will improve the health of our citizens. They will improve access, choice, quality, transparency and accountability in public health delivery. They will make health care more sustainable.

Living Smart Means Safe, Supportive Communities

Safe, supportive communities encourage human interaction, citizen engagement and a heightened commitment to social responsibility.

They are places where women and children feel safe to walk outdoors and enjoy their parks.

The challenges of poverty, mental illness and addictions compound the societal challenges of housing, homelessness and crime.

There are victims and casualties in our society — injured, hurt, lost, isolated people who cannot find their way off the street, into a home, out of addiction and back to health.

Additional efforts to guide them to healthier lives will be immediately launched, as an updated 10-year mental health plan is also completed.

Communities will be required to include provision for mental health and addiction service facilities in their community plans.

Expanded outreach programs will help lift people out of the street and offer them personalized support.

Patients with severe mental illnesses who require intensive, sustained and complex medical treatment will be provided care in new and existing facilities at Willingdon in Burnaby, which will be retrofitted and opened this year, and at Riverview in Coquitlam.

People in the Downtown Eastside and elsewhere who can't cope will be cared for in safe and secure facilities until they are well. They will not be abandoned or consigned to a life of despair and destitution on the streets.

Your government has tripled its investments in housing and other initiatives aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness. That has helped thousands of people find more affordable and appropriate housing.

Over 4,300 families have been given new support through the rent supplement program. It will be expanded this year.

A “211” service, in partnership with the United Way, will be launched to give citizens new telephone access to information about the full range of social services offered in their communities.

This will especially help women, seniors and persons with disabilities find support services that are delivered by multiple levels of government and private providers.

Supports for women fleeing abusive relationships, assisted living options and income assistance programs have all been enhanced.

More will be done, as your government implements the Hughes recommendations on child protection, improves programs to prevent violence against women, and increases support to people with developmental disabilities, children with special needs and their families.

A new multi-year investment will be made to revitalize Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Anchored by the new Woodward's project, new public initiatives will be undertaken in partnership with the city and the neighbourhoods to enhance the 40 block area that includes Gastown, Chinatown, Strathcona and Japantown.

Those improvements will be reinforced by new housing investments for people in the area. This government will work with the city and the community to restore hope, pride and a safer, healthier environment for all who call these neighbourhoods home.

Community safety will continue to be a major focus of attention for your government.

New actions will be taken to better prevent, enforce and prosecute crime; and to enhance public confidence in our police and courts.

Two public inquiries have recently been initiated to serve that end.

Amendments to the *Police Act* will aim to implement Josiah Wood's recommendations to improve transparency, accountability and public confidence in the police complaints process.

British Columbians want to understand why sentences in their province tend to be shorter than in other provinces for crimes such as homicide, theft, property crimes, fraud, impaired driving and drug possession.

A comprehensive review of sentencing practices in B.C. courts will address those questions. It will also assess how the federal government's anti-crime measures might affect demands on our police, Crown prosecutors, courts and correctional system.

That information will all contribute to a Community Safety Strategy that will be released this fall.

It will build on recent initiatives to fight the scourge of crystal meth, gang violence, drug-related homicides, grow-ops, street racing, dangerous driving and property crimes.

That strategy will include enhanced policing, new community courts and expanded correctional capacity.

Your government will also work with local governments to explore the potential to further integrate policing and to examine the possibilities for amalgamating police forces and creating safer communities.

Living Smart Means Educational Excellence

Education is the key to our future.

Dozens of recent measures have improved quality, access, choice and accountability in education at all levels. Others are improving literacy for people of all ages.

Funding is up at record levels, average class sizes are down, and completion rates are up.

There is more choice in schooling and curriculum, and new Internet-based access to education. Parents now have a direct role in school planning. Teachers have higher pay cheques and will soon have an unfettered right to practise here and in Alberta.

A new program leading to a certificate in leadership will be introduced for teachers. New powers will be given to the College of Teachers to remove the teaching certificate of any member who is found to be incompetent.

Immediate steps will continue to strengthen early childhood learning.

Eighty-four StrongStart BC centres have opened to help preschool-age children and their parents get ready for kindergarten. Another 316 centres will be added in the next two years, for a total of 400 StrongStart centres that will be open across B.C. by 2010.

A new Early Childhood Learning Agency will be established. It will assess the feasibility and costs of full school day kindergarten for five-year-olds. It will also undertake a feasibility study of providing parents with the choice of day-long kindergarten for four-year-olds by 2010, and for three-year-olds by 2012. That report will be completed and released within the year.

A new Centre for Autism Education and Research will be developed. It will provide a residential environment for children with autism and create a national hub for research and a centre for parental supports.

Today, as a result of post-secondary expansion, students with a B average or better can look forward to advancing their education here in B.C.

Your government is now providing \$1,000 to each new child born or adopted in B.C. on or after January 1, 2007. That money is collecting interest year after year, in credit towards their future post-secondary education needs.

This year, new steps will be taken to expand B.C.'s public university system, provide new clarity of purpose in our post-secondary institutions and create new opportunities for higher learning.

Funding will be targeted where it is needed most, to meet skills demands with added training capacity for skilled workers.

Major expansions to the Provincial Nominee Program and the successful Skills Connect for Immigrants program will also help meet new demands for skilled workers.

Post-secondary students will be given new consumer protection as institutional accountability is strengthened under the new Education Quality Assurance program.

This will enhance both our international educational initiatives and the marketability of our institutions abroad, particularly in the Asia Pacific, which is so central to your government's vision for a strong economy.

In the new creative economy, art and culture are increasingly recognized as critical competitive advantages in attracting and retaining skilled workers and building an enlightened society.

As a legacy of our 150th anniversary, major new investments will be earmarked to significantly enhance British Columbia's contributions to art and culture.

A major new arts endowment will provide lasting benefits to all British Columbians.

The Vancouver Art Gallery will enhance its international reputation as a showcase of B.C. art of all genres, cultures and regions. New steps will be taken to elevate both its international profile and the profile of B.C. artists' rich talent, creative capacity and inspiring originality.

To celebrate our maritime heritage, your government will support the establishment of a National Maritime Centre for the Pacific and the Arctic in North Vancouver.

Subject to federal matching dollars, that world class Centre will be developed as a public-private partnership. It will be an important legacy for British Columbians and Canadians alike.

The Key to Smart Growth is a Strong Economy

Our economy is strong. Small business remains the most confident in Canada. It is the jobs engine that continues to see B.C. leading the nation in job creation.

Energy, mining, technology, construction, manufacturing, small business, retail, tourism, transportation and other sectors are doing well. But like other economies in North America, ours is being buffeted by some very strong winds, especially in forestry.

The new Working Roundtable on Forestry will recommend new possibilities for forestry, including new tenures. A 90-day regulatory and process review will cut unnecessary administrative and process costs.

Working with industry and labour, new pension bridging opportunities will be developed for older workers nearing retirement. New training opportunities will also be offered to help forest workers who have been temporarily laid off to upgrade skills and earning potential.

New tenures will increase access to waste material left on forest floors after harvesting, so that it can be converted to clean, renewable bioenergy.

The new BC Bioenergy Strategy will create new opportunities in cellulosic ethanol, biodiesel and other clean, renewable fuels. It's part of the new BC Energy Plan that will help make British Columbia an alternative energy powerhouse in the Pacific Century.

The consultation now underway will continue to advance the potential for Site C, which could be a major economic catalyst for rural British Columbia in years to come.

A new northern energy corridor from Prince Rupert to Prince George will also be pursued. That alone holds the potential for billions of dollars in new investment that will create new high-paying jobs for the North.

The Port of Prince Rupert is revitalizing northern and rural economies and creating a powerful platform for future development. The next phase of that port development will be pursued, in co-operation with First Nations and the federal government. Working with the federal government, a new integrated Pacific Ports Strategy will also be developed, to make the most of Canada's Pacific Gateway.

Our agriculture industries are progressing, with our award-winning wineries leading the way. A new British Columbia Agriculture Plan will ensure farming continues to have a bright future in our province.

Amendments to the *Employment Standards Act* will improve protection for farm workers and prohibit agricultural producers from using unlicensed farm labour contractors.

The Future is Full of New Promise for British Columbia

In precisely two years, people from around the world will see how far we have come over the last 150 years.

They will see what British Columbians now see and feel: a province that is opening the door to Canada's Pacific Century.

A place that celebrates the creativity of our artists, the discoveries of our scientists, the resolve of our rural communities and the vitality of our cities and towns.

A people who are acting to bridge generational challenges and leave the world a better place.

A province living its Olympic dream, hosting the greatest sport and cultural spectacle on Earth.

In 2010, the world will see the majesty of our landscapes, the strength of our diversity, and the wealth of our human and natural potential. It will feel the promise of British Columbia.

And British Columbians will revel in that moment and the pride of all we have accomplished together.

The goals we have set for ourselves are great and the path your government is charting for our province is challenging.

But British Columbians' dreams are never small and are always earned. They are about reaching higher.

In this, a special year in our history, let us not shrink from our responsibilities to see beyond our lifetimes to a better time.

The best is yet to come for British Columbia. As has been said before, "history and our own conscience will judge us harsher if we do not now make every effort to test our hopes by action."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

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

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

That *Sindi Hawkins*, Member for Kelowna-Mission Electoral District, be appointed a Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

That *Sue Hammell*, Member for Surrey-Green Timbers Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

That *Harry Bloy*, Member for Burquitlam 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. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General), it was *Ordered*—

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

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

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

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of: the Hon. *M. de Jong* (Convener), Messrs. *Cantelon*, *Jarvis*, *Mayencourt*, *Nuraney*, Ms. *Roddick*, Messrs. *Farnworth* and *Horgan*, Ms. *Conroy* and Ms. *Kwan*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3.11 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Polak*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Mr. *Cantelon* moved, seconded by Ms. *McIntyre*—

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 14, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *MacKay*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That effective Monday, February 18, 2008, the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows for the duration of the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament, which commenced on February 12, 2008:

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

Sittings

Daily sittings.

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

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

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

Hour of interruption.

3. If at the hour of 6:30 p.m. on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the business of the day is not concluded and no other hour has been agreed on for the next sitting, the Speaker shall leave the Chair:

On Monday	until 10 a.m. Tuesday
On Tuesday	until 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday
On Wednesday	until 10 a.m. on Thursday
On Thursday	until 10 a.m. on Monday

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

Motion agreed to, on division.

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

That *Katherine Whittred*, Member for North Vancouver-Lonsdale Electoral District, be appointed a Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, February 14, 2008

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled Amendments to the Preliminary Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, February 18, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Routley*.

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

Mr. *Bennett* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

1 Mr. *Rustad* moved —

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the importance of the Softwood Lumber Agreement.

A debate arose.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, February 18, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Krueger*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.13 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee to Review the *Personal Information Protection Act* be appointed to examine in accordance with section 59 of the *Personal Information Protection Act* (SBC 2003, c. 63) and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the collection, use and disclosure of personal information by organizations.

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

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

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

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

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, but no later than April 19, 2008, 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 comprised of the following members: Mr. *Cantelon*, Convener; Ms. *Polak*, Mr. *Rustad*, and Messrs. *Krog* and *Lali*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion of the Hon. *C. Taylor* (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. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009; and

Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 15, 2008.

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

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

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

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 18, 2008.

