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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by The Venerable Gordon W.A. Payne.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Thirty-sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 13th day of March, 1997.

The Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

*Honourable Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is my pleasure to address you on the opening of the Second Session of the Thirty-Sixth Parliament of British Columbia.

In the time since you last convened, our province has been saddened by the passing of two former members of this assembly.

Patricia Jay Jordan, MLA for North Okanagan from 1966 to 1982, made a lasting contribution to the province's tourism industry as a cabinet minister and fiercely defended the interests of B.C.'s regions.

And Allan Leslie Cox, although MLA for Oak Bay only briefly, from 1968 to 1969, distinguished himself both in municipal politics and in the legal profession, serving as president of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

We have lost others as well who enriched the life of our province, British Columbians such as Bruce Eriksen, a long-time Vancouver civic activist, city councillor and advocate for the poor; Don Lanskaill, former mayor of West Vancouver and a leader in B.C.'s forest industry; Dorothy Livesay, whose career of poetry and activism touched countless lives and, of course, many others.

We will long remember these fine British Columbians, and their service and devotion to the many facets of B.C. society.

But we also take great joy in the achievements of our province's citizens in the last year.

In every field of endeavour — business, the arts, sports, medicine — British Columbians have brought honour and credit to our province.

Our province's musical heritage has been enriched by the accomplishments of artists like Elektra Women's Choir of Vancouver, the sole Canadian representatives at the World Choral Symposium in Australia.

We have been inspired by the athletic achievements of Kathleen Heddle, an Olympic rowing champion in both the 1992 and 1996 games. She and her partner Marnie McBean are the two most celebrated and successful female pairs rowers in Canadian history. Her success was recognized recently when she was selected Sport B.C.'s Athlete of the Year for 1996.

We salute as well Steve Nash of Victoria, selected for Canada's national basketball team and last year drafted by the NBA's Phoenix Suns.

Last October, our province was pleased to host Their Excellencies the Right Honourable Romeo LeBlanc, Governor General of Canada and Mrs. Diana Fowler LeBlanc on their first official visit to British Columbia.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Rick Hansen's Man in Motion world tour, which my government is recognizing by the commitment of resources to brain and spinal injury research funded through the B.C. Neurotrauma Fund.

In November, the people of B.C. will be honoured to host 5,000 representatives of governments and businesses from the economies of the Asia-Pacific. The APEC Conference will underline British Columbia's pivotal role as Canada's gateway to the Pacific Rim.

Our province also will be honoured this year to host the first World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention to be held outside of Asia. This conference offers Canadian businesses an unparalleled opportunity to showcase their services and products to more than 1,500 delegates from 35 countries.

Honourable Members, as this province moves toward the new century, British Columbians are looking to you to help deliver policies and programs that meet their needs.

My government is committed to build on the strengths that set our province apart:

- the opportunity to work at decent-paying, family-supporting wages;
- education to ensure our children have the skills they need to compete in the global economy;
- a health-care system that ensures all our citizens — particularly our seniors and children — have the care they need, when they need it; and
- a world-class standard of environmental protection.

My government is committed to these priorities in the context of prudent financial management, and will be pursuing an agenda that allows each of them to be met.

Those commitments are important to my government, because they demonstrate to the people of our province that their government is truly working for them — responding to their priorities and meeting their needs.

To meet the commitment of protecting medicare and education, my government has increased spending in both areas, despite federal cuts.

To meet the commitment of giving a break to B.C. families, my government reduced income taxes for middle-income earners, provided new support for working families with low and modest incomes, and froze Hydro rates and ICBC car insurance premiums.

In this session, my government intends to work even harder to meet the needs of British Columbians into the next century.

## **Jobs**

The single most important way my government will meet those needs is by ensuring job opportunities for British Columbians throughout our province, so that each of our children will have the chance for a secure, prosperous and rewarding future.

British Columbia's record in this area gives us much to be proud of. We have led the country in job creation during the last five years, and my government has worked hard with business and labour to secure new jobs, and defend existing ones — a commitment clearly demonstrated with B.C.'s leadership in the recent restructuring of Canadian Airlines. Our action safeguarded thousands of jobs in a key industry.

But, as in all industrialized countries, not everyone is sharing in the benefits of economic growth. And unemployment remains unacceptably high.

As proud as we can be of B.C.'s job-creation record, my government believes we can do more. We must do more, and my government is determined to do everything in its power to maximize the employment capacity of B.C.'s economy through investments in infrastructure, in people, in resources, in our quality of life and in our environment.

### *Infrastructure*

Our growing population places an increasing demand on British Columbia's infrastructure. And nowhere is that demand more acute than in the areas of education and health care.

The recently completed review of capital spending will allow my government to meet those needs in a way that gives taxpayers the maximum benefit possible for their tax dollars.

The education capital plan announced earlier in the month includes almost a hundred school construction projects in all parts of B.C. They will be built with innovative cost-saving measures.

Similarly, the province will proceed with crucial investments in hospital expansion and health facility improvements.

The lessons learned in the capital review will also help ensure we have the economic infrastructure in place — bridges, transit, roads, water treatment — to support economic growth well into the 21st century — and to do so responsibly and efficiently. These investments will create construction jobs and contribute to our long-term economic growth.

My government intends to move aggressively to harness the entrepreneurial spirit of the private sector as we build our province.

In just one example of such public-private partnerships, my government will proceed with a new highway interchange in Mission in co-operation with the private sector and the municipality. This innovative arrangement will support the development of a major new commercial centre, generating hundreds of new jobs.

Similar partnerships hold tremendous promise in projects like the Lion's Gate crossing and the new Vancouver Convention Centre. And they are a reality in many of the education construction projects recently announced.

British Columbia has for some time now been pressing the federal government to join us in building for the future. And my government hopes to soon begin work with the federal government in a new shared program to that end.

There has as well been a new agreement with the federal government to make investments that will strengthen Vancouver's role as Canada's gateway to the Asia-Pacific Region.

My government believes we must do more to support a specific aspect of that role by building on the measures my government took to assist in the restructuring of Canadian Airlines and ensuring that Vancouver is the aviation gateway for Canadians and Americans alike to the Pacific trade area.

The investments this province is making will encourage B.C. businesses to grow and thrive, and improve the quality of life for all who live here.

### *Forestry*

But there are particular areas of our economy that require urgent attention — and none more so than forestry and fishing.

Past mismanagement and global market conditions have combined to pose a serious threat to the economic health of many B.C. resource communities and to the livings of those who make their homes there.

My government believes that our forests are one of our greatest public assets, and a vital public trust. They must be sustained for future generations, in a way that secures an appropriate return in economic activity, exports and jobs for British Columbians.

During the past five years, B.C. has been successful in turning back two significant threats to the viability of our forest sector.

First, the softwood lumber agreement with the United States gives our forest industry long-needed protection against countervailing tariffs and other trade actions.

And second, my government has implemented the world's leading environmental standards, re-establishing confidence in the sustainability of B.C. forestry.

That achievement required the collaboration of British Columbians from one end of this province to the other in negotiating complex and far-reaching land-use plans.

We have now completed a thorough review of our forest inventory, drafted a comprehensive Forest Practices Code, and established Forest Renewal BC to ensure that a substantial share of the profits of forest production are invested in our forests and the communities and workers that rely on them.

In the context of these realities, my government intends to build on this industry's strengths to achieve a significant increase in job creation.

The province is committed to a framework agreement for a Jobs and Timber Accord. The goal of this agreement is to increase economic return and the number of jobs generated from every tree we harvest, while maintaining our world-class environmental standards.

My government is committed to creating 21,000 new jobs in our forest sector by the year 2001.

The Jobs and Timber Accord must also stimulate value-added production in the forest sector, and assist the industry as it weathers cyclical changes in world markets.

The accord my government is seeking will achieve these goals through a number of initiatives, including a reduction in bureaucracy and red tape and an increase in the level and types of investment undertaken by Forest Renewal BC.

My government will also be seeking specific job-creation initiatives from forest companies as their contribution to the stabilization and expansion of our forest sector. Access to public timber will require a commitment to sustainable management and to job creation.

### *Fisheries*

My government intends as well to ensure a future for the Pacific salmon — a resource that has nourished countless generations among B.C.'s First Nations and coastal communities.

Our single most important priority must be the conservation of this resource.

Our fisheries not only support coastal communities reliant on commercial fishing, but also generate jobs and economic activity in our huge recreational fishery, which is a major element of our tourism industry.

This past year has seen some progress in protecting the salmon. Negotiations with Alaska and the other U.S. states of the Northwest are moving ahead.

But they are not moving quickly enough to protect the fish. My government is ready to work with the federal administration, or if necessary take direct provincial action, to ensure our salmon can return to our rivers and streams.

The impact of American interceptions has been aggravated by Ottawa's fleet reduction plan, a plan that has already cost some 2,900 jobs.

British Columbia will continue to be vigorous and forceful in demanding a fair, effective Pacific Salmon Treaty. This is an issue that the federal government must address. And we have been pleased that, in a Legislature often noted for being charged with partisanship, on this issue all parties have come together to speak with one voice for B.C.

B.C. believes the problems with our fishery would be alleviated were Ottawa prepared to allow the province to take a much more active role in managing the fishery.

Such an outcome is in sight. Our province is in negotiations with Ottawa, seeking an agreement that would expand provincial leadership and responsibility in fish conservation and management.

My government is also working hard with communities, industry, independent owner-operators and workers to develop a made-in-B.C. vision for the future of the fishery. And the province intends to form a partnership with these stakeholders for the creation of a new agency, Fisheries Renewal B.C., to invest profits back into the sector, protect jobs and protect the fish.

You will soon receive an important piece of legislation, designed to conserve our fish stocks by protecting fish habitat.

Forestry and fisheries remain keystones of our economic foundation, and we must ensure their fundamental health.

#### *Other key sectors*

My government remains committed as well to supporting and expanding other key sectors with a growing potential to provide jobs for British Columbians, one being our abundant supply of hydro-electric power, which is an important competitive advantage for our province.

My government will be introducing legislation to use this energy strategically, particularly downstream benefits of the Columbia River Treaty, to create jobs that benefit all British Columbians.

We have a competitive edge as well in tourism, thanks to our stunning natural beauty. My government will introduce legislation to establish long-term funding for a new agency in partnership with the tourism community to help plan an even more exciting future for this key sector.

My government also intends to build on the recent successes of our film industry.

Last year, B.C. outpaced Ontario to become Canada's largest centre for film and television production. Thousands of British Columbians were directly employed in \$537 million worth of production.

Key to this new success is a new commitment from labour and management to provide increased certainty about labour costs and working conditions. We applaud both sides for this achievement.

During the coming months, my government will make further commitments to support this ever-growing industry so that it continues to generate well-paying new jobs for British Columbians.

The construction sector has long been an important part of our economy, but one hampered by red tape and barriers to training, in particular apprenticeships. That will change in this session.

My government has achieved a consensus among business, labour, educators and training providers on a new, expanded training and apprenticeship system — one that will be more responsive to the needs of labour markets, and better at meeting the needs of workers.

As the cornerstone of this initiative, my government will work with representatives from business, labour and government to expand apprenticeships and training in B.C., ensuring that these new opportunities provide access to all, particularly those entering the workforce for the first time.

#### *Guarantee for Youth*

The need for employment is perhaps most urgent for B.C.'s youth, who face high levels of unemployment and daunting obstacles on the road to their future.

My government will proceed with the work that the Premier began with his Youth Forum last year, and continued with a second forum this February. The province will work to secure the opportunities that our youth seek, and give them the tools they need to prosper.

We will build on the success of my government's Guarantee for Youth — a guarantee of work experience, affordable education and access to our colleges and universities — and by heeding the call of B.C.'s youth for a voice in government.

My government also has initiated programs to generate 12,000 new jobs for youth in the coming year.

My government will continue to provide work experience and training opportunities, keep tuition fees frozen at an affordable level, and protect access to education. And we will go further, with new partnerships with the private sector.

### *Regional jobs strategies*

To ensure British Columbians derive the greatest benefit possible from all of these measures, we must allow the people and communities of B.C. to participate both in their planning and implementation.

In the coming year, my government will work with stakeholders in British Columbia's regions to develop regional jobs strategies that meet local needs and reflect local priorities.

These plans will be developed from the community up, and they will be the blueprint for co-ordinating our investments and developing new jobs.

Work is already underway to commence development of a regional job strategy for northern B.C.

### *Hours of work*

The distribution of work among regions is an important issue. But just as important is the distribution of work among British Columbians.

Too many people have heavy work schedules with hours that keep them from their families and friends. And too many others cannot find enough work to pay the bills.

My government believes we must begin a dialogue about these issues, with the goal of securing a shorter work week in British Columbia.

My government will challenge our communities and industries to be creative, and we stand ready to work with all parties in this regard, to increase employment, close the income gap, and strengthen family life throughout our province.

## **Environment**

As we pursue economic growth, we must also ensure we do not compromise the ability of future generations to succeed and prosper.

It is not good enough just to leave this land in the condition we found it. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to leave it much better.

In recent years, we have come to understand that, if our environment is to continue to sustain us, then we must conduct our affairs in a way that sustains healthy ecosystems.

The past five years have seen B.C. take the global lead in wilderness protection, with more than 240 new parks and protected areas. B.C. now has over 8.9 million hectares of protected areas — 9.4 per cent of the province.

This session, my government will continue to work toward the goal of completing the province's network of protected areas, with a specific emphasis on protecting marine ecosystems. And you will soon deal with legislation to protect in law the boundaries of approximately 70 parks.

But my government understands that environmental stewardship means more than protected wilderness areas. To safeguard the health and unique quality of life that we enjoy in B.C., we must also improve the environment where we live and work.

For that reason, my government will introduce legislation to ensure that our fish stocks can thrive. This legislation will reflect a simple reality: without clean, free-running salmon rivers, other fisheries conservation measures are meaningless.

The province also will take action to improve waste management and encourage recycling, by expanding the deposit and refund system for beverage containers. This will not only relieve pressure on B.C.'s landfills, but will also help us conserve resources. It will be another important step toward our goal of appropriate, responsible solid waste management.

As well, there will be consultation on new measures to safeguard the quality of the air British Columbians breathe and the water we drink.

### **Helping children and families**

We will provide leadership as well to ensure Canada's governments work together to fight a national shame: that of child poverty.

British Columbians can be proud that our province led the way in creating a child benefit for working parents with low and modest incomes. The Family Bonus has become the consensus model of choice for provinces as we work together to shape a new national benefit to help poor children.

B.C. will continue to lead the effort for such a truly effective national child benefit.

Within our own borders, my government also will work to ensure that children receive the support they need. You will soon be asked to consider legislation that will strengthen the province's ability to enforce child support orders.

My government will work as well to combat domestic violence, a terrifying reality for too many British Columbians.

And where children are at risk, my government is determined to ensure their protection. We have learned crucial lessons, at a terrible cost, in the aftermath of the tragic death of young Matthew Vaudreuil.

Judge Gove's recommendations have been accepted and are being implemented by this government.

B.C. now has a new ministry, with a new integrated mandate. It was created in half the time recommended, and now takes on the daunting task of bringing together B.C.'s many services for children.

We must work to strengthen families in this province. Much of my government's agenda will be geared to that goal in the coming session. The freezes on tuition fees, Hydro rates and ICBC car insurance premiums will help all families meet their bills.

And like the last budget, the coming budget will lower taxes for the average B.C. family.

### **Protecting medicare and education**

B.C. families rely as well on the core services that government provides. That's why my government has made the protection of medicare and education a key priority.

Despite continuing deep federal cuts in the coming year, B.C. will increase both its health and education budgets.

My government will soon introduce legislation to underline the province's commitment to medicare, by ensuring British Columbians have access to a doctor's services no matter where they live.

By controlling costs, our province has been able to redirect resources to front-line care and services. My government has taken significant action to reduce wait lists for vital surgery. And B.C. has also added tens of thousands of spaces to our public schools.

In the coming session, my government will continue to develop programs to ensure consumers can get the medicine they need — without funding excessive corporate profits.

And B.C. will be looking to the new regional health boards to integrate administration and find even more savings to go straight to the front lines.

My government will take on another challenge during the coming session: we will hold tobacco companies accountable for the costs their addictive, dangerous products impose on our health care system.

My government believes that our investments in health and education, along with our infrastructure, our resource base and our environment, will help ensure our economy is able to compete now and in the future, generating opportunities for ourselves and our children.

**Aboriginal issues**

But it is vital that those opportunities be available to all British Columbians, including those who have too often been left out of the prosperity and promise of our province: B.C.'s Aboriginal peoples. Unemployment in First Nations communities is unacceptably high.

My government will continue its ground-breaking work in resolving the injustice faced by our province's First Nations, Aboriginal and Metis communities and building the government's partnership with them.

In the coming session, the province will continue the work of bringing the Nisga'a treaty process to a successful and historic conclusion, and bringing negotiations with other bands to the framework agreement stage.

**National**

At the national level, my government has taken some very strong stands concerning issues like the Pacific Salmon Treaty. At the same time, the province has worked hard to develop a sound, constructive relationship with the federal government.