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. Taylor (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Budget and Fiscal Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11 required under section 7 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Government's 2008/09 – 2010/11 Strategic Plan required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Advanced Education; Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, and Integrated Land Management Bureau; Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Community Services; Ministry of Economic Development; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Ministry of Environment including Environmental Assessment Office and BC Climate Action Secretariat; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; BC Public Service Agency; Ministry of Small Business and Revenue; Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts; Ministry of Transportation;

Crown Agency Service Plans: BC Assessment Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.; BC Innovation Council; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Railway Company; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; BC Transmission Corporation; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Fraser Region Interim Aboriginal Authority; Homeowner Protection Office; Industry Training Authority; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network (formerly Open Learning Agency); Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Partnerships BC; Provincial Capital Commission; Royal BC Museum Corporation; Tourism BC; Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd.; Vancouver Island Aboriginal Transition Authority; 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 3.21 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. Trevena.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 21, 2008

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Puchmayr*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, February 21, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, February 25, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Roddick*.

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Advanced Education and Minister Responsible for Research and Technology) presented two petitions regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

26 By leave, Mr. *Brar* moved—

Be it resolved that this House call on the BC Government to develop a comprehensive strategy for eliminating child poverty in the province of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, February 25, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Puchmayr*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Reservists' Guaranteed Leave Act, 2008* 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. *Krog* rose on a matter of privilege concerning statements made in the House by the Honourable Premier.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* reserved the right to respond.

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.

By leave, the proceedings on introduction of Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Reservists' Guaranteed Leave Act, 2008* were regularized and the Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth Monitoring Brief: System of Services for Children and Youth with Special Needs, February 26, 2008.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Supplementary Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2008;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 21, 2008.

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

The House recessed until 10.15 a.m.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates — Other Appropriations, Contingencies, Ministry of Advanced Education, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts).

(IN COMMITTEE)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE)

44 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies All Ministries and New Programs, to 31st March, 2008.

29 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$252,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

41 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$228,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

36 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

12 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. C. Taylor moved —

That the report of resolutions from the Committee of Supply on February 26, 2008, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved —

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of \$1,045,000,000. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act, 2007-2008* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

Motion agreed to.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Supply Act, 2007-2008 (Supplementary Estimates)* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 25, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Speaker stated that pursuant to established practice, the Bill would proceed through all stages in one day.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) the House divided.

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

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<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Yap</i>	

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

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) a debate arose.

By consent, Bill (No. 3) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. Taylor* Bill (No. 3) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

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

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. de Jong*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made representations regarding the point of privilege raised yesterday by Mr. *Krog*.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Yap.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2007-2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 27, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

FIRST REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
FEBRUARY 25, 2008

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on February 12, 2008 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Committees of this House reports that the following is the list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session:

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — *Lorne Mayencourt* (Convener), *Al Horning*, *Dennis MacKay*, *Joan McIntyre*, *Val Roddick*, *Katherine Whittred*, *Gary Coons*, *Harry Lali*, *Scott Fraser* and *David Chudnovsky*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH — *Ron Cantelon* (Convener), *John Rustad*, *Dennis MacKay*, *Bill Bennett*, *Mary Polak*, *Val Roddick*, *Leonard Krog*, *Maurine Karagianis*, *Jagrup Brar* and *Nicholas Simons*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS — *John Rustad* (Convener), *Ron Cantelon*, *Joan McIntyre*, *John Yap*, *Dennis MacKay*, *Iain Black*, *Corky Evans*, *John Horgan*, *Harry Lali* and *Shane Simpson*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION — *John Nuraney* (Convener), *Dan Jarvis*, *Richard T. Lee*, *Lorne Mayencourt*, *Mary Polak*, *John Rustad*, *Doug Routley*, *Rob Fleming*, *David Cubberley* and *Norm Macdonald*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—*Bill Bennett* (Convener), *Harry Bloy*, *Dave S. Hayer*, *Richard T. Lee*, *Randy Hawes*, *Iain Black*, *Bruce Ralston*, *Robin Austin*, *John Horgan* and *Diane Thorne*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH—*Ralph Sultan* (Convener), *Dave S. Hayer*, *Dan Jarvis*, *John Nuraney*, *Val Roddick*, *Katherine Whittred*, *Adrian Dix*, *Guy Gentner*, *David Chudnovksy* and *Raj Chouhan*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—*Al Horning* (Convener), *Harry Bloy*, *Randy Hawes*, *Ralph Sultan*, *Dave S. Hayer*, *Lorne Mayencourt*, *Mike Farnworth*, *Bob Simpson*, *Katrine Conroy* and *Jenny Kwan*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—*Al Horning* (Convener), *Harry Bloy*, *Randy Hawes*, *Dave S. Hayer*, *Lorne Mayencourt*, *Val Roddick*, *Mike Farnworth*, *Adrian Dix*, *Jenny Kwan* and *Katrine Conroy*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—*Rob Fleming* (Convener), *Joan McIntyre*, *Iain Black*, *Randy Hawes*, *Mary Polak*, *John Rustad*, *Ralph Sultan*, *John Yap*, *Harry Bains*, *Bruce Ralston*, *Bob Simpson* and *Claire Trevena*.

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

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 28, 2008

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

Mr. *Rustad* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations for the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, February 28, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Monday, February 25, the Member for Nanaimo raised a point of privilege in which he put forward his “contention that this House should find that the Premier has misled this House and that he be directed by the House to apologize”. His complaint arose out of comments made by the Premier in response to questions posed by the Leader of the Official Opposition during Committee of Supply debate on the Estimates of the Office of the Premier in May 2007. In particular, the Member’s argument focuses on statements made by the Premier regarding the involvement of government officials with respect to release of documents related to the case *Regina v. Basi, Virk and Basi*. In his submission, the Member from Nanaimo argued that information, recently brought to his attention, established that staff from the Office of the Premier had, in fact, been involved with the review of documents since 2004 to early 2007. The Member therefore concluded that the Premier had knowingly misled the House in 2007 with respect to his Office’s involvement in the process of reviewing documents, and accordingly, he contended that a *prima facie* case of privilege should proceed.

In his submission, the Member for Nanaimo presented supporting documents, including various media reports from 2004, which he claimed had been first brought to his attention on Monday, February 18, 2008. The Member also explained that additional information came to light through a media column on Friday, February 22, and he again reserved his right to raise a point of privilege on the morning of February 25. Both reservations were covered in the Member’s statement later that day.

In his submission on this matter, the Government House Leader submitted that at no time did the Premier ever mislead the House. In referencing more extensive comments from the *Hansard* transcript of May 28, 2007, he described how the Premier explained the role of the Deputy Attorney General with respect to the review and release of relevant Cabinet documents. The Government House Leader described how the Premier stressed repeatedly in that debate that he would not personally intervene or politically interfere with a process which had been delegated to the Deputy Attorney General. In support of these comments, the Government House Leader tabled a letter from the Deputy Attorney General to the Member for Nanaimo in which he describes his role reviewing documents for cabinet confidentiality in a manner identical to that described by the Premier during debate. The Deputy Attorney General also noted in the letter that “as of the date of this letter, there are no documents that have not been disclosed based on any assertion of cabinet privilege.”

I appreciate the submissions and supporting written documentation provided by both Members, which assisted me greatly in my decision with respect to this matter. I have reviewed the evidence put forward by both sides, as well as the transcript of an additional *Hansard* debate on May 19, 2004. Like the 2007 *Hansard* transcript referenced earlier, the 2004 transcript also focuses on the debate in Committee of Supply on the estimates of the Office of the Premier. In response to questions from the then Leader of the Opposition, Joy MacPhail, about the government's role in reviewing relevant court documents regarding cabinet confidentiality, the Premier responded, "I understand there is a package of information which is effectively being reviewed by the Deputy Cabinet Secretary, the special prosecutor and the judge. The judge is now reviewing that information and deciding what the judge believes should be released."

The articles cited by the Member indicate that in 2004, pursuant to a protocol presented in court by the special prosecutor, documents which had been seized by the RCMP were being examined to see whether they involved Cabinet privilege. The Premier's comments at that time accurately described the process.

It is clear from the Deputy Attorney General's letter of February 26, 2008, that the process he was involved in during 2007 was related to disclosure of information to counsel, a completely different process from the process being carried out in 2004. The Premier's comments in 2007 are consistent with the letter of the Deputy Attorney General. I can see no relationship between the Premier's comments in 2007 and the process in 2004.

I can find no evidence of a deliberate misleading of the House, either during the May 2004 Estimates process, or during the similar debate which took place three years later. While the process of reviewing relevant government documents may have changed during this period, the Premier's comments to the House appear to be an accurate account on both occasions.

I am also compelled to comment on one other important issue with respect to this matter.

In order for a Member to be successful in presenting a matter of privilege, a number of stringent requirements must be met. The necessity for raising a matter of privilege at the earliest opportunity is examined in detail in a decision of Speaker Schroeder, reported in the *B.C. Journals*, November 25/26, 1982. In this decision, Speaker Schroeder cites Standing Order 26 which reads, "Whenever any matter of privilege arises, it shall be taken into consideration immediately." He referenced a number of decisions from the British Parliament at Westminster in which matters concerning newspaper reports published in preceding weeks were refused precedence because they were not brought to the prompt attention of the House.

Speaker Schroeder correctly noted: "Because a motion based on privilege is given precedence over the pre-arranged program of public business, strict compliance with the rules has invariably been required."

Although the Member from Nanaimo makes reference to a recent media report dated February 22, 2008, in fact much of the substantive information presented in this column, relates to information publicly available through court records and reported almost four years ago in the other media articles which he submitted. The Member explained that these 2004 media reports, including an article in the *Vancouver Sun* and in a parliamentary journal, were not brought to his attention until February 18. However, it seems to the Chair, based on the existing authorities, that his argument is based on information in the public domain for almost 4 years, and therefore the matter clearly appears to have failed the "earliest opportunity" requirement.

It is the opinion of the Chair that the Premier did not mislead the House, and therefore, no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has been made out.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 3) *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2008.

Bill (No. 4) *Supply Act, 2007-2008 (Supplementary Estimates)*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 6.33 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, March 3, 2008

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

8 Mr. *Black* to move—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the positive relationship between BC and the Federal Government, and support Bill C-2: *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, March 3, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

Mr. *Coons* presented a petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Community Services) tabled the Thirty-first Annual Report of the business done pursuant to the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, for the year ended March 31, 2007.

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—42

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>		

NAYS—29

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>			

And then the House adjourned at 6.19 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Routley*.

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Advanced Education and Minister Responsible for Research and Technology) presented a petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 4, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—43

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	

NAYS—32

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 4, 2008.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

I would like to take a brief opportunity to address the use of electronic devices, such as laptop computers, cell phones and BlackBerry units, while in the Chamber.

As Members know, these devices may be used subject to specific restrictions, as outlined in a memo to you all on February 16, 2006.

All Members continue to have the obligation to ensure that these tools are used in a manner which does not disrupt the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

Electronic devices must be operated silently while in the legislative Chamber. Cell phone conversations are obviously not permitted, but it is imperative that these devices are set to silent mode while in the Chamber.

The use of technology in this Chamber must never impinge on the dignity or decorum of parliamentary proceedings. As Speaker, I reserve my right to direct any Member from discontinuing use of electronic devices if I find that the dignity of the House has been compromised.

As noted earlier in my 2006 memo:

1. Electronic devices are permitted to access textual information during designated proceedings only. They must not be used during the following proceedings:

- a) During Speech from the Throne
- b) During Royal Assent
- c) During Budget Speech
- d) During Prayers
- e) During Question Period
- f) During Points of Order

- g) During Points of Privilege
 - h) During Speaker's Rulings
 - i) During Votes (divisions)
 - j) When the Premier or Leader of the Official Opposition is speaking to the Speech from the Throne or the Budget Speech
 - k) At any other designated time pursuant to instructions by the Speaker.
2. Electronic devices must be programmed to operate silently.
 3. Electronic devices must not be used by a Member who is in possession of the floor.

I trust that all Members will benefit from this further clarification on the use of electronic devices. We must ensure that these tools are used in a manner that maintains decorum in the Chamber and public trust and confidence in the Legislature.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Trevena* presented a petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

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

1. Be the committee that receives and reviews the annual service plan from the Representative for Children and Youth (the "Representative") that includes a statement of goals and identifies specific objectives and performance measures that will be required to exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the Representative during the fiscal year;
2. Be the committee to which the Representative reports, at least annually;
3. Refer to the Representative for investigation the critical injury or death of a child; and
4. Receive and consider all reports and plans delivered by the Representative (if any during the time period of these terms of reference) to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

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

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

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

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be appointed to review the annual reports and service plans of British Columbia Crown Corporations.

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

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

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

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

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

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

(b) Conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings, telephone and electronic means;

(c) Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2008 on the results of those consultations; and

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

- (i) Auditor General
- (ii) Chief Electoral Officer
- (iii) Conflict of Interest Commissioner
- (iv) Information and Privacy Commissioner
- (v) Merit Commissioner
- (vi) Ombudsman
- (vii) Police Complaint Commissioner
- (viii) Representative for Children and Youth; and

(b) To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by any of the Officers listed in 2 (a) above.

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

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

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
 (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,
 and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

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

Audit Reports:

- Report No. 3, 2007/08: *A Review of the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project: Governance and Risk Management*
- Report No. 5, 2007/08: *Preventing Fatalities and Serious Injuries in B.C. Forests: Progress Needed*
- Report No. 6, 2007/08: *Literacy: Creating the Conditions for Reading and Writing Success*

Follow-up Reports:

- Report No. 8, 2004/2005: Follow-up of 2002/2003 Report 5: *Managing Contaminated Sites on Provincial Lands* (November 2004)
- Report No. 9, 2004/2005: Follow-up of Two Health Risk Reports: *A Review of Performance Agreements; Information Use in Resource Allocation* (December 2004)
- Report No. 12, 2004/2005: Third Follow-up of 2000/2001 Report 4: *Management Consulting Engagements in Government* (March 2005)
- Report No. 1, 2005/2006: Follow-up of the Recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts contained in its Fourth Report of the 3rd Session of the 36th Parliament: *Earthquake Preparedness; Performance Audit* (May 2005)
- Report No. 2, 2005/2006: Joint Follow-up of 2001/2002 Report 1: *Managing Interface Fire Risks and Firestorm 2003 Provincial Review* (May 2005)
- Report No. 7, 2006/2007: Follow-up of 2003/2004 Report 4: *Alternative Payments to Physicians: A Program in Need of Change* (February 2006)
- Report No. 4, 2007/2008: Follow-up of 2004/2005 Report 3: *Preventing and Managing Diabetes in British Columbia* (December 2007)

Other:

- *BC's Auditor General comments on Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project Report* (December 21, 2005)

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

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

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

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

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2007-2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—42

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>		

NAYS—30

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>		

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

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Hammell*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

37 The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved —

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

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

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

3. Section A shall consist of 18 Members, being 11 Members of the B.C. Liberal Party and 7 Members of the New Democratic 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 fourth session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Bennett*, *Cantelon*, *Hayer*, *Horning*, *Jarvis*, *Lee*, *Lekstrom*, and *Nuraney*, and Ms. *McIntyre*, and *Roddick* and Messrs. *Bains*, *Chouhan*, *Cubberley*, *Evans*, *Farnworth*, *Fraser* and Ms. *Conroy*.

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.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, March 6, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Sather*.

The Hon. *P. Bell* (Minister of Agriculture and Lands) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 5, 2008.

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."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 37 authorizing the Committee of Supply for this Session to sit in two sections designated Section A and Section B.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, March 6, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2009 Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 25, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 37 authorizing the Committee of Supply for this Session to sit in two sections designated Section A and Section B.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Simons* moved the following amendment:

In paragraph 2, strike out after Section A and replace with "and within one sitting day of the passage of this Motion, the House Leader of the Official Opposition may advise the Government House Leader, in writing, of three ministerial Estimates which the Official Opposition requires to be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply, and upon receipt of such notice in writing, the Government House Leader shall confirm in writing that the said three ministerial Estimates shall be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply".

The debate on the amendment continued.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* moved that the question be now put.

Mr. *Farnworth* rose on a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 46.

The Speaker advised that the question would be now put.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hagen</i>		

NAYS—20

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Austin</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Conroy</i>

The amendment was negatived, on division.

The debate continued on the main motion.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* moved that the question be now put.

Mr. *Farnworth* rose on a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 46.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had carefully considered the wording of Standing Order 46 and the debate by both the Opposition side and the Government side. He further stated that he had listened carefully to the Opposition designated speaker, the Leader of the Opposition and the Government House Leader. He stated that in his opinion there had been good debate on Motion 37 and felt that the question could be now put.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hagen</i>		

NAYS—20

S. Simpson
Fleming
Farnworth
Ralston
Austin

Brar
Simons
Puchmayr
Wyse
Sather

Gentner
Dix
Trevena
Macdonald
Karagianis

Evans
Krog
Robertson
Chudnovsky
Conroy

Motion 37 was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

Falcon
Reid
Coell
Ilich
Chong
Christensen
Les
Richmond
Bell
Krueger

van Dongen
Roddick
Hayer
Lee
Jarvis
Nuraney
Whittred
Cantelon
Thorpe
Hagen

Oppal
de Jong
Taylor
Bond
Hansen
Abbott
Coleman
Hogg
Sultan

Mayencourt
Polak
Hawes
Yap
Bloy
MacKay
Black
McIntyre
Rustad

NAYS—20

S. Simpson
Fleming
Farnworth
Ralston
Austin

Brar
Simons
Puchmayr
Wyse
Sather

Gentner
Dix
Trevena
Macdonald
Karagianis

Evans
Krog
Robertson
Chudnovsky
Conroy

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, March 10, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nuraney*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

36 By leave, Ms. *Trevena* moved —

Be it resolved that this House opposes the commercialization of child care in British Columbia.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, March 10, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Farnworth* advised the House of the death of Mark Rose, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Minister of Employment and Income Assistance) made a statement.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 7, 2008.

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. *Coons* presented the following:

A petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities; and

A petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

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.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2007-2008* was committed.

The motion that the Committee rise, and report Bill (No. 5) complete without amendment passed, on division.

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

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

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 Small Business and Revenue.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hayer*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, 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.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,114,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business and Revenue, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Musqueam Reconciliation, Settlement and Benefits Agreement Implementation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 7, 2008.

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. *Fleming* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was committed.

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

Mr. *Robertson* moved a proposed amendment to section 14 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—22

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>		

NAYS—38

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hagen</i>		

Section 14 of Bill (No. 7) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Yap*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

By notice from Mr. Wyse, Motion 34 was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

By notice from Ms. Trevena, Motion 35 was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Musqueam Reconciliation, Settlement and Benefits Agreement Implementation Act*, a debate arose.

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, was again committed.

Mr. Wyse moved a proposed amendment to add section 17.1 to Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—29

Hammell	Austin	Sather	Evans
S. Simpson	Brar	Horgan	Krog
Fleming	Thorne	Gentner	Robertson
Farnworth	Simons	Dix	Chudnovsky
James	Puchmayr	Trevena	Chouhan
Kwan	Fraser	Macdonald	Routley
Ralston	Wyse	Karagianis	Conroy
Cubberley			

NAYS—39

Falcon	van Dongen	de Jong	Mayencourt
Reid	Roddick	Bond	Polak
Coell	Hayer	Abbott	Hawes
Ilich	Jarvis	Penner	Yap
Chong	Nuraney	Neufeld	Bloy
Christensen	Horning	Coleman	MacKay
Les	Cantelon	Hogg	Black
Richmond	Thorpe	Sultan	McIntyre
Bell	Hagen	Bennett	Rustad
Krueger	Oppal	Lekstrom	

Mr. Wyse moved a proposed amendment to section 25 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—28

S. Simpson	Brar	Horgan	Krog
Fleming	Thorne	Gentner	Robertson
Farnworth	Simons	Dix	Chudnovsky
James	Puchmayr	Trevena	Chouhan
Kwan	Fraser	Macdonald	Coons
Ralston	Wyse	Karagianis	Routley
Austin	Sather	Evans	Conroy

NAYS—39

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	

Section 39 of Bill (No. 7) passed, on division.

Mr. Wyse moved a proposed amendment to section 51 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Austin</i>			

NAYS—38

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>de Jong</i>		

Mr. Wyse moved a proposed amendment to add section 54.1 to Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Austin</i>			

NAYS—38

*Falcon**Reid**Coell**Ilich**Chong**Christensen**Les**Richmond**Bell**Krueger**van Dongen**Roddick**Hayer**Jarvis**Nuraney**Cantelon**Thorpe**Hagen**Oppal**de Jong**Bond**Abbott**Penner**Neufeld**Coleman**Hogg**Sultan**Bennett**Lekstrom**Mayencourt**Polak**Hawes**Yap**Bloy**MacKay**Black**McIntyre**Rustad*

Mr. Wyse moved a proposed amendment to section 62 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated, on division.

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

The House recessed until 5.55 p.m.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2009 Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, March 13, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Bloy.

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Advanced Education and Minister Responsible for Research and Technology) presented a petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Transportation Investment (Port Mann Twinning) Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 12, 2008.*

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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

39 The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved —

Be it resolved that this House believes the electoral map for the Province of British Columbia must reflect a balance between the need for reasonable and effective representation and the constitutional requirement for relative voter parity; and, further, believes that none of the 12 regions identified in the Electoral Boundaries Commission’s preliminary report of August 15, 2007 should have its existing level of representation reduced under a new electoral map; and, accordingly, approves the establishment of an electoral map for the Province of British Columbia that will include 85 electoral districts on the following basis:

Adoption of the proposals contained in the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission as contained in its report entitled *Amendment to the Preliminary Report* (February 14, 2008), (“the Report”) with the following alterations:

- a) The proposals for the North and Cariboo-Thompson Regions are not approved and the alternatives contained in Appendix P of the Report relating to these regions are approved in their place.

A debate arose.

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

The debate continued.

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

YEAS—65

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Horgan</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Whittred</i>			

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Musqueam Reconciliation, Settlement and Benefits Agreement Implementation Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *O. Ilich* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Labour and Citizens' Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
March 11, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Deregulation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 10, 2008.

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. *Krog* presented a petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

Mr. *Bennett* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Musqueam Reconciliation, Settlement and Benefits Agreement Implementation Act* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2008* was committed.

Mr. *Fraser* moved a proposed amendment to add section 1.1 to Bill (No. 9) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—25

Hammell
S. Simpson
Fleming
Farnworth
James
Kwan
Ralston

Cubberley
Austin
Brar
Thorne
Puchmayr
Fraser

Sather
Horgan
Gentner
Dix
Macdonald
Karagianis

Krog
Robertson
Chudnovsky
Chouhan
Routley
Conroy

NAYS—37

Falcon
Reid
Coell
Ilich
Chong
Christensen
Les
Richmond
Bell
Krueger

van Dongen
Roddick
Hayer
Lee
Jarvis
Nuraney
Cantelon
Thorpe
Hagen

Oppal
de Jong
Bond
Hansen
Abbott
Neufeld
Coleman
Hogg
Sultan

Mayencourt
Polak
Hawes
Yap
Bloy
MacKay
Black
McIntyre
Rustad

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum 2009 Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$103,657,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, March 31, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

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

Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2007;

Auditor General 2007/2008 Report No. 7: Improving Financial Reporting for British Columbians: A Report on the 2006/07 Public Accounts;

Auditor General 2007/2008 Report No. 8: Managing Access to the Corrections Case Management System; and

British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission, Amendments to the Preliminary Report, February 14, 2008.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order Called for "Private Members' Statements."