And while Ottawa continues to download costs in health, education and social services to British Columbia, we have had important successes.

The most significant, earlier this month, was an agreement to compensate the province for the disproportionate amount of immigrant services we have to pay for, and to begin discussions about the number of people coming to B.C. and entering the welfare rolls.

My government will continue to provide leadership nationally, and B.C. will continue to speak out on the national stage.

Whether it's seeking a fair, effective salmon treaty, or for a far more comprehensive child poverty initiative than the one announced in the recent federal budget, the B.C. government will be forceful, vigorous and, judging by its record, successful at defending B.C.'s interests.

**Fiscal management**

Each of these commitments is meaningful. But it is vital for the health of our economy to meet them in a way that protects the financial well-being of our province.

My government has heeded the voices of British Columbians, who have said they want sound financial management balanced with the needs of medicare and education.

The Finance Minister's budget will show significant progress toward my government's goals. It will continue to reduce overall spending growth through cuts to the size of government, cuts to administration, cuts to overhead, and the elimination of some programs, grants and subsidies.

And the budget will deliver on my government's commitment to continue to provide tax relief to B.C. families and small businesses.

With the economy expected to recover this year, British Columbia — unlike other provinces — will continue to protect funding for medicare and education, despite continuing severe federal cuts. And prudent financial management will help to both foster the climate for job creation, and ensure my government is able to meet all of its many commitments.

**Conclusion**

These commitments — creating jobs, protecting medicare and education, and safeguarding our environment — are all geared to meeting the needs of British Columbia families as we head into a new century.

The people of British Columbia expect, and deserve, a government that helps them meet those needs. That is the challenge you face as legislators as you enter this session.

I wish you well with your deliberations.



His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (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. *J. MacPhail*, seconded by Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Gretchen Brewin*, Member for Victoria-Beacon Hill Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, seconded by Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Bill Hartley*, Member for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows 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. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General), it was *Ordered*—

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

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

1. Aboriginal Affairs;
2. Justice, Constitutional Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations;
3. Education, Culture and Multiculturalism;
4. Economic Development, Science, Labour, Training and Technology;
5. Environment and Tourism;
6. Finance and Government Services;
7. Health and Social Services;
8. Agriculture and Fisheries;
9. Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources;
10. Transportation, Municipal Affairs and Housing;
11. Women's Equality;
12. Public Accounts;
13. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
14. Crown Corporations;

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. *J. MacPhail* (Convener), the Hon. *A. Petter*, Messrs. *Janssen* and *Conroy*, Ms. *Gillespie* and Ms. *Kwan*, Messrs. *Farrell-Collins*, *Gingell* and *Hurd* and Ms. *Whittred*.

Mr. *G. F. Wilson* moved that the motion be amended as follows:

That after the words "following purposes:" number 15 be added as follows:

(15) Tobacco, Alcohol and Gambling

and that Standing Order 68 (1) is hereby amended to so reflect; said Committees to have the powers conferred by section 69 of the *Constitution Act*.

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.50 p.m.

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**Tuesday, March 25, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Gillespie*.

Mr. *Gingell* rose on a matter of privilege relating to an allegation that the Member for Saanich South had misled the House with respect to details of the budget in 1996.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations.

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

Mr. *de Jong* rose on a matter of privilege relating to an allegation that the Member for Saanich South had deliberately misled the House with respect to details of the budget in 1996.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Ms. *Kwan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Goodacre*—

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.26 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 25, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Upon the Member for Vancouver-Point Grey failing to withdraw an unparliamentary expression, the Chair ordered him to withdraw from the House for the balance of the day's sitting.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion of the Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) 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. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented:

The Report of the Comptroller General (Interim Financial Statements for the Ten Month Period Ending January 31, 1997) in accordance with section 8 (4) of the *Financial Administration Act*.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:  
Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1998; and  
Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1998;  
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

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

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) moved, seconded by the Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors), "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. *Gingell*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. A. *Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith: Bills (Nos. 2, 3 and 4) intituled:  
*Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997;*  
*Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1997;*  
*Correction Amendment Act, 1997;*  
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 24, 1997.*

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Bills introduced and read a first time.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.31 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 26, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. C. *McGregor*.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made a statement regarding the retirement of Mr. E. N. (Ted) Hughes, Acting Commissioner of Conflict of Interest.

The Hon. J. *MacPhail* made a statement.

The Speaker advised the House that he would convey to Mr. Hughes the best wishes of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Ms. *Kwan* advised the Chair of her intention to raise a matter of privilege.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

**Thursday, March 27, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

Mr. *Nebbeling* made a personal statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81, Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1997*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *A. Petter*, adjourned until later today.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

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**Thursday, March 27, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Weisgerber*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1997 (Special Warrant Abolition)* 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 "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Gingell* presented two petitions.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1997*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Coell*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) *Supply Act (No. 1), 1997*.

The debate continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Brewin</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sihota</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>

NAYS—35

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	

Bill (No. 5) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. A. *Petter* Bill (No. 5) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 5) was committed and reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 5), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Brewin</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sihota</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>

NAYS—34

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>

Bill (No. 5) was read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

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

Bill (No. 5) *Supply Act (No. 1), 1997*.

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

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

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 1.54 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 1, 1997**

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Sanders*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Abbott* presented a petition.

Mr. *Abbott* presented a petition re: Erosion of Bolean Creek near Falkland.

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.

**47** Mr. *Abbott* moved, seconded by Ms. *Hawkins*—

Be it resolved that the motion “that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House to go into Committee of Supply” be amended by adding the following: “but this House regrets that the Government appears determined to unfairly download significant costs onto the backs of homeowners, renters and small business, through the arbitrary and unilateral breach of the *Local Government Grants Act*.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. Zirnheld*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *J. Cashore* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 2, 1997**

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coleman*.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

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

*Government House*  
*March 26, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

By leave, on the motion of Hon. *J. MacPhail*, seconded by Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House authorizes and instructs the Speaker to have the Standing Orders of the House reprinted in gender-neutral language.

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

The debate continued.

**50** Mr. *Anderson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Krueger*—

That the amendment moved by Mr. *Abbott* and seconded by Ms. *Hawkins* be amended by deleting all words after “But the House regrets” and adding the following:

“That the government has included in its forecasts and its public statements an intention to dramatically worsen the gambling situation in British Columbia, to strive for revenue which will likely be substantially exceeded by attendant social costs, including gambling addiction, crime, abuse, poverty, family breakdown, bankruptcies, destruction to small business, and drains on the healthcare, social services, public safety and education systems by expanding the venues of gambling to include slot machines, destination resort casinos and many others, and to override the will of the electorate as frequently documented by this same government.”

The debate on the sub-amendment continued.

The House divided.

The sub-amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—34

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>		

NAYS—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Waddell</i>			

The debate was resumed on the amendment.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

**Thursday, April 3, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Whittred*.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made a statement indicating he would not be proceeding with a matter of privilege regarding the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*, of which earlier notice had been given.

Mr. *de Jong* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Human Resources) tabled the Annual Reports of the Ministry of Social Services, 1994-95; 1995-96.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

**Thursday, April 3, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Job Protection Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 25, 1997.*

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. *Weisgerber*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Senatorial Election Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General) tabled the following:

Legal Services Society Annual Report, 1995-1996;

British Columbia Council of Human Rights Annual Report, 1995-1996;

Ministry of Attorney General Annual Report, 95/96; and

British Columbia Police Commission Annual Report, 1995/96.

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Women's Equality) made a statement with regard to the deaths of the Gakhal family.

Ms. *Stephens* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Weisgerber* presented a petition regarding the *Senatorial Selection Act*.

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

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

On March 25, 1997, the Member for Delta South sought to raise a matter of a breach of privilege, namely, that the Minister of Finance had misled the House when presenting the 1996-97 Budget in June of 1996. The complaint is essentially the same complaint he raised on the 9th day of July 1996 and which was dealt with by the Speaker's decision given the 15th day of July 1996, albeit with reference to an additional document.

The new complaint is founded on an analysis of a forecast on which the budget was based, viewed in light of the Public Accounts for 1995/1996 which were tabled in the House by the Minister of Finance on March 25, 1997. When a matter has been dealt with by a Speaker's decision it ought not to be raised at a later date unless material information which was not available at that time has been subsequently discovered. In the case at hand, the Public Accounts for 1995/1996 were not available until the Spring of 1997, so it seems to me that the matter can be raised.

Secondly the matter must be raised at the earliest opportunity. The Member gave notice at the time of prorogation of his intention to raise the matter and I am satisfied that this was the earliest opportunity, as the Public Accounts for 1995/1996 became available during the adjournment of the House after the Summer of 1996. I am also satisfied that the House can address the matter after prorogation in these circumstances.