46 By leave, Mr. *Hawes* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports a patient-centred funding model for British Columbia's health care system.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, March 31, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 31, 2008.

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. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene-glycol.

Mr. *Coons* presented a petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2008* was committed.

Section 18 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

Section 19 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 5) *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2007-2008*.

Bill (No. 6) *Electoral Reform Referendum 2009 Act*.

Bill (No. 7) *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 8) *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 9) *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 10) *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 12) *Musqueam Reconciliation, Settlement and Benefits Agreement Implementation Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Wyse.

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 1, 2008.

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.

Mr. Wyse rose on a point of privilege regarding proceedings that took place in Section A during the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Deregulation) reserved his right to respond.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2008* was again committed.

Section 43 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

Mr. *MacKay* presented a petition regarding carbon emission tax.

Ms. *Trevena* presented a petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

Mr. *Puchmayr* presented a petition regarding the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement.

Mr. *Wyse* presented a petition regarding the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement.

Mr. *Sather* presented a petition regarding the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2008* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Labour and Citizens' Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Trevena*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

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. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 3, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Routley*.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform) made representations regarding the point of privilege raised by Mr. *Wyse* on April 1, 2008.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, April 3, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 2008.

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. *T. Christensen* (Minister of Children and Family Development) tabled a document intituled Capital Project Plan – Integrated Case Management Project, April 3, 2008.

Mr. *Simons* presented a petition regarding pending ferry fare increases to coastal communities.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Lee</i>			

NAYS—23

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Austin</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Krog</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.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Labour and Citizens' Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* 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 Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, April 7, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

51 By leave, Mr. *Horgan* moved—

That the Legislature supports a moratorium on private run of the river power projects until a comprehensive review of the social, economic and environmental impacts is completed.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, April 7, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On April 1st the Member for Cariboo South sought to raise a matter of privilege, alleging that the Minister of Small Business and Revenue had misled the House during estimates debate in Committee of Supply. On April 3rd, the Minister made a statement in response.

It should be noted at the outset that an allegation that a Member has deliberately misled the House is a serious accusation and ought not to be made lightly.

The Member for Cariboo South did not accuse the Minister of “deliberately misleading the House”, but rather chose to use the charge of “misleading the House”. In considering a similar situation on May 5, 1998, Speaker Brewin quoted the following passage by Joseph Maingot, Q.C. in *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, 2nd edition at page 241:

“To allege that a Member has misled the House is a matter of order rather than privilege and is not unparliamentary, whether or not it is qualified by the adjective “unintentionally” or “inadvertently.” To allege that a Member has deliberately misled the House is also a matter of “order”, and is indeed unparliamentary. However, deliberately misleading statements may be treated as a contempt.”

I have reviewed the *Hansard* transcripts quoted by both Members. It is clear that they disagreed as to the facts they were debating, a disagreement that is the essence of debate. There is no evidence before me that would indicate that the Minister deliberately misled the House and accordingly, I cannot find that a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has been made out.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Electoral Districts Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
April 7, 2008.

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. G. Abbott (Minister of Health) tabled the Provincial Health Officer’s Annual Report 2006.

By notice from Mr. Hawes, Motion 49 was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Labour and Citizens’ Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2008*, was committed.

Section 11 of Bill (No. 15) passed *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—69

<i>Coell</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Oppal</i>			

Mr. *Horgan* moved a proposed amendment to add section 11.1 to Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>		

NAYS—41

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hayer</i>			

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *MacKay*.

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Oil and Gas Activities Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 7, 2008.

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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2008* was again committed.

Mr. *Horgan* moved a proposed amendment to section 14 of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—27

Hammell
S. Simpson
Fleming
Farnworth
Kwan
Ralston
Cubberley

Austin
Thorne
Simons
Puchmayr
Fraser
Wyse
Sather

Horgan
Gentner
Dix
Trevena
Macdonald
Karagianis
Evans

Krog
Robertson
Chouhan
Coons
Routley
Conroy

NAYS—36

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

Bill (No. 15) was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 15) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—29

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Austin</i>			

Bill (No. 15) was read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act*, a debate arose.

Mr. *Horgan* moved the following amendment—

That the Bill be not now read a second time but that the subject matter of Bill 16 be forwarded to the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives to discuss the implications of this Bill as it relates to issues of food security, sustainability and secrecy.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,251,994,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 7, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Health Care Costs Recovery Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 7, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Electoral Districts Act*, a debate arose.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

NAYS—40

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

The debate resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nuraney*.

Mr. *Lali* made a statement regarding the deaths of three children killed in Merritt, and requested that the House observe a minute of silence.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

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

Government House,
April 8, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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. 16) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—39

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	

NAYS—31

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Mr. *S. Simpson* moved the following amendment—

That Bill 18 not be read a second time now but that the subject matter be forwarded to the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 10, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McIntyre*.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *E-Health (Personal Health Information Access and Protection of Privacy) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 8, 2008.

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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Electoral Districts Act* was committed.

Mr. *Farnworth* moved a proposed amendment to Schedule 1 of Bill (No. 19) which was defeated, on division.

Mr. *Gentner* moved a proposed amendment to Schedule 1 of Bill (No. 19) which was defeated, on division.

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

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bond</i>		

NAYS—27

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,499,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,435,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2009.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,198,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Integrated Land Management Bureau, to 31st March, 2009.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, April 10, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Health Professions (Regulatory Reform) Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 10, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) on behalf of the Hon. *John van Dongen* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Public Safety and Solicitor General (Gift Card Certainty) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 1, 2008.

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.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Gentner*, the debate on the amendment 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 Employment and Income Assistance.

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. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, April 14, 2008

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Hammell*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

45 By leave, Mr. *Sultan* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports the Provincial Transit Plan.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, April 14, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
April 14, 2008.

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. *Wyse*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *British Columbia Rail Corridor Safety Act, 2008* 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. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) tabled a document intituled Capital Project Plan — Replacement of the Fort St. John Hospital, April 11, 2008.

The Hon. *O. Ilich* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled the Worksafe BC 2007 Annual Report and 2008–2010 Service Plan.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

The Speaker ruled as follows:

Bill (No. M 202), *British Columbia Rail Corridor Safety Act, 2008*, was introduced today by the Member for Cariboo South. I have had an opportunity to review the Bill. I note that sections 3, 4 and 6 create an impost, therefore the Bill is out of order in the hands of a Private Member and will not proceed to second reading.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,527,012,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$970,553,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance and the Ministry of Transportation.

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 Employment and Income Assistance and Ministry of Transportation) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
April 14, 2008.

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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—31

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

NAYS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

The debate resumed on the main motion.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Wills, Estates and Succession Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
April 14, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

Falcon
Reid
Coell
Ilich
Chong
Christensen
Richmond
Bell
Krueger
van Dongen

Les
Roddick
Hayer
Lee
Jarvis
Whittred
Cantelon
Thorpe
Hagen
Oppal

de Jong
Campbell
Taylor
Bond
Hansen
Abbott
Penner
Neufeld
Coleman
Hogg

Sultan
Bennett
Lekstrom
Mayencourt
Polak
Hawes
Yap
Bloy
MacKay
Rustad

NAYS—33

Hammell
S. Simpson
Fleming
Farnworth
James
Kwan
Ralston
B. Simpson
Cubberley

Austin
Brar
Thorne
Simons
Puchmayr
Fraser
Wyse
Sather

Horgan
Gentner
Dix
Trevena
Bains
Macdonald
Karagianis
Evans

Krog
Robertson
Chudnovsky
Chouhan
Coons
Routley
Lali
Conroy

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Public Safety and Solicitor General (Gift Card Certainty) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(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 6.20 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Resource Road Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
April 16, 2008.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Environmental (Species and Public Protection) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
April 16, 2008.

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. *J. van Dongen* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled a copy of a letter from the Chair of ICBC.

Mr. *Simons* presented a petition to freeze BC Ferries' fares.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Public Safety and Solicitor General (Gift Card Certainty) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Transportation Investment (Port Mann Twinning) Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Falcon*, 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 6.20 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 17, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thorne*.

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 16, 2008.

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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act* was committed.

Ms. *Karagianis* moved a proposed amendment to section 6 of Bill (No. 16) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—21

*Hammell
Farnworth
Kwan
Ralston
Cubberley
Austin*

*Brar
Thorne
Simons
Fraser
Wyse*

*Sather
Horgan
Gentner
Bains
Karagianis*

*Krog
Robertson
Chudnovsky
Routley
Conroy*

NAYS—39

*Falcon
Reid
Coell
Ilich
Christensen
Richmond
Bell
Krueger
van Dongen
Les*

*Roddick
Hayer
Lee
Jarvis
Nuraney
Cantelon
Thorpe
Hagen
Oppal
de Jong*

*Taylor
Bond
Hansen
Abbott
Penner
Neufeld
Coleman
Hogg
Sultan
Lekstrom*

*Mayencourt
Polak
Hawes
Yap
Bloy
MacKay
Black
McIntyre
Rustad*

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, April 17, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Emissions Standards) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 17, 2008.*

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. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 33) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 16, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Ms. *Karagianis*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Translink Openness Act, 2008* 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. *Cantelon* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Review the *Personal Information Protection Act* for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act* was again committed, and reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 16), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

Falcon

Reid

Coell

Ilich

Christensen

Richmond

Bell

van Dongen

Les

Roddick

Hayer

Lee

Jarvis

Nuraney

Whittred

Cantelon

Thorpe

Hagen

Oppal

de Jong

Taylor

Bond

Hansen

Abbott

Penner

Neufeld

Hogg

Sultan

Lekstrom

Mayencourt

Polak

Hawes

Yap

Bloy

Black

McIntyre

Rustad

NAYS—20

Hammell
Farnworth
Kwan
Ralston
Cubberley

Austin
Thorne
Simons
Fraser
Wyse

Sather
Horgan
Gentner
Bains
Karagianis

Krog
Robertson
Chudnovsky
Routley
Conroy

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Transportation Investment (Port Mann Twinning) Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,675,357,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

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 6.19 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, April 28, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

56 By leave, Ms. *James* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support discussion and debate of the creation of a Representative for Seniors in British Columbia.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, April 28, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 1: An Audit of Joint Solution Procurement and the Revenue Management Project.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 35) intituled *Social Workers Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 25, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 36) intituled *Motor Vehicle (Banning Smoking when Children Present) Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 25, 2008.

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. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 37) intituled *Carbon Tax Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 25, 2008.

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. *Puchmayr*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Mineworkers Safety Act, 2008*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The House observed a minute of silence for workers killed on the job.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Transportation Investment (Port Mann Twinning) Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—39

Falcon
Reid
Chong
Christensen
Richmond
Bell
Krueger
van Dongen
Les
Roddick

Hayer
Lee
Nuraney
Whittred
Horning
Cantelon
Thorpe
Hagen
Oppal
de Jong

Taylor
Bond
Hansen
Abbott
Penner
Coleman
Hogg
Sultan
Bennett
Lekstrom

Mayencourt
Polak
Hawes
Yap
Bloy
MacKay
Black
McIntyre
Rustad

NAYS—28

Hammell
S. Simpson
Fleming
Farnworth
James
Kwan
Ralston

Cubberley
Austin
Brar
Thorne
Simons
Puchmayr
Wyse

Sather
Horgan
Gentner
Dix
Trevena
Bains
Macdonald

Evans
Krog
Robertson
Chouhan
Coons
Routley
Conroy

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. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *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 Economic Development.

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. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 38) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia (Conservancies and Parks) Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 28, 2008.

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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, 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 Economic 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.

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 34) intituled *University Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 25, 2008.

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. *B. Penner* (Minister of Environment and Minister Responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 39) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Vehicle Emissions Standards) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 28, 2008.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

On the motion of Ms. *Thorne*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Residential Tenancy Act Amendment Act, 2008*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Cantelon*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Lutheran Camp Concordia (1992) Society (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker ruled as follows:

Bill (No. M 204), *Mineworkers Safety Act, 2008*, was introduced yesterday by the Member for New Westminster. I have had an opportunity to review the Bill. I note that section 9 imposes an impost, section 37 creates an offence, and various sections impose obligations on the Crown. The Bill is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,218,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McIntyre*.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 41) intituled *Patient Care Quality Review Board Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Victoria, B.C.,
April 30, 2008.*

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 40) intituled *Insurance Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Victoria, B.C.,
April 30, 2008.*

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. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 42) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Victoria, B.C.,
April 30, 2008.*

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. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 43) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Victoria, B.C.,
April 30, 2008.*

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. MacKay, Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *The Grassy Plains Community Hall Association (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. Lali, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Bridge River Valley Flying Association (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. Bains, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Amendment Act, 2008*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2008/2009: Report 2 – Strengthening Accountability in British Columbia.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$285,688,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,516,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community Services, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2009.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 1, 2008

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. MacKay.

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

REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR ROOM,
MAY 1, 2008

MR. SPEAKER:

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

(1) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Bridge River Valley Flying Association (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008* has been proved, and the Committee recommends to the House that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;

(2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Lutheran Camp Concordia (1992) Society (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008* has been proved, and the Committee recommends to the House that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HORNING, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$364,140,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

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

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, Sport and the Arts) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,293,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,994,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Public Affairs Bureau, to 31st March, 2009.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$401,700,000 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, 2009.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$375,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries and New Programs), to 31st March, 2009.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Family Bonus, to 31st March, 2009.

48. *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, 2009.

49. *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, 2009.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Pacific Carbon Trust, to 31st March, 2009.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 11) *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 13) *Labour and Citizens' Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 15) *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 16) *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act*.

Bill (No. 17) *Public Safety and Solicitor General (Gift Card Certainty) Statutes Amendment Act*, 2008.

Bill (No. 19) *Electoral Districts Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, May 5, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Routley*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

15 By leave, Mr. *Jarvis* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the contributions of British Columbian members of Canada's armed forces who risk their lives to bring stability to the world and security to Canada.

A debate arose.

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

53 By leave, Mr. *Hawes* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the concept of independent power projects to help achieve electricity self-sufficiency in British Columbia by 2016 through continuing to support environmentally-friendly run-of-river hydroelectric projects as it has for two decades.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, May 5, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The House observed a minute of silence in honour of victims of the Holocaust.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

NAYS—29

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>			

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Health Care Costs Recovery Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Puchmayr*, 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 Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 3: Management of Aboriginal Child Protection Services.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Public Health Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Wyse*, 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 Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business and Revenue) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2007.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. de Jong* advised the House of an agreement pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (1) with respect to the completion of all of the Estimates and the following Bills for debate:

Bill (No. 14) — *Transportation Investment (Port Mann Twinning) Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 18) — *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act*

Bill (No. 22) — *Healthcare Costs Recovery Act*

Bill (No. 23) — *Public Health Act*

Bill (No. 25) — *Health Professions (Regulatory Reform) Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 26) — *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 27) — *Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 31) — *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Emissions Standards) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 33) — *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 34) — *University Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 36) — *Motor Vehicle (Banning Smoking When Children Present) Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 38) — *Protected Areas of British Columbia (Conservancies and Parks) Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 39) — *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Vehicle Emissions Standards) Act*

Bill (No. 41) — *Patient Care Quality Review Board Act*

and debate through all of the various stages on the above Bills to conclude by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2008. This agreement includes deferment of the following Bills for debate at a subsequent date:

Bill (No. 28) — *Wills, Estates and Succession Act*

Bill (No. 30) — *Resource Road Act*

Bill (No. 35) — *Social Workers Act*

Bill (No. 40) — *Insurance Amendment Act, 2008*

The Hon. *M. de Jong* advised the House that an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of Standing Order 81.1 (1) on several pieces of legislation and therefore moved the following motion:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2) on or before 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2008, all remaining stages on Bills:

Bill (No. 20) — *Oil and Gas Activities Act*

Bill (No. 21) — *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 24) — *E-Health (Personal Health Information Access and Protection of Privacy) Act*

Bill (No. 29) — *Environmental (Species and Public Protection) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 32) — *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Act*

Bill (No. 37) — *Carbon Tax Act*

Bill (No. 42) — *Election Amendment Act, 2008*

Bill (No. 43) — *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, (No. 2), 2008*

shall be completed and disposed of. At 5 p.m. on the date mentioned, the Speaker and the Chair of Committee of the Whole will forthwith put all necessary questions for the disposal of all remaining stages of the said Bills without amendment, apart from Government amendments, or debate. Any divisions called on the second or third reading of said Bills may be taken in accordance with Standing Order 16 and all other divisions will be covered by Practice Recommendation No. 1. Proceedings under this motion shall not be subject to the provisions of Standing Order 81 or the Standing or Sessional Orders relating to times and days of sittings of the House.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—30

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>		

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

Be it resolved that unless otherwise ordered, for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament, Standing Order 2 (2) (b) be amended so that the House shall meet the week of Victoria Day as follows:

Tuesday, May 20th	Two distinct sittings: 10 a.m. to 12 noon 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21st	1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 22nd	Two distinct sittings: 10 a.m. to 12 noon 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 23rd	Two distinct sittings: 10 a.m. to 12 noon 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. *Kwan* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, to call on the Federal Government to abandon the provisions of Bill C-50 that amend the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made representations.

Ms. *Kwan* made representations.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Public Health Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 23) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Health Professions (Regulatory Reform) Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

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

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today the Member for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant rose under the provisions of Standing Order 35 seeking to make a motion for the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the progress of Bill C-50 which is stated to be before the Federal Parliament in the Select Standing Committee on Finance.

The Honourable Member alleges that the Bill as presently drafted gives the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration sweeping powers in relation to waiting lists affecting immigration into this country, without adequate prior consultation.

The Government House Leader in response suggested that the matter is of some concern to many Members and indicated he would be having some discussions with the Opposition in relation to this matter.

However, the Chair must examine the request of the Member for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, bearing in mind the fairly stringent provisions of Standing Order 35.

I think all Members would recognize that the contents and progress of Bill C-50 falls squarely within the jurisdiction of the Federal Parliament and fall outside the jurisdiction of this House and, accordingly, would fail on this ground alone.

Again, while I am sure most Members would agree that the matter itself is an extremely serious one, what the Chair must decide is whether the ordinary business of this House should be set aside because the urgency for debate has been established. I am unable to find that the urgency for debate has been established. In this regard, I refer Honourable Members to the decision of Speaker Shantz quoted at page 62 of *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition.

On both these grounds, the Member's application fails to meet the standards well established in this House in relation to Standing Order 35, and I so rule.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$534,097,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,226,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Direct Fire, to 31st March, 2009.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,808,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2009.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions of the Ministry of Forests and Range.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Evans*.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) made a statement regarding the Sergeant-at-Arms, Tony Humphreys.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day".

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Health Professions (Regulatory Reform) Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *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 Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 8, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

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

REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR ROOM,
MAY 8, 2008

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *The Grassy Plains Community Hall Association (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008* has been proved, and the Committee recommends to the House that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HORNING, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 4: Managing Government's Payment Processing.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *E-Health (Personal Health Information Access and Protection of Privacy) Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker stated he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 206), *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Amendment Act, 2008*, which was introduced on April 30th by the Member for Surrey-Newton. He noted that sections 2 and 3 create an impost, and ruled that the Bill is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

The Speaker stated he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 205), *Residential Tenancy Act Amendment Act, 2008*, which was introduced on April 29th by the Member for Coquitlam-Maillardville. He noted that sections 1 and 6 create an impost, and ruled that the Bill is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$394,318,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Housing and Construction Standards, to 31st March, 2009.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Roddick* presented a petition regarding genetically engineered foods.

Mr. *Robertson* presented a petition regarding genetically engineered foods.

Mr. *Lali* (on behalf of the Hon. *B. Barisoff*, Speaker) presented a petition regarding establishment of a South Okanagan-Similkameen National Park Reserve.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$451,905,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,135,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2009.

18. *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, 2009.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 2009.

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 6.18 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, May 12, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hayer*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

55 By leave, Mr. *Brar* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports a statement of apology by the provincial and federal governments and the establishment of a permanent memorial by the federal government for the incident of Komagata Maru that took place at the Port of Vancouver in 1914.

A debate arose.

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

58 By leave, Ms. *Trevena* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the importance of annual coroner's reports on lessons learned from inquests into deaths where domestic violence is suspected.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, May 12, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *Karagianis*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *First Nations Heritage Protection and Conservation Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Right to Know Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Toxics Reduction Act, 2008* 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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Emissions Standards) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—67

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	

Bill (No. 31) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled *Motor Vehicle (Banning Smoking When Children Present) Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 36) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *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 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 6.24 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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. 27) intituled *Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 27) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 33) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *University Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,306,920,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$680,084,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Living Services, to 31st March, 2009.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions 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 6.24 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Polak*.

On the motion of Mr. *Coons*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Fair Ferries Act, 2008* 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 for Committee of Supply called.

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. 34) intituled *University Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 34) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia (Conservancies and Parks) Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—70

<i>Falcon</i> <i>Reid</i> <i>Coell</i> <i>Ilich</i> <i>Chong</i> <i>Christensen</i> <i>Bell</i> <i>Krueger</i> <i>van Dongen</i> <i>Les</i> <i>Roddick</i> <i>Lee</i> <i>Jarvis</i> <i>Nuraney</i> <i>Whittred</i> <i>Cantelon</i> <i>Thorpe</i> <i>Hagen</i>	<i>Oppal</i> <i>de Jong</i> <i>Taylor</i> <i>Bond</i> <i>Hansen</i> <i>Abbott</i> <i>Penner</i> <i>Neufeld</i> <i>Coleman</i> <i>Hogg</i> <i>Sultan</i> <i>Hawkins</i> <i>Bennett</i> <i>Lekstrom</i> <i>Mayencourt</i> <i>Polak</i> <i>Hammell</i> <i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Farnworth</i> <i>Kwan</i> <i>Ralston</i> <i>B. Simpson</i> <i>Cubberley</i> <i>Austin</i> <i>Brar</i> <i>Simons</i> <i>Puchmayr</i> <i>Fraser</i> <i>Wyse</i> <i>Hawes</i> <i>Yap</i> <i>Bloy</i> <i>Horgan</i> <i>Gentner</i> <i>Dix</i>	<i>Trevena</i> <i>Bains</i> <i>Macdonald</i> <i>Karagianis</i> <i>Evans</i> <i>Krog</i> <i>Robertson</i> <i>Chudnovsky</i> <i>Chouhan</i> <i>Coons</i> <i>Routley</i> <i>Lali</i> <i>Conroy</i> <i>MacKay</i> <i>Black</i> <i>McIntyre</i> <i>Rustad</i>
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Bill (No. 38) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Vehicle Emissions Standards) Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—68

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

Bill (No. 39) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,927,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 15, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The Speaker stated he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 208), *Right to Know Act, 2008*, which was introduced in the House by the Member for Vancouver-Fairview. The Bill would require expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67 and ruled that the Bill is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

The Speaker stated he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 209), *Toxics Reduction Act, 2008*, which was introduced in the House by the Member for Vancouver-Fairview. The Bill would require expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67 and ruled that the Bill is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Lutheran Camp Concordia (1992) Society (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *The Grassy Plains Community Hall Association (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2008*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 43) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Environmental (Species and Public Protection) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *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 Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, May 15, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Gentner*, Bill (No. M 211) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2008*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Krog*, Bill (No. M 212) intituled *Anti SLAPP Act, 2008*, 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 for Committee of Supply called.