The Member indicated at the time he made his application that he was prepared to move a motion, should the matter be accepted by the Speaker. It has been established that the more appropriate practice is to table the proposed motion at the time of making the application.

The role of the Speaker in matters of privilege is outlined in part by the following quote from the 6th edition of Beauchesne at page 29:

“. . . 117. (2) It has often been laid down that the Speaker’s function in ruling on a claim of breach of privilege is limited to deciding the formal question, whether the case conforms with the conditions which alone entitle it to take precedence over the notices of motions and Orders of the Day standing on the Order Paper, and does not extend to deciding the question of substance — whether a breach of privilege has in fact been committed — a question which can only be decided by the House itself. *May*, (19th ed.) pp. 346-347 . . .”

I have reviewed the ruling of July 15, 1996 in light of the new material submitted by the Member for Delta South. That ruling was based on a consideration of a wealth of material and resulted in the conclusion that the matter involved a disagreement between Members as to facts and the nature of forecasting. Has the new material changed the conclusion of July 1996? In my opinion it has not.

The Budget is based on forecasts and the record shows that the Minister of Finance indicated that the forecasts are based on not one, but a number of indices.

The material tendered does not indicate an intention to deliberately mislead, a key element in the complaint. I am of the view that the reasons adopted in my ruling of July 15, 1996, would also apply at this time.

Accordingly, I cannot find that a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has been made out which would justify setting aside the ordinary business of the House.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

On March 24, 1997, the Member for Matsqui rose in his place to indicate to the Chair that he wished to reserve his right to raise a matter of privilege. This satisfied the earliest opportunity rule as well as the courtesy requirement of giving prior notice to the Speaker pursuant to Practice Recommendation #7 of our Standing Orders.

On March 25, 1997, the Member for Matsqui raised the matter of privilege stating that the former Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head and the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations “deliberately and willfully misled this Assembly, by claiming in this House that the 1996-97 budget would have a surplus of \$87 million when important ministry documents, obtained through freedom of information, were all projecting a deficit.”

The Chair also heard representations on the matter from the Government House Leader.

On July 15, 1996, the Chair ruled on a question of privilege raised by the Member for Delta South, namely that in 1996 the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations had deliberately misled the House in statements made in the House characterizing the budget of that year as being a “balanced budget.”

It was ruled in that matter of privilege that there was a dispute as to allegations of facts between two Members with respect to their characterization of the matter of economic forecasting and its relationship to the budget. The ruling also determined that there was no evidence that the House had been deliberately misled by the Minister.

It appears to me that the case at hand is predicated on facts similar to those which gave rise to the matter of privilege last July 9, 1996.

In the course of his submission the Honourable Member tabled documents and papers on budget preparation containing economic forecasts and projections, including Treasury Board and Ministry of Finance correspondence with the former Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations. The Member also tabled Finance Ministry transition documents dated May 22, 1996.

The Chair has examined the tabled material, which spans the period from February 1995 to June 1996, and considers the key documents to be the transition documents dated May 22, 1996. I have as well reviewed the relevant statements of Hansard to which the Government House Leader referred in her intervention.

The question then is whether the key documents tendered introduce a new element into the matter. The Chair must determine whether a *prima facie* case has been made based upon the information provided by the Member.

The Minister made several interventions in the House with respect to budgetary forecasts, the principle of which is that, and I quote:

“one forecasts based on the best information and the forecasts are subject to change.”

(*British Columbia Debates*, July 30, 1996, p. 1166)

In my opinion, the material tendered by the Member does not constitute new information in this case that would change the findings of last July 15, 1996 on the same issue. The evidence provided to the Chair does not indicate an intention to deliberately mislead the House. The Chair considers the matter to be one of disagreement between two Members as to allegations of facts. It has been ruled on numerous occasions that a dispute as to facts ought not to form the basis of a complaint of a breach of privilege.

I therefore cannot find that a *prima facie* case has been made based upon the information submitted by the Member.

The Chair wishes to make a further important point in order to assist Members in future applications. While the Member's statement met the test of brevity and he appropriately informed the House of the facts on which the matter of privilege was based, the Member did not, at the end of his statement, tender the required motion to be moved had the Chair found that a *prima facie* case was established.

This is clearly stated in our guidelines, at page 48, in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd ed., as one of the essential elements required in raising a matter of privilege:

“A copy of the motion the Member intends to move, should the Chair find a *prima facie* case has been established, must be tabled.”

This requirement is also recorded in the *British Columbia Journals* (*British Columbia Journals*, Ap. 11, 1990, p. 20; *British Columbia Journals*, June 25, 1982, p. 174; *British Columbia Journals*, Ap. 13, 1982, p. 41).

For the above reasons, the application must fail.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

**Friday, April 4, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Reitsma*.

The Hon. A. *Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the following:

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, year ended December 31, 1995;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Municipal) Act*, year ended December 31, 1995;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1996;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act*, Part 2, year ended March 31, 1996;

Statement of Crown Proceeding Payments, for Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1996;

Twentieth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, for the year ended March 31, 1996;

Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996.

By leave, the Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) moved —

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Committee of Selection to meet while the House is in session today.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

And then the House adjourned at 11.05 a.m.

**Monday, April 7, 1997**

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Nettleton* presented a petition.

Mr. *Neufeld* presented a petition.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—35

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	

NAYS—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Calendino</i>			

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.37 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 8, 1997**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Randall*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 8, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Nebbeling* presented a petition.

Ms. *Stephens* presented a petition.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection, which read as follows:

FIRST REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,

April 8, 1997

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on March 24, 1997 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, begs leave to report that the following is the list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session:

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Mr. *Waddell* (Convener), Messrs. *Lali, Stevenson, Robertson, Ms. Walsh, Hon. C. McGregor, Mr. Goodacre*, Messrs. *Barisoff, Coell, de Jong, Abbott* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

JUSTICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS—Ms. *Kwan* (Convener), Messrs. *Doyle, Bowbrick, Waddell, Ms. Sawicki, Mr. Giesbrecht, Ms. Brewin, Messrs. Dalton, de Jong, Plant* and Mr. *Weisbeck*.

EDUCATION, CULTURE AND MULTICULTURALISM—Mr. *Calendino* (Convener), Messrs. *Lali, Hartley, Ms. Kwan, Messrs. Stevenson, Randall, Messrs. Anderson, Masi, Ms. Sanders* and Mr. *Weisbeck*.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE, LABOUR, TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY—Mr. *Doyle* (Convener), Messrs. *Sihota, Orcherton, Randall, Stevenson, Kasper, Messrs. Dalton, Hansen, Masi* and Ms. *Reid*.

ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM—Mr. *Orcherton* (Convener), Messrs. *Doyle, Conroy, Ms. Gillespie, Mr. Calendino, Ms. Sawicki, Ms. Clark, Mr. Krueger, Ms. McKinnon* and Mr. *Reitsma*.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Mr. *Stevenson* (Convener), Messrs. *Sihota, Bowbrick, Waddell, Mmes. Brewin, Walsh, Ms. Chong, Messrs. Gingell, Penner* and *Hansen*.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES—Ms. *Gillespie* (Convener), Messrs. *Giesbrecht, Robertson, Ms. Kwan, Messrs. Hartley, Waddell, Messrs. Anderson, Coell, Mmes. Hawkins* and *Reid*.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES—Mr. *Goodacre* (Convener), Ms. *Gillespie, Messrs. Bowbrick, Hartley, Robertson, Conroy, Ms. Clark, Messrs. Reitsma, van Dongen* and *J. D. Wilson*.

FORESTS, ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES—Mr. *Orcherton* (Convener), Messrs. *Hartley, Lali, Conroy, Mmes. Gillespie, Brewin, Mr. Goodacre, Messrs. Jarvis, Nebbeling, Nettleton, J. D. Wilson* and Mr. *Neufeld*.

TRANSPORTATION, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING—Mr. *Randall* (Convener), Mr. *Giesbrecht, Ms. Smallwood, Messrs. Calendino, Kasper, Ms. Kwan, Messrs. Abbott, Barisoff, Coleman* and *Symons*.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY—Ms. *Walsh* (Convener), Mmes. *Brewin, Smallwood, Messrs. Orcherton, Randall, Waddell, Mmes. McKinnon, Sanders, Stephens* and *Whittred*.



PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—MR. *Gingell* (CONVENER), MESSRS. *Kasper, Doyle, Robertson, Mmes. Kwan, Smallwood*, MESSRS. *Giesbrecht, Calendino*, MS. *Chong*, MESSRS. *Thorpe, Penner* AND MR. *Neufeld*.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—MR. *Bowbrick* (CONVENER), MESSRS. *Randall, Waddell, Stevenson*, MS. *Sawicki*, MR. *Lali*, MS. *Brewin*, MESSRS. *Farrell-Collins, Thorpe, Nettleton*, MS. *Whittred*, AND MR. *Weisgerber*.

CROWN CORPORATIONS—MR. *van Dongen* (Convener), MR. *Orcherton*, Mmes. *Sawicki, Gillespie*, MR. *Doyle*, Mmes. *Walsh, Smallwood*, MR. *Conroy*, Messrs. *Farrell-Collins, Krueger, Symons* and MR. *Neufeld*.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—MR. *Bowbrick* (Convener), Messrs. *Randall, Waddell, Stevenson*, MS. *Sawicki*, MR. *Lali*, MS. *Brewin*, Messrs. *Farrell-Collins, Thorpe, Nettleton*, MS. *Whittred* and MR. *Weisgerber*.

#### COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY — SECTION A

Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. *Hartley*), The Minister whose Estimates are under consideration, Messrs. *Calendino, Orchardton, Giesbrecht*, Mmes. *Gillespie, Kwan*, MR. *Lali*, MS. *Sawicki*, Messrs. *Robertson, Stevenson*, Messrs. *Anderson, Dalton, Hansen, Masi*, MS. *McKinnon*, Messrs. *Thorpe, Symons* and MR. *Weisgerber*.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Hon. J. MACPHAIL, *Chair*

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 9, 1997**

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. Cashore*.

By leave, Mr. *Campbell* made a statement regarding Canada and the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The Hon. *J. Cashore* made a statement.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN

*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill (No. 10) intituled *Food Donor Encouragement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 8, 1997.*

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.

By leave, Ms. *Chong* moved that the Notice of Bill intituled *Donation of Food Act* standing in her name on the Order Paper be withdrawn.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) tabled the following:  
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Annual Report, 1995-1996; and  
Provincial Agricultural Land Commission Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 1996.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 1996.

The Speaker made the following statement:

*Honourable Members:*

Pursuant to Standing Orders 119 and 120, I wish to provide Honourable Members with guidelines relating to the use of a language other than English when addressing the Assembly.

Standing Order 120 charges the Speaker with supervising the recording and transcribing of debates in the House, but Honourable Members will appreciate that we do not have simultaneous translation facilities.

The House therefore requires some rules to guide those Members who wish, quite properly, to acknowledge their own ethnic backgrounds and to celebrate the multicultural reality of our province.

The following guidelines are offered to assist any Member addressing the House in a language other than English:

1. No presentation shall be made in a language other than English unless the script, and the English translation thereof, shall have been supplied to the Speaker at least one hour prior to the time it is intended to make the presentation.

2. The Member proposing to make the presentation in a language other than English, shall be responsible for the accuracy of the translation and the parliamentary propriety of the content of the remarks.

3. The translation will be included in the official *Hansard* report of the speech in place of the words as spoken, and accompanied by a notation to the effect that the English translation was supplied by the Member.

4. The Member shall furnish a sufficient number of copies of the remarks, and the English translation, so that each Member can be supplied with the copies immediately following its delivery in the House.

5. Members will be expected to be brief in their presentation in the language other than English.

I believe that the above guidelines will permit us to acknowledge the diversity of cultures in the Province, while at the same time allowing the Speaker and *Hansard* staff to carry out their obligations under the Standing Orders.

Copies of the guidelines will be provided to Members for their information.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Job Protection Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 6) read a second time and by leave, was committed.

Sections 3 and 4 of Bill (No. 6) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 6) was reported complete without amendment.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a point of order, namely, that Bill (No. 6) was out of order on the grounds that sections of the Bill purported to amend the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1996, which would not come into effect until April 21, 1997. The Government House Leader indicated that she would provide Mr. *Farrell-Collins* with a legal opinion and would not seek Royal Assent until such time as the opinion was provided.

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

By leave, Bill (No. 6) intituled *Job Protection Amendment Act, 1997*, was read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.14 p.m.

**Thursday, April 10, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Giesbrecht*.

The Speaker made the following statement:

*Honourable Members:*

Yesterday before third reading of the *Job Protection Amendment Act, 1997*, the House Leader of the Official Opposition rose on a point of order requesting the Chair to rule the Bill out of order on the grounds that section 4 made reference to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1996, which would not come into effect until April 21st. At the time, I indicated to the Member that I was not prepared to rule the Bill out of order and would proceed to third reading, pending provision of a legal opinion for the benefit of the Members.

From time to time, the Statutes of British Columbia are revised so that amendments which have occurred from year to year are incorporated into the general body of statute law. Recent revisions have included 1948, 1960 and 1979. Revisions are governed by the *Statute Revision Act*, S.B.C. 1992, c. 54, and the revision of 1996 was prepared pursuant to the terms of that Act. In February of 1997 the Chief Legislative Counsel deposited with the Clerk of the House the 15 volume set of Revised Statutes, which were then presented to a Committee of this House for approval. The Committee recommended approval of the Revised Statutes of 1996 to the Lieutenant Governor on February 28th, and the Lieutenant Governor signified his approval on March 4th, as appears by the certification in the volumes presented to the Clerk of the House. Subsequently, the Lieutenant Governor in Council passed an Order bringing the Revised Statutes of 1996 into effect on April 21, 1997.

The Revised Statutes of 1996 are, in effect, a snapshot of the law as it existed on December 31, 1996. For the sake of certainty and in accordance with the Act, the revision comes into effect on the date established in the Order in Council. All of the events leading up to the revision coming into effect have taken place, and accordingly, the appropriate method of drafting would be to refer to the revision rather than to the previous reference which, in 11 days from now, will no longer be valid.

Section 1 of the Bill enacts an amendment to the *Job Protection Act*, S.B.C. 1991, c. 4. Section 4 enacts the same amendment to the Revised Statutes 1996 to bring them into step on April 21, 1997.

The form of the Bill is not unusual and a check of the House records will indicate that on previous occasions the House has entertained bills modifying acts or portions of acts not yet in effect, as for administrative convenience, the effective date is often set by Order in Council.

For the foregoing reason, it is my opinion that the Bill is not out of order.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

**Thursday, April 10, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intitled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 7, 1997.*

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. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN

*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Milk Industry Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*April 7, 1997.*

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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. *Randall*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 1997*, 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 "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *van Dongen* tabled a petition relating to the expansion of casinos and video lottery terminals.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 1996.

The Hon. *J. Cashore* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia Annual Report, 1996, together with a document entitled Statistics '96.

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Ministry of Transportation and Highways Annual Report, 1994-95.

Mr. *Krueger* tabled a petition.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) made a ministerial statement relating to revisions to the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations' estimate of BC Hydro's debt and, by leave, tabled revised budget documents relating thereto.

Mr. *Gingell* made a statement.

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

By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Zimhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Waddell</i>			

NAYS—34

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>		

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

**Friday, April 11, 1997**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

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 Bill:

Bill (No. 6) *Job Protection Amendment Act, 1997*.

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

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 Bill.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Member’s Statements.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Food Donor Encouragement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 10) read a second time.

By leave Bill (No. 10) was committed, reported complete without amendment and, by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

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### Monday, April 14, 1997

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nebbeling*.

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.

**48** Mr. *Jarvis* moved, seconded by Mr. *Plant*—

“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,” be amended by adding the following: “. . . but this assembly regrets that the government appears determined to deprive injured and disabled British Columbians of fair compensation for motor vehicle accident injuries by pursuing, without public consultation, initiatives which would deprive all British Columbians of their fundamental civil right to sue those who negligently injure them in motor vehicle accidents.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

**51** Mr. *J. D. Wilson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Nebbeling*—

That the amendment moved by Mr. *Jarvis* and seconded by Mr. *Plant* be amended by deleting all words after “but this assembly regrets” and adding the following:

“ . . . that the government of British Columbia persists in its raid on Forest Renewal BC by transferring \$100 million from FRBC for funding programs traditionally funded by the Ministry of Forests.”

The House divided.

The sub-amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—35

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	

NAYS—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Waddell</i>			

The debate was resumed on the amendment.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—35

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	



## NAYS—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Waddell</i>			

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 15, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Hawkins*.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *British Columbia Neurotrauma Fund Contribution Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 26, 1997.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Offence Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 26, 1997.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

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**Tuesday, April 15, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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**Wednesday, April 16, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Reid*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

**54** The Hon. *J. Cashore* moved—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on:

1. The application of key issues arising out of the Nisga'a Agreement-in-Principle to treaty negotiations throughout British Columbia;

2. How progress can be made towards treaty settlements with aboriginal people beneficial to all British Columbians.

Further, that the House authorizes the committee to provide opportunities for all citizens of British Columbia, aboriginal and non-aboriginal to express their views on these matters.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee, 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 any sitting of the House; and

(c) To retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible.