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. 26) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker stated he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 207), *First Nations Heritage Protection and Conservation Act, 2008*, which was introduced in the House by the Member for Esquimalt-Metchosin. The Bill would require expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67 and ruled that the Bill is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,694,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Contracts and Funding Arrangements, to 31st March, 2009.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary of debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

I have now had the opportunity to review the *Blues* of Thursday, May 15th, relating to Private Members' Statements.

I am particularly concerned about the content of the statement given by the Member for Delta North and find that the Member's statement breached the well established guidelines related to such statements. In particular I quote a Speaker's decision in this House of July 2, 1992, in part, as follows:

"In reviewing the practice of this House, however, highly partisan remarks that negatively reflect on individual members or groups of members in the House have not been regarded as falling within the spirit and intent of Standing Order 25A."

I note here that the Speaker's decision of March 1, 2007, made it clear that guidelines applicable to Standing Order 25A are equally applicable to statements under Standing Order 25B.

Accordingly, it is the Chair's opinion that the Member for Delta North breached the well established guidelines applicable to Standing Order 25B, and should any Member transgress the guidelines again, he or she will be ordered to resume his or her seat and discontinue the statement.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Environmental (Species and Public Protection) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 29) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(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 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House observed a minute of silence for the victims of the earthquake in China.

On the motion of Ms. Conroy, Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Amendment Act, 2008* 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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Transportation Investment (Port Mann Twinning) Amendment Act, 2008* was committed.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 14) complete without amendment, the Committee divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

Falcon

Reid

Coell

Chong

Christensen

Richmond

Bell

Krueger

van Dongen

Les

Roddick

Hayer

Lee

Jarvis

Nuraney

Cantelon

Thorpe

Hagen

de Jong

Taylor

Bond

Abbott

Penner

Neufeld

Coleman

Hogg

Sultan

Bennett

Lekstrom

Mayencourt

Polak

Hawes

Yap

Bloy

MacKay

Black

McIntyre

Rustad

NAYS—27

Hammell
S. Simpson
Farnworth
Ralston
B. Simpson
Austin
Brar

Thorne
Simons
Puchmayr
Fraser
Wyse
Sather
Horgan

Gentner
Dix
Trevena
Bains
Macdonald
Karagianis
Evans

Robertson
Chudnovsky
Coons
Routley
Lali
Conroy

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Austin*.

By leave, on the motion of Ms. *Kwan*, Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Supervised Injection Facility Designation Act, 2008* 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. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the appointment of a Police Complaint Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia, pursuant to section 47 of the *Police Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 367), and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

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

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

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

The said Special Committee is to be composed of *J. Rustad* (Convenor); Messrs. *MacKay* and *Nuraney* and Messrs. *Krog* and *Farnworth*.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Cantelon* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Emissions Standards) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was committed.

Section 15 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 16 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 18 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 19 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 20 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 21 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 22 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 23 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 24 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 25 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 31) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Vehicle Emissions Standards) Act* 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 Health.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 22, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Trevena*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Carbon Tax Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, 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 Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 36) intituled *Motor Vehicle (Banning Smoking When Children Present) Amendment Act, 2008* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was committed.

Section 16 of Bill (No. 27) passed, on division.

Section 17 of Bill (No. 27) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 27) reported complete, with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled *University Amendment Act, 2008* was committed.

In consideration of sections 4 to 8 of Bill (No. 34) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—36

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—25

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Brar</i>			

Mr. *Fleming* moved a proposed amendment to section 35.2 (h) contained within section 10 of Bill (No. 34) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—25

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Thorne</i>			

NAYS—38

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Oppal</i>		

Section 10 of Bill (No. 34) passed, on division.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 34) complete without amendment, the Committee divided.

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

YEAS—61

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hagen</i>			

Bill (No. 34) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* 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 Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Friday, May 23, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Routley*.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) advised the House of the death of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Tony Humphreys, and requested a minute of silence.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made a statement.

Mr. *Farnworth* made a statement.

Mr. *Horgan* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

62 The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved —

Be it resolved that this Legislature apologizes for the events of May 23, 1914, when 376 passengers of the Komagata Maru, stationed off Vancouver harbour, were denied entry by Canada. The House deeply regrets that the passengers, who sought refuge in our country and our province, were turned away without benefit of the fair and impartial treatment befitting a society where people of all cultures are welcomed and accepted.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—64

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

57 The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

Be it resolved that this House approves the following wording for the electoral reform referendum question which will appear on the May 12, 2009 general election ballot:

“Which electoral system should British Columbia use to elect members to the provincial Legislative Assembly?”

- The existing electoral system (First-Past-the-Post)
- The single transferable vote electoral system (BC-STV) proposed by the Citizens’ Assembly on Electoral Reform

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Bridge River Flying Association (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Friday, May 23, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Elections BC Service Plan, 2008/09 – 2010/11.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia (Conservancies and Parks) Amendment Act, 2008* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *B. Penner* (Minister of Environment) tabled the Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 2006/2007.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$216,815,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,458,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Climate Action Secretariat, to 31st March, 2009.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,508,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2009.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,096,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 2009.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.44 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, May 26, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

63 By leave, Ms. *McIntyre* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the tremendous lasting economic, sport, cultural and social legacies that will benefit communities across the Province of British Columbia and all of Canada from hosting the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

A debate arose.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.03 p.m.

Monday, May 26, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Library Annual Report, 2007.

On the motion of Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 215) intituled *Campaign Finance Reform Act, 2008* 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. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

By leave, the Hon. *J. van Dongen* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled a copy of a letter from the Office of the Auditor General regarding an independent review of the issues raised with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's (ICBC) Research and Training facility in Burnaby.

Ms. *Conroy* presented a petition regarding the Topping Creek watershed.

Mr. *Coons* presented a petition regarding a moratorium on ferry fare increases.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Social Workers Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 35) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting of the House after today.

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Health Care Costs Recovery Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled *Public Health Act* was committed.

Section 83 of Bill (No. 23) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 23) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Health Professions (Regulatory Reform) Amendment Act, 2008* was committed.

A proposed amendment to section 7 of Bill (No. 25) passed, on division.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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 6.28 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Horgan* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2008* be amended by striking out "now read a second time" and adding "read a second time six months hence."

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, the debate on the amendment 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 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Horgan*, Bill (No. M 216) intituled *Members' Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Farnworth*, Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Victims of Crime Compensation Act, 2008* 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 for Committee of Supply called.

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

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

Mr. *Coons* presented a petition regarding Coalbed Methane Development in the Sacred Headwaters.

The Hon. *J. van Dongen* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 2007.

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Health Professions (Regulatory Reform) Amendment Act, 2008* was again committed.

A proposed amendment to section 41 of Bill (No. 25) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 25) 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. 26) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 26) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled *Patient Care Quality Review Board Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 41) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,102,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2009.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Polak*.

The Speaker stated that he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 215), *Campaign Finance Reform Act, 2008* which was introduced in the House by the Member for Victoria-Beacon Hill. The Bill would require expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67, and is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

On the motion of Mr. *Puchmayr*, Bill (No. M 218) intituled *Farm Workers Fairness Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Cubberley*, Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Funding Stability for Boards of Education Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Krog*, Bill (No. M 220) intituled *Accountability Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Ms. *Kwan*, Bill (No. M 221) intituled *Residential Tenancy Act Amendment Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Ms. *Thorne*, Bill (No. M 222) intituled *Home Inspection Act, 2008* 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. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform) tabled the BC Assessment Annual Report, 2007.

By leave, the Hon. *J. van Dongen* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled a letter from the Chairman of the BC Lottery Corporation.

Mr. *Simons* presented a petition regarding meat inspection regulations.

Mr. *Simons* presented a petition regarding a moratorium on ferry fare increases.

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

Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses for the year ending March 31, 2008, Revised Schedule I, May 20, 2008; and

Statement of 2007/2008 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A and Schedule B.

The Hon. *O. Ilich* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2007.

Mr. *Fleming* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was again committed, reported complete with amendment and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Social Workers Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act* was again committed and reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 18) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—27

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

By leave, Bill (No. 18) was read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,617,487,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

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 6.37 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 29, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nuraney*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Environmental (Species and Public Protection) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was committed, 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. 32) intituled *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Act*.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *P. Bell* (Minister of Agriculture and Lands) reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

(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.

Thursday, May 29, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker stated that he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 220), *Accountability Act, 2008* which was introduced in the House by the Member for Nanaimo. The bill would require expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67, and is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

The Speaker stated that he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 222), *Home Inspection Act, 2008* which was introduced in the House by the Member for Coquitlam-Maillardville. The bill would require expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67, and is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

The Speaker stated that he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 219), *Funding Stability for Boards of Education Act, 2008* which was introduced in the House by the Member for Saanich South. The bill would impose an obligation on the Crown, and is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

The Speaker stated that he had had the opportunity to review Bill (No. M 218), *Farm Workers Fairness Act, 2008* which was introduced in the House by the Member for New Westminster. The bill would create an impost, and is therefore out of order in the hands of a Private Member, and will not proceed to second reading.

On the motion of Mr. *S. Simpson*, Bill (No. M 223) intituled *Wildlife Protection Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Lali*, Bill (No. M 224) intituled *Gaming Control Amendment Act, 2008* 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.”

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*, it was moved—

That the House congratulate Mr. *E. George MacMinn*, O.B.C., Q.C., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia on his 50th anniversary as a Table Officer, and recognize his outstanding service to this Legislature and his many contributions to Parliaments and Legislatures throughout the Commonwealth and the United States, and thank him on behalf of all Members and all British Columbians.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of Transportation) tabled the British Columbia Railway Company Annual Report, 2007.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2007.

Mr. *Robertson* presented a petition regarding the impact of the Canada Line on small businesses.

Mr. *Simons* presented a petition regarding a moratorium on ferry fare increases.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That Mr. *Harry Bloy* be substituted for Mr. *Dennis MacKay* as a Member of the Special Committee to Appoint a Police Complaint Commissioner.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled *Patient Care Quality Review Board Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to an Order of the House adopted May 6, 2008, all necessary questions for the disposal of the various stages of Bills (No. 20), (No. 21), (No. 24), (No. 32), (No. 37), (No. 42) and (No. 43), together with any Government amendments thereto, will be now put.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Oil and Gas Activities Act* was committed.

Sections 1 to 207 of Bill (No. 20) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 20) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 20) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 20), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

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<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

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<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

Bill (No. 20) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008* was committed.

Sections 1 to 4 of Bill (No. 21) passed, on division.

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

Bill (No. 21) reported complete without amendment.

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

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

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<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

Bill (No. 21) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *E-Health (Personal Health Information Access and Protection of Privacy) Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

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<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

Bill (No. 24) read a second time.

Bill (No. 24) was committed.

Sections 1 to 7 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 8 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 8, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 9 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 9, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 10 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 10, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 11 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 11, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Sections 12 to 15 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 16 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 16, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 17 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 17, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 18 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 18, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Sections 19 to 25 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 26 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 26, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Sections 27 to 38 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 39 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 39, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 40 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 41 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 41, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 42 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 43 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 43, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 44 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 45 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Section 45, as amended, of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

Sections 46 and 47 of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 24) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 24) complete with amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 24) reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 24), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

NAYS—30

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

Bill (No. 24) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

NAYS—29

Hammell
S. Simpson
Fleming
Farnworth
James
Kwan
Ralston
Cubberley

Austin
Brar
Thorne
Simons
Puchmayr
Fraser
Wyse

Sather
Horgan
Gentner
Dix
Trevena
Bains
Macdonald

Evans
Krog
Robertson
Chudnovsky
Coons
Routley
Conroy

Bill (No. 32) read a second time.

Bill (No. 32) was committed.

Sections 1 to 49 of Bill (No. 32) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 50 of Bill (No. 32) passed, on division.

Section 50, as amended, of Bill (No. 32) passed, on division.

Sections 51 to 75 of Bill (No. 32) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 76 of Bill (No. 32) passed, on division.

Section 76, as amended, of Bill (No. 32) passed, on division.

Sections 77 to 80 of Bill (No. 32) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 32) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 32) complete with amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 32) reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 32), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

Falcon
Reid
Coell
Ilich
Chong
Christensen
Richmond
Bell
Krueger
van Dongen
Les

Roddick
Hayer
Lee
Jarvis
Nuraney
Whittred
Horning
Cantelon
Thorpe
Oppal

de Jong
Taylor
Bond
Hansen
Abbott
Penner
Neufeld
Coleman
Hogg
Sultan

Lekstrom
Mayencourt
Polak
Hawes
Yap
Bloy
MacKay
Black
McIntyre
Rustad

NAYS—30

Hammell
S. Simpson
Fleming
Farnworth
James
Kwan
Ralston
Cubberley

Austin
Brar
Thorne
Simons
Puchmayr
Fraser
Wyse
Sather

Horgan
Gentner
Dix
Trevena
Bains
Macdonald
Evans

Krog
Robertson
Chudnovsky
Coons
Routley
Lali
Conroy

Bill (No. 32) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading Bill (No. 37) intituled *Carbon Tax Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

NAYS—30

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

Bill (No. 37) read a second time.

Bill (No. 37) was committed.

Sections 1 to 157 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

The schedules to Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 37) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 37) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 37), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

NAYS—30

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

Bill (No. 37) read a third time.

The amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2008* was negatived, on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

NAYS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

Mr. *Farnworth* asked leave to reopen debate on Bill (No. 42). Mr. Speaker ruled that only the Government House Leader can ask leave with respect to government business.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

NAYS—30

Hammell
S. Simpson
Fleming
Farnworth
James
Kwan
Ralston
Cubberley

Austin
Brar
Thorne
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Bill (No. 42) read a second time.

Bill (No. 42) was committed.

Section 1 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Section 1.1 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Sections 2 to 41 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 42 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Section 42, as amended, of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Sections 43 to 49 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 50 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Section 50, as amended, of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Section 51 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 52 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Section 52, as amended, of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Sections 53 to 58 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 59 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Section 59, as amended, of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Sections 60 to 65 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 66 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Section 66, as amended, of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Section 67 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment to section 68 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Section 68, as amended, of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Sections 69 to 79 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 42) complete with amendment, passed, on division.

Bill (No. 42) reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 42), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

NAYS—30

<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

Bill (No. 42) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 43) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2008* was committed.

Sections 1 to 31 of Bill (No. 43) passed, on division.

Section 32 of Bill (No. 43) was defeated.

Sections 33 to 147 of Bill (No. 43) passed, on division.

The schedule to Bill (No. 43) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 43) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 43) complete with amendment, passed, on division.

Bill (No. 43) reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 43), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
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<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Les</i>			

NAYS—30

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Bill (No. 43) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$617,580,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2009.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,630,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, to 31st March, 2009.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,058,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Legislation, to 31st March, 2009.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,250,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2009.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$384,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2009.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,693,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2009.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,603,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2009.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$893,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Merit Commissioner, to 31st March, 2009.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,671,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 2009.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,853,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2009.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,558,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Representative for Children and Youth, to 31st March, 2009.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on March 11, 13; April 8, 10, 14, 17, 29, 30; and May 1, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 23, 27, 28, 29 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 30 billion, 844 million, 124 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2008* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 1 billion, 689 million, 871 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2008* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the capital, loans, investments and other financing requirement of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

Motion agreed to.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 44) intituled *Supply Act, 2008 - 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 20, 2008.

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. 44) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. Taylor*, Bill (No. 44) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 44) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Craig James, Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 14) *Transportation Investment (Port Mann Twinning) Amendment Act, 2008.*

Bill (No. 18) *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act.*

Bill (No. 20) *Oil and Gas Activities Act.*

Bill (No. 21) *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2008.*

Bill (No. 22) *Health Care Costs Recovery Act.*

Bill (No. 23) *Public Health Act.*

Bill (No. 24) *E-Health (Personal Health Information Access and Protection of Privacy) Act.*

Bill (No. 25) *Health Professions (Regulatory Reform) Amendment Act, 2008.*

Bill (No. 26) *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2008.*

Bill (No. 27) *Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008.*

Bill (No. 29) *Environmental (Species and Public Protection) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008.*

Bill (No. 31) *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Emissions Standards) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008.*
Bill (No. 32) *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Act.*
Bill (No. 33) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008.*
Bill (No. 34) *University Amendment Act, 2008.*
Bill (No. 35) *Social Workers Act.*
Bill (No. 36) *Motor Vehicle (Banning Smoking When Children Present) Amendment Act, 2008.*
Bill (No. 37) *Carbon Tax Act.*
Bill (No. 38) *Protected Areas of British Columbia (Conservancies and Parks) Amendment Act, 2008.*
Bill (No. 39) *Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Vehicle Emissions Standards) Act.*
Bill (No. 41) *Patient Care Quality Review Board Act.*
Bill (No. 42) *Election Amendment Act, 2008.*
Bill (No. 43) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2008.*
Bill (No. Pr 401) *Bridge River Valley Flying Association (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008.*
Bill (No. Pr 402) *Lutheran Camp Concordia (1992) Society (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008.*
Bill (No. Pr 403) *The Grassy Plains Community Hall Association (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2008.*

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

The said assent was announced by *Craig James*, Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

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

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

Bill (No. 44) *Supply Act, 2008 - 2009.*

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved —

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth 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 6.27 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 20, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of two Members was read by E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, as follows:

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER,
“ELECTIONS BC
“VICTORIA, B.C., NOVEMBER 14, 2008

“Honourable Bill Barisoff

“Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

“Room 207, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

“Dear Mr. Speaker:

“On July 15, 2008, this office received your Warrant advising of a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly resulting from the resignation of *Gregor Robertson*, MLA for the electoral district of Vancouver-Fairview. On September 16, 2008, a second Warrant was received after the resignation of *Lorne Mayencourt*, MLA for the electoral district of Vancouver-Burrard.

“On direction from the Lieutenant Governor in Council, I simultaneously issued Writs of Election for the electoral districts of Vancouver-Fairview and Vancouver-Burrard on October 1, 2008, ordering by-elections be held to fill the vacancies. The Writs specified General Voting Day to be October 29, 2008.

“The by-elections were held in accordance with the provisions of the *Election Act*, and the completed Writs of election have been returned to me.

“In accordance with section 147(2) of the *Election Act*, I hereby certify the following individuals to be elected to serve as members of the Legislative Assembly:

“*Jenn McGinn* for the electoral district of Vancouver-Fairview

“*Spencer Herbert* for the electoral district of Vancouver-Burrard

“Sincerely,

“HARRY NEUFELD,
“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General), it was *Ordered*—

That the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of the Members be entered upon the *Journals* of the House.

Ms. *Jenn McGinn* and Mr. *Spencer Herbert*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, were introduced by Ms. *James*, and took their seats.

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

Office of the Auditor General Annual Report, 2007/08 — Service Plan, 2010/11;

Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 5: Removing Private Land from Tree Farm Licences 6, 19 & 25: Protecting Public Interest?;

Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 6: Interior Health: Working to Improve Access to Surgical Services;

Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 7: Home and Community Care Services: Meeting Needs and Preparing for the Future;

Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 8: Follow-up Report: Updates on the Implementation of Recommendations from Recent Reports;

Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 9: Observations on Financial Reporting: Audit Findings Report on the 2007/2008 Summary Financial Statements;

Ombudsman Special Report No. 32: Fit to Drink: Challenges in Providing Safe Drinking Water in British Columbia;

Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report, 2007/08;

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2007-2008;

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2007;

Office of the Representative for Children and Youth Annual Report, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008;

and

Representative for Children and Youth Issue Report: Medical Assessments in B.C.'s Youth Justice System.

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 45) intituled *Economic Incentive and Stabilization Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 20, 2008.

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. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 2008* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 20, 2008.

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."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 1 recognizing the importance of the Softwood Lumber Agreement.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Economic Incentive and Stabilization Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

Leave was not granted.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 2008*.

Leave was not granted.

Pursuant to section 33 (3) of the *Constitution Act*:

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Vancouver-Fairview (Mr. *Robertson*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective July 15, 2008, was delivered to the Speaker.

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Vancouver-Burrard (Mr. *Mayencourt*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective September 12, 2008, was delivered to the Speaker.

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

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;

Advanced Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;

Agricultural Land Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;

Agriculture and Lands Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;

Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;

BC Games Society Annual Report, 2007/2008;

BC Housing Annual Report, 2007/2008;

BC Hydro Annual Report, 2008;

BC Oil and Gas Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/2008;

BC Pavilion Corporation (PavCo) Annual Report, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008;

BC Public Service Agency Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;

BC Transit Annual Report, 2007/08;

BC Transmission Corporation Annual Report, 2008;

British Columbia Arts Council Annual Report, 2007-2008;

British Columbia Innovation Council Annual Service Plan Report, Fiscal Year 2007/08;

British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 2007/08;

British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report, 2007/08;

Capital Project Plan — New Cancer Centre in Prince George, May 16, 2008.

Children and Family Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report, 2007/08;
Columbia Power Corporation Annual Report, 2007/08;
Community Living British Columbia Annual Report, 2007-2008;
Community Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Economic Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Employment and Income Assistance Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Environment including Environmental Assessment Office Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Finance Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council Annual Report, 2007/2008;
Forestry Innovation Investment Service Plan Annual Report, 2007/08;
Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Fraser Region Interim Aboriginal Authority Annual Report, 2007/08;
Government Strategic Plan Annual Report, 2007/08;
Health Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Homeowner Protection Office Annual Report, 2007-2008;
Industry Training Authority Annual Report, 2007/2008;
Knowledge Network Corporation Service Plan Annual Report, 2007-2008;
Labour and Citizens' Services Annual Report, 2007/08;
Legal Services Society Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/2008;
Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 2007/2008;
Office of the Premier Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Partnerships British Columbia Annual Report, 2007/2008;
Provincial Capital Commission Annual Report, 2007/08;
Public Accounts 2007/08 and Ministerial Accountability Report, 2007/2008;
Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Quarterly Report (First Quarter April - June 2008) September 2008;
Royal BC Museum Annual Report, 2007-2008;
Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses for the 2008/2009 fiscal year, reflecting the June 23, 2008 government reorganization;
Summary (revised) of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses for the 2008/2009 fiscal year, reflecting the June 23, 2008 government reorganization;
Tourism British Columbia Annual Report, 2007/08;
Tourism, Sport and the Arts and Minister of State for ActNow BC Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Transportation Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08;
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08; and
Vancouver Island Aboriginal Transition Authority Annual Report, 2007-2008.