**55** Mr. *de Jong* moved the following amendment—

That the motion standing in the name of the Honourable Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on the order paper relating to the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:

(d) to permit minority opinions in a report of the Committee;

A debate arose.

The amendment was agreed to.

Motion, as amended, agreed to, and reads as follows—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on:

1. The application of key issues arising out of the Nisga'a Agreement-in-Principle to treaty negotiations throughout British Columbia;

2. How progress can be made towards treaty settlements with aboriginal people beneficial to all British Columbians.

Further, that the House authorizes the committee to provide opportunities for all citizens of British Columbia, aboriginal and non-aboriginal to express their views on these matters.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee, 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 any sitting of the House; and

(c) To retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

(d) To permit minority opinions in a report of the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible.

**53** The Hon. *J. MacPhail* 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. Subject to paragraph 3, 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.

3. All Estimates shall stand referred to Section A, save and except those Estimates which shall be referred to Section B under the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Order and such other Estimates as shall be referred to Section B on motion by the Government House Leader, which motion shall be governed by the provisions of Standing Order 60A. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to this rule.

4. Section A shall consist of 18 Members, being 10 Members of the New Democratic Party, 7 Members of the Liberal Party, and 1 other Member. In addition, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole, or his or her nominee, shall preside over the debates in Section A. Substitution of Members will be permitted to Section A with the consent of that Member's Whip, where applicable, otherwise with the consent of the Member involved. For the second session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Calendino, Giesbrecht, Lali, Robertson, Orcherton* and *Stevenson*, Mmes. *Gillespie, Kwan* and *Sawicki* and Messrs. *Anderson, Dalton, Hansen, Masi, Symons* and *Thorpe*, Ms. *McKinnon* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

5. 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) Official Opposition; and
- (3) Government.

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

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

8. 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.

9. Section B 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 B, and for all purposes Section B shall be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole. Such referrals to Section B 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.

10. 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 Rules No. 3 and 9.

Motion agreed to.

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—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Waddell</i>			

NAYS—32

<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

**Thursday, April 17, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Stephens*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

**Thursday, April 17, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth) made a statement regarding an explosion and deaths in Quesnel.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

The Speaker called for a moment of silence to remember those who had died in the explosion.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth) made a ministerial statement regarding the signing of a federal-provincial fisheries agreement.

Mr. *van Dongen* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* made a statement.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.

*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Environment, Lands and Parks Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 14, 1997.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Women's Equality) made a ministerial statement regarding Equality Day.

Ms. *Stephens* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* made a statement.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 1996.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

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**Friday, April 18, 1997**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.27 p.m.

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**Monday, April 21, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. MacPhail*.

On the motion of Ms. *Stephens*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Domestic Violence Prevention Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 14, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the British Columbia Housing Management Commission Annual Report, 1995/96.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).



Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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**Tuesday, April 22, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *M. Farnworth*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday pursuant to Standing Order (2) (2).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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 22, 1997**

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Symons*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Uranium Moratorium Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “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 (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

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**Wednesday, April 23, 1997**

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to monitor and evaluate the progress of the work of the Ministry of Children and Families in respect of recommendations arising out of the Gove Inquiry into Child Protection; and that the Special Committee so appointed have the powers of a Select Standing Committee, and also 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;
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;
- (e) to permit minority opinions in a report of 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 Ms. *Gillespie* (Convener), Messrs. *Kasper* and *Hartley*, Ms. *Kwan*, Ms. *McKinnon* and Mr. *Coell* and Mr. *Neufeld*.

Motion agreed to.

**56** The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

Be it resolved this House support the B.C. government’s position before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry which calls on the Government of Canada to change Bill C-91 in a manner that supports and protects innovative drug research, promotes fair market competition and reduces drug costs in order to ensure the health, safety and financial well-being of Canadians come before the interests of the drug industry.

A debate arose.

Ms. *Hawkins* moved the following amendment—

That the Motion be amended by adding the following:

“and that the initiatives stated above be based on proven research and enhance the partnership in British Columbia between academics, health care providers, industry and government; encourage prospects for research and development investment and future job creation in British Columbia; and, most importantly, put the health needs of British Columbians first.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The amendment was agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

## YEAS—69

Evans	Hartley	Janssen	Weisgerber
Zirnhelt	Priddy	Dalton	G. F. Wilson
McGregor	Miller	Gingell	J. D. Wilson
Boone	G. Clark	Campbell	Reitsma
Hammell	Dosanjh	Farrell-Collins	C. Clark
Streifel	MacPhail	Plant	Symons
Pullinger	Cashore	Sanders	Hawkins
Farnworth	Ramsey	Hurd	Abbott
Kwan	Brewin	Stephens	Weisbeck
Waddell	Sihota	de Jong	Chong
Calendino	Randall	Coell	Coleman
Stevenson	Sawicki	Anderson	Nettleton
Bowbrick	Lali	Nebbeling	Masi
Goodacre	Doyle	Whittred	McKinnon
Giesbrecht	Gillespie	van Dongen	Krueger
Walsh	Robertson	Thorpe	Barisoff
Kasper	Conroy	Penner	Neufeld
Orcherton			

The debate was resumed on the main motion, as amended.

The House divided.

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

## YEAS—69

Evans	Hartley	Janssen	Weisgerber
Zirnhelt	Priddy	Dalton	G. F. Wilson
McGregor	Miller	Gingell	J. D. Wilson
Boone	G. Clark	Campbell	Reitsma
Hammell	Dosanjh	Farrell-Collins	C. Clark
Streifel	MacPhail	Plant	Symons
Pullinger	Cashore	Sanders	Hawkins
Farnworth	Ramsey	Hurd	Abbott
Kwan	Brewin	Stephens	Weisbeck
Waddell	Sihota	de Jong	Chong
Calendino	Randall	Coell	Coleman
Stevenson	Sawicki	Anderson	Nettleton
Bowbrick	Lali	Nebbeling	Masi
Goodacre	Doyle	Whittred	McKinnon
Giesbrecht	Gillespie	van Dongen	Krueger
Walsh	Robertson	Thorpe	Barisoff
Kasper	Conroy	Penner	Neufeld
Orcherton			

The motion as amended reads as follows:

Be it resolved this House support the B.C. government's position before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry which calls on the Government of Canada to change Bill C-91 in a manner that supports and protects innovative drug research, promotes fair market competition and reduces drug costs in order to ensure the health, safety and financial well-being of Canadians come before the interests of the drug industry and that the initiatives stated above be based on proven research

and enhance the partnership in British Columbia between academics, health care providers, industry and government; encourage prospects for research and development investment and future job creation in British Columbia; and, most importantly, put the health needs of British Columbians first.

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

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**Thursday, April 24, 1997**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Robertson*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Women’s Equality).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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 24, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Ms. *Stephens* moved that the motion before the House to approve the expenditures of the Ministry of Women's Equality be amended by reducing the amount of \$373,000 therein to \$1.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Coell</i>			

NAYS—37

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>
<i>Waddell</i>			

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.04 p.m.

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**Friday, April 25, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brewin*.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) made a statement honoring the passing of Murray Fraser, Q.C., former Dean of the University of Victoria Law Faculty.

Mr. *Plant* made a statement.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Capital Region Water Supply and Sooke Hills Protection Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 24, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

By leave, Mr. *Hurd* tabled the following documents:

A copy of Bill 17 from Saskatchewan entitled *An Act to amend certain Acts Respecting Highways and Vehicles*; and

A document from the British Columbia Safety Council entitled "Traffic Safety at the Crossroads."

And then the House adjourned at 11.12 a.m.

**Monday, April 28, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

Mr. *Hurd* made a personal statement.

By leave, Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth) made a statement.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Neufeld*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Forest Renewal Amendment Act, 1997 (Forest Renewal Equitable Reinvestment)* 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 "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Cashore* (Minister of Labour) made a ministerial statement recognizing April 28, 1997, as a day of mourning for workers killed or injured on the job in British Columbia, and requested that the House observe a minute of silence.

Mr. *Dalton* made a statement.