And then the House adjourned at 2.38 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, November 24, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thorpe*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

41 By leave, Mr. *Wyse* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the value of the ambulance service provided by the Province of BC and the importance of continued improvement to this service.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, November 24, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Education and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy and Deputy Premier) advised the House of the death of Raymond Perrault, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly and Senator.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Economic Incentive and Stabilization Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*, 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 6.28 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cantelon*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Economic Incentive and Stabilization Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2008.

Mr. *Cubberley* presented a petition regarding rescinding BC Assessment Authority's split-form classification process and the increased tax assessments to farmers.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved —

That the written agreement of August 17, 2008 between the Government House Leader and the Opposition House Leader be ratified, setting forth that the following Members comprise the membership of the Select Standing Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 4th session of the 38th Parliament, effective August 17, 2008:

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — *Lorne Mayencourt* (Convener), *David Chudnovsky*, *Gary Coons*, *Scott Fraser*, *Al Horning*, *Harry Lali*, *Dennis MacKay*, *Val Roddick*, *Katherine Whittred* and *John Les*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH — *Ron Cantelon* (Chair), *Nicholas Simons* (Deputy Chair), *Jagrup Brar*, *Maurine Karagianis*, *Leonard Krog*, *Dennis MacKay*, *Val Roddick*, *John Rustad*, *Claude Richmond* and *John Les*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS — *John Rustad* (Chair), *John Horgan* (Deputy Chair), *Ron Cantelon*, *Corky Evans*, *Harry Lali*, *Dennis MacKay*, *Shane Simpson*, *John Yap*, *Val Roddick* and *Rick Thorpe*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION — *John Nuraney* (Convener), *David Cubberley*, *Rob Fleming*, *Daniel Jarvis*, *Richard T. Lee*, *Norm Macdonald*, *Lorne Mayencourt*, *Doug Routley*, *John Rustad* and *Carole Taylor*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES — *Randy Hawes* (Convener), *Bruce Ralston* (Deputy Chair), *Robin Austin*, *Harry Bloy*, *Dave S. Hayer*, *John Horgan*, *Richard T. Lee*, *Diane Thorne*, *John Rustad* and *John Yap*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS — *Rob Fleming* (Chair), *Rick Thorpe*, *Harry Bains*, *Randy Hawes*, *Bruce Ralston*, *John Rustad*, *Bob Simpson*, *Ralph Sultan*, *Claire Trevena*, *John Yap*, *Claude Richmond* and *Olga Ilich*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. *de Jong* moved —

That *Katherine Whittred* be named as Convener of the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, and that *Lorne Mayencourt* be substituted by *Claude Richmond* as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and by *Rick Thorpe* as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Education.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Economic Incentive and Stabilization Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth Service Plan Report, 2009/10 to 2011/12.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nuraney*.

On the motion of Mr. *Fleming*, Bill (No. M 225) intituled *Restoring Credibility to Universities Act, 2008* 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. *Hawes* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 2008*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 46) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Economic Incentive and Stabilization Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2008/2009 Report No. 10: A Major Renovation: Trades Training in British Columbia.

The debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—66

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>McGinn</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Herbert</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Polak</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Black</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Ilich</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Hammell</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>		

Bill (No. 45) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.31 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 27, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Richmond*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 11: Public Participation: *Principles and Best Practices for British Columbia*.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Economic Incentive and Stabilization Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was committed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, November 27, 2008

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Education and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy and Deputy Premier) made a statement regarding the tragedy in Mumbai.

Ms. *James* made a statement.

The House observed a minute of silence.

On the motion of Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 226) intituled *Government Integrity Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 227) intituled *Elimination of Homelessness Crisis Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Herbert*, Bill (No. M 228) intituled *Long Term Renters Protection Act, 2008* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

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

The Hon. W. *Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the following:

British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2008;
BC Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2007-2008;
Multiculturalism Annual Report, 2005-2006; 2006/2007;
Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2007-2008; and
British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 2007/08.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Economic Incentive and Stabilization Statutes Amendment Act, 2008* was again committed.

In consideration of section 24, as amended, of Bill (No. 45) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Roddick</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Polak</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Ilich</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Black</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—22

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>McGinn</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>
<i>Austin</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Sather</i>		

Section 25, as amended, of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 26 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 27 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 28 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 29 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 30 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 31 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 32 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 33 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 34 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 35 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 36 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 37 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 38 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

Section 39 of Bill (No. 45) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 45) complete with amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 45) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 2008* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 45) *Economic Incentive and Stabilization Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*.

Bill (No. 46) *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 2008*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*, Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth 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 6.14 p.m.

Saturday, January 17, 2009

TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

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

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 47) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 16, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *M. de Jong* proposed that, pursuant to Standing Order 81, the Bill be permitted to be advanced all stages this day, and tabled supporting documents.

Mr. *Dix* made representations.

The Speaker reserved his decision and declared a recess.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

The Honourable Minister of Community Development has introduced Bill (No. 47) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2009*. Following introduction and an opportunity to peruse the contents of the Bill the Government House Leader requested that the Bill be permitted to advance through two or more stages in one day due to its urgency.

I have had an opportunity to peruse the Bill and note that as an amendment to the *Vancouver Charter* it only applies to the Municipality of Vancouver and in fact is limited to borrowing authorization with respect to one project, namely the construction of the Olympic Athletes' Village. Under these circumstances, I am of the opinion that the Bill is sufficiently limited in scope to qualify under Standing Order 81.

Reference has been made by both House Leaders to the decision of Speaker *Barnes* on a similar application. On that occasion, the reason Speaker *Barnes* rejected the government's request to apply Standing Order 81 was that the legislation, which was before the House at that time, failed to isolate the crisis which had to be addressed and was of considerably broader application than the problem which the House was attempting to resolve. Not so with today's application which in my respectful view has been carefully drawn to cover the specific problem which has arisen in Vancouver.

The second test which applies under Standing Order 81 is that the matter involves an urgent or extraordinary occasion. The House Leader tabled a copy of a letter from the Mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson to the Honourable the Premier dated January 13, 2009. In that letter the Mayor made it clear that the situation was unprecedented and that the legislation was urgently required. The House Leader also tabled a copy of a letter dated January 15, 2009 from the Leader of the Official Opposition to the Mayor of Vancouver, which reiterated the urgency of the situation and stated that "It is not in the

interests of the taxpayer to delay consideration of legislation which may provide relief from financing deals that harm the public interest.”

It would appear to the Chair that the Mayor of Vancouver, the Government House Leader and the Leader of the Official Opposition are all of the view that the need for legislation is urgent.

I have carefully considered the submissions of the two House Leaders and in my view, this occasion is clearly one of urgency and scope which would qualify under Standing Order 81. Standing Order 81 provides an alternative process for considering legislation on an extraordinary occasion and should be used sparingly. This case is an example of an appropriate usage of the Standing Order. In making this ruling, I am mindful of the guidelines outlined in previous Speakers’ rulings, including those given in this House by Speaker *Richmond* on March 12, 2003 and April 28, 2004.

HON. B. BARISOFF, *Speaker*

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2009*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House continued to sit past midnight.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—64

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>McGinn</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Herbert</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Polak</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Black</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Sather</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Hammell</i>

Bill (No. 47) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *B. Lekstrom*, Bill (No. 47) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 47) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

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

Bill (No. 47) *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2009*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved —

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth 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 8.30 a.m.

Pursuant to section 33 (3) of the *Constitution Act*:

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Vancouver-Langara (*Ms. Taylor*) of her intention to resign her seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective December 22, 2008, was delivered to the Speaker.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, February 9, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nuraney*.

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made a statement regarding the death of *Stan Hagen*, Member for Comox Valley.

Ms. *James* made a statement.

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

Auditor General Report on grant administration of the BC Arts Council; 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games filed pursuant to section 13 (4) of the *Auditor General Act*;

Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 12: Planning for School Seismic Safety;

Auditor General 2008/2009 Report 13: Public Sector Governance *A guide to the Principles of Good Practice* and *How are we doing? The public reporting of performance measures in British Columbia*;

Representative for Children and Youth Progress Report on the Implementation of Recommendations of the BC Children and Youth Review (“Hughes Review”), 2008;
Office of the Merit Commissioner Annual Report, 2007/08; and
Elections BC Annual Report, 2007-2008.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 48) intituled *Finance Statutes (Deficit Authorization and Debt Elimination) Amendment Act, 2009* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 9, 2009.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. Wyse presented a petition regarding rescinding BC Assessment Authority’s split-form classification process and the increased tax assessments to farmers.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House recessed until 3.00 p.m.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* requested leave to move second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Finance Statutes (Deficit Authorization and Debt Elimination) Amendment Act, 2009*.

Leave was not granted.

Pursuant to section 33 (3) of the *Constitution Act*:

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Peace River North (Mr. *Neufeld*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective January 19, 2009, was delivered to the Speaker.

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

Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Ministry of Housing and Social Development Annual Report, 2007/2008; and

Major Capital Project Plan, BC Place Stadium Upgrades December 27th, 2008.

And then the House adjourned at 3.05 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Richmond*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Finance Statutes (Deficit Authorization and Debt Elimination) Amendment Act, 2009*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*, it was *Ordered*—
That the appointment of *Gary Lenz* as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly by Order in Council 952/2008, be ratified in accordance with section 39 (2) of the *Constitution Act*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Finance Statutes (Deficit Authorization and Debt Elimination) Amendment Act, 2009*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *MacKay*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Rustad* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Police Complaint Commissioner for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Rustad* moved—

That this House recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, pursuant to section 47 (1) of the *Police Act*, RSBC 1996 c. 367, the appointment of Mr. Stan T. Lowe as the Police Complaint Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Finance Statutes (Deficit Authorization and Debt Elimination) Amendment Act, 2009*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 12, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thorpe*.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* advised the House of an agreement pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (1) with respect to the completion of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Finance Statutes (Deficit Authorization and Debt Elimination) Amendment Act, 2009*, for debate through all remaining stages of the Bill by the end of the regular sitting time on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Finance Statutes (Deficit Authorization and Debt Elimination) Amendment Act, 2009*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Krueger*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, February 12, 2009

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Hawes* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Finance Statutes (Deficit Authorization and Debt Elimination) Amendment Act, 2009*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—59

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Horgan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>McGinn</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Polak</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Evans</i>
<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Wyse</i>	<i>Hammell</i>
<i>Black</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Yap</i>	

Bill (No. 48) read a second time.

By agreement, on the motion of the Hon. *C. Hansen*, Bill (No. 48) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 48) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.14 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

Monday, February 16, 2009

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

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

Bill (No. 48) *Finance Statutes (Deficit Authorization and Debt Elimination) Amendment Act, 2009*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

The Honourable STEVEN L. POINT, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this fourth session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you on the accomplishments of the past year. The session has seen the passage of measures of wide-ranging and significant importance to the people of our province. Honourable Members, on behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your legislative duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued.

And then the House prorogued at 10.09 a.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

STEVEN L. POINT
*Lieutenant Governor*CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING

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

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on the sixteenth day of February, two thousand nine 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 Lance Finch, Administrator of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Vancouver, in Our Province, this fifth day of February, two thousand nine and in the fifty-seventh year of Our Reign.

By Command.