The House observed a minute of silence.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General's Report on the 1995/96 Public Accounts.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

*Evans*  
*Zirnhelt*  
*McGregor*  
*Boone*  
*Hammell*  
*Streifel*  
*Pullinger*  
*Farnworth*  
*Kwan*  
*Waddell*

*Calendino*  
*Stevenson*  
*Bowbrick*  
*Goodacre*  
*Giesbrecht*  
*Walsh*  
*Kasper*  
*Orcherton*  
*Hartley*

*Priddy*  
*Petter*  
*Miller*  
*G. Clark*  
*Dosanjh*  
*MacPhail*  
*Cashore*  
*Ramsey*  
*Brewin*

*Sihota*  
*Randall*  
*Sawicki*  
*Doyle*  
*Gillespie*  
*Robertson*  
*Smallwood*  
*Conroy*  
*Janssen*



## NAYS—32

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Correction Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. Priddy*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 29, 1997**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Chong*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Correction Amendment Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.

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**Tuesday, April 29, 1997**

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled the following documents:

Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors Annual Report, 1994/95; and  
Medical Services Commission Annual Report, 1994/95.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997* 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)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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**Wednesday, April 30, 1997**

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nettleton*.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

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

*Government House,*  
*April 29, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997* was again committed.

In consideration of section 12 of Bill (No. 2), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

NAYS—33

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Whitted</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</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.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

**Thursday, May 1, 1997**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thorpe*.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Assembly Management Committee Annual Report, 1996-97.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997* was again committed.

Mr. *de Jong* moved an amendment to section 13 of Bill (No. 2) which was defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—32

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whitted</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>

## NAYS—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.08 p.m.

**Thursday, May 1, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 22, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
May 1, 1997.*

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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. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
May 1, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Labour).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997* was again committed.

In consideration of section 13 of Bill (No. 2), the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—35

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Randall</i>	

## NAYS—33

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</i>			

On the motion that the Chair do now leave the Chair, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—31

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	

## NAYS—35

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Randall</i>	

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

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$429,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1998.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$786,188,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1998.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,856,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration, Statutory Services, to 31st March 1998.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,003,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration, Judiciary, to 31st March 1998.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner, to 31st March 1998.

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration.

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

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) to be considered at the next sitting.

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

The Speaker made a statement as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

Somewhere, Honourable Members, we seem to have lost track of Standing Order 45A which provides us with guidelines for Oral Question Period. Please note I am mindful that “we” includes the Chair, and I am certainly prepared to accept my share of the responsibility.

I believe that every person who has served as Speaker in this Chamber has taken time to remind Members of the rules governing Question Period. And that seems to me to be a good tradition to uphold.

Let me quote from the *Journals* of 1977 in which the Speaker of the day noted that “very great latitude has been taken by Honourable Members both in the posing of questions and in the answers given thereto.” He then went on to ask “the co-operation and adherence of Honourable Members to the numerous but explicit rules relating to Oral Question Period.”

Five years later, in 1982, the Speaker noted that the “strict and meticulous application” of the rules during Question Period would “preclude the Chair from allowing the vast majority of questions and answers advanced in this House. Therefore without some degree of latitude, constant intervention by the Chair would, in the absence of greater precision in framing questions and answers, lead to the total impoverishment of the Question Period.”

Clearly there must be rules governing Question Period and those rules must be adhered to by those who pose as well as those who respond to questions. But clearly there must also be a balance between a too strict and meticulous application of the rules and too much latitude in their application. In that spirit, let me remind Members of the key provisions of Standing Order 47A:

- a) only questions that are urgent and important shall be permitted;
- b) questions and answers shall be brief and precise, and stated without argument or opinion.

Further assistance in interpreting our Standing Orders may be found in pages 110-111 of *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, notably the two citations from Erskine May, that first, the question should be brief and, second, that the answer should be confined to the points contained in the questions, with such explanation only as renders the answer intelligible.



Briefly, it seems to me, as your Speaker, that this is the heart of the matter. Unless I hear from all sides of the House that they do not wish to be bound by these rules, I shall endeavour, with your assistance, to enforce them. If it is the will of the House to change these rules, a motion to amend is available.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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**Friday, May 2, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Gingell*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

And then the House adjourned at 11.09 a.m.

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**Monday, May 5, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Hammell*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth) made a ministerial statement regarding Youth Week.

Mr. *Penner* 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Labour).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997* 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)

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

Pursuant to section 33 (3) of the *Constitution Act*:

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Surrey-White Rock (Mr. *Hurd*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective May 2, 1997, was delivered to the Speaker.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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**Tuesday, May 6, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Randall*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Labour).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997* 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)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 6, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) made a ministerial statement regarding Emergency Preparedness Week.

Mr. *Plant* made a statement.

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

Auditor General 1996/97: Report 7 — Performance Audit — Management of Travel — Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations; and

Auditor General 1996/97: Report 8 — Performance Review — Executive Severance Practices: Government Ministries and Crown Corporations.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Labour).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997* was again committed.

In consideration of the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 2) complete with amendment, the Committee divided.

Bill (No. 2) was reported complete with amendment and, by leave, read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a point of order, namely, that the division on the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 2) complete with amendment had been inaccurately tallied and that the numbers of those present reflected a tie vote.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the proceedings in regard to the third reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997* be declared null and void and that the Bill be re-committed forthwith.

The Bill was re-committed.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 2) complete with amendment, the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—35

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	

## NAYS—35

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	

The Chair announced that the division had been a tie vote and, in accordance with established practice, she cast her vote in favour of the motion.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997* was reported complete with amendment and, by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Correction Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Plant* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Tourism British Columbia Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 7, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. C. Evans.

On the motion of Mr. *Plant*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment (Substance Abuser Rehabilitation) Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "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 (estimates of the Ministry of Labour).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Tourism British Columbia Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—64

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>

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*G. F. Wilson*

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. 12) intituled *Milk Industry Amendment Act, 1997*, 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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *British Columbia Neurotrauma Fund Contribution Act*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Offence Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

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. 17) intituled *Capital Region Water Supply and Sooke Hills Protection Act*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

**Thursday, May 8, 1997**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Gillespie*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Labour).

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Milk Industry Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete with amendment and, by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Capital Region Water Supply and Sooke Hills Protection Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Offence Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *British Columbia Neurotrauma Fund Contribution 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.  
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.

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**Thursday, May 8, 1997**

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Gingell* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, that Moody’s Bond Rating Services had downgraded the credit rating of the Province of British Columbia, and moved that the House adjourn to permit the Speaker to make a ruling.

The Speaker ruled that it was not competent for the Member to move adjournment of the House prior to making a ruling.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Labour followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

Bill (No. 8) intituled *British Columbia Neurotrauma Fund Contribution Act* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Tourism British Columbia 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)

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$394,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1998.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,794,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1998.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

Earlier today the Member for Delta South rose under Standing Order 35 to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of definite and urgent public importance, namely "the matter raised by Moody's Bond Rating Services with regard to the government's domestic debt," which he subsequently identified in his comments as being a rate downgrade given at noon today.

In examining the matter to determine whether it comes within the "rigorous restrictions" of Standing Order 35 the Chair must examine the urgency of debate, not the urgency of the matter, as is pointed out at page 62 of the Third Edition of *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*. Previous Speakers have ruled that a matter does not come within the confines of Standing Order 35 if it is an on-going matter or if a normal parliamentary opportunity is available for debate.

In her submission, the Government House Leader pointed out that another bond rating had occurred one week ago, and I note from the *Journals* of the House that announcements have been made in the House by Ministers respecting a bond rating, such as that made by the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations on the 26th day of May, 1994. I note from the *Journals* that the Minister made a statement respecting B.C.'s credit rating, and the Member for Delta South gave a response. I also note from *Hansard* of March 24, 25, 26 and April 1, 1997, that during the budget debate various Members, including the Member for Delta South, raised the issue of a downgrade by Moody's Bond Rating Service.

Accordingly, I conclude that the rating of the province's debt or credit is an on-going matter that occurs from time to time.

Secondly, I note that this House is currently embarked upon consideration of the estimates in Committee of Supply. A review of the Votes and Proceedings will indicate that the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations estimates have not yet been considered; therefore, an ordinary parliamentary opportunity to discuss this matter will be coming up in the near future.

For these reasons, I find that the matter does not qualify under Standing Order 35.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.



**Friday, May 9, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Hon. *D. Streifel*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
May 8, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

And then the House adjourned at 11.11 a.m.

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**Monday, May 12, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Masi*.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the Annual Report of the Ombudsman, 1996.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
 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.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 13, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisbeck*.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Child, Youth and Family Advocate Annual Report, 1996.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

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**Tuesday, May 13, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks Annual Reports, 1993/1994 and 1996.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 14, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McKinnon*.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 12, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

**Thursday, May 15, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Reitsma*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

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**Thursday, May 15, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Fish Protection Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 15, 1997.*

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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. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Offence Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 15, 1997.*

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. Farnworth* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 15, 1997.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Plant* rose on a matter of privilege relating to statements made during Question Period on May 6, 1997, by the Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) made representations and tabled a related document.

The Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister for Children and Families) made a ministerial statement regarding Family Day.

Mr. *Coell* 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Environment, Lands and Parks Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* moved —  
That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 3.50 p.m.

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**Tuesday, May 20, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister for Children and Families) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 16, 1997.*

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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. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Children's Commission Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 16, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

On May 6, 1997, the Honourable Member for Richmond-Steveston reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege and on May 15, 1997, stated his matter of privilege after having given the Chair notice, in accordance with the Standing Orders. The Chair has heard representations from the Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations on the matter, and the Chair has considered the statements and all material filed in support of this matter. I also note that the Honourable Member has, quite correctly, submitted a copy of the motion that the Member would intend to move should the Chair find a *prima facie* case has been established.

The heart of the Member's complaint is contained in words attributed to the Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations when the Minister stated that it was his understanding (and here I paraphrase) that the Members of the Official Opposition did or did not do certain things, and stated his conclusions as to why Members of the Opposition did or did not do the acts attributed to them. The Honourable Member in his argument then contends that the Minister's statement as quoted was false and produced various exhibits which he alleges support his conclusions.

In coming to my conclusion that the matter before me amounts to a disagreement between Members, I was particularly persuaded by the similarity between the matter raised by the Member and two earlier matters raised in this House and recorded in the *Journals* of the House on April 13, 1982 at pages 41 and 42 and on June 8, 1982 at page 132.

After careful consideration of the arguments advanced and the material filed in this case, it is the Chair's view that this matter falls squarely within that category of cases which are categorized as a dispute as to facts.



The Honourable Member may have a serious disagreement with the Minister, but neither the statement made in the House nor the material filed in support thereof, establishes a *prima facie* case of privilege, as defined by our own precedents and the relevant parliamentary authorities.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

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**Wednesday, May 21, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 16, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) tabled the 25th Annual Report of the *Criminal Injury Compensation Act* of British Columbia, January 1 – December 31, 1996.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$332,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1998.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,269,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1998.

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

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

**Thursday, May 22, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. McGregor*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
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 22, 1997**

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

**Friday, May 23, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *G. Brewin*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* called Motion 52 standing in the name of Mr. *G. F. Wilson* on the Order Paper.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a point of order, namely, that the Motion was out of order on the grounds that it would involve expenditure and impose an obligation on the Crown.

Mr. *G. F. Wilson* made representations.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* indicated that the Government consented to the debate of the Motion.

The Speaker ruled that Standing Order 67 did not relate to expenditure of a government other than British Columbia and, further, that the Crown had consented to the Motion and, accordingly, the Motion was in order.

**52** By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* moved—

That this Assembly request the Government of Canada to immediately withdraw from any further negotiations on the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment until the Government of Canada has (a) convened a public meeting of first ministers to discuss any such agreement and (b) has completed a process of public consultation with industry, labour, small business and any other Canadians who are concerned about the impact of such an agreement on the future of our country.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Hansen* moved the following amendment —

To delete the words in strike out format, and to substitute therefor the words highlighted by underline:

That this Assembly request the Government of Canada ~~to immediately withdraw from any further negotiations on~~ not agree to sign the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment until the Government of Canada has (a) convened a public meeting of first ministers to discuss any such agreement and (b) has completed a process of public consultation with industry, labour, small business and any other Canadians who are concerned about the impact of such an agreement on the future of our country.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.59 p.m.

**Monday, May 26, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Neufeld*.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

*Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Bills:

Bill (No. 2) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1997*.

Bill (No. 3) *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1997*.

Bill (No. 4) *Correction Amendment Act, 1997*.

Bill (No. 7) *Offence Amendment Act, 1997*.

Bill (No. 8) *British Columbia Neurotrauma Fund Contribution Act*.

Bill (No. 10) *Food Donor Encouragement Act*.

Bill (No. 12) *Milk Industry Amendment Act, 1997*.

Bill (No. 17) *Capital Region Water Supply and Sooke Hills Protection Act*.

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

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 Bills."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *G. Clark* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports the Province's decision to serve notice of termination of the seabed license of occupation agreement associated with the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental Test Range at Nanoose in response to the extreme and inflexible position taken by the United States in the negotiations to achieve a new Pacific Salmon Treaty.

A debate arose.

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

YEAS—70

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Janssen</i>		

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 27, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisgerber*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.

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**Tuesday, May 27, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker made the following statement:

*Honourable Members:*

Following Question Period today I returned to my office and reviewed the Blues for today's Question Period, as well as those for yesterday.

An examination of the questions directed to the Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture discloses that, for the most part, the questions failed to deal with actions of the Minister for which she is responsible to Parliament in the ministerial sense. Accordingly, they are out of order.

It is true there may be circumstances in which a Minister wishes to provide an answer to an otherwise disorderly question, and as a matter of practice in this House that has been left to the discretion of the Chair.

It must be noted, however, that the willingness of a Minister to answer a disorderly question does not thereby make the question orderly. And it must also be noted that the discretion to rule the question out of order and not to permit an answer thereto always remains with the Chair. (Here I would refer Members to page 109 of the third edition of *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*.)

Members, it seems to me that we, and I, ignore our rules at our peril.

In that spirit, let me remind Members that the pivotal requirement for questions to Ministers is that such questions must deal with an action of a Minister for which that Minister is responsible to Parliament.

Stated another way, the question must deal with the administrative responsibility of the Minister. (Here I would refer Honourable Members to the 20th edition of Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice* at page 341 and to the 6th edition of Beauchesne's at page 125.)

I would ask all Honourable Members to read and to be guided by the authorities I have quoted.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 28, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Penner*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Ms. *Chong* tabled a copy of a letter from E. N. (Ted) Hughes, Q.C. to Mr. *Thorpe*, M.L.A., regarding constituency offices.



Mr. *Thorpe* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege with respect to statements made in the House on Monday, May 26, by the Member for Cowichan-Ladysmith.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Environment, Lands and Parks Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Tourism British Columbia Act* was again committed.

Mr. *Thorpe* moved an amendment to section 11 of Bill (No. 9) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—24

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>

NAYS—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved —  
That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 3, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brewin*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) made a ministerial statement regarding Environment Week.

Ms. *C. Clarke* made a statement.

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

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the BC Transportation Financing Authority Annual Report, 1995/96.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, 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.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

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**Wednesday, June 4, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. MacPhail*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) made a ministerial statement regarding National Transportation Week.

Mr. *Barisoff* made a statement.

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

By leave, the Hon. *A. Petter* moved—

That reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly during the Second Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. *Thorpe* rose on a matter of privilege relating to statements made by the Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made representations.

The Deputy Speaker stated she would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$462,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1998.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,869,553,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,862,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 1998.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House proceeded to “Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice.”

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Tourism British Columbia 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)

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$339,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1998.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$131,233,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$224,660,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Government Grants, to 31st March, 1998.

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

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.02 p.m.

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**Thursday, June 5, 1997**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

Mr. *Thorpe* rose on a matter of privilege relating to statements made in the House on June 4, 1997, by the Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made representations.

The Deputy Speaker stated that she 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Tourism British Columbia Act* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

**Thursday, June 5, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 3, 1997.*

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. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Family Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 4, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Human Resources) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 33) intituled *BC Benefits Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 3, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Coell* presented a petition regarding recent changes to the ferry service to Mayne Island.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the British Columbia Assessment Authority Annual Report, 1995.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Children's Commission Act*, a debate arose.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled a report entitled Auditor General 1996/97: Report 9 — Performance Audits — BC Transit: Managing Operator Productivity — BC Transit: Its Success as a Market-focused Organization.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 23) was read a second time.

By leave, Bill (No. 23) was committed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a personal statement.

The Deputy Speaker stated that in keeping with parliamentary practice and traditions, the Hon. Minister’s apology ends the matter.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Bill (No. 23) intituled *Children’s Commission Act* 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. 27) intituled *Offence Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 27) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.50 p.m.



**Friday, June 6, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

Mr. *Thorpe* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege with respect to the Deputy Speaker.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Pharmacists, Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 3, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

And then the House adjourned at 11.11 a.m.

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**Monday, June 9, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Chong*.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier) made a statement regarding the death of the Hon. Stanley Knowles.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

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

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

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 34) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 4, 1997.*

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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. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Education, Skills and Training) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Technical University of British Columbia Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 3, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled the Provincial Health Officer's Annual Report, 1996.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$407,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1998.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,525,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,782,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 1998.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$781,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, British Columbia Marketing Board, to 31st March, 1998.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority, to 31st March, 1998.

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

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

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

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.47 p.m.

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**Tuesday, June 10, 1997**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Stephens*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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, June 10, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Gingell* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the First Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

*Resolved*, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The Hon. *D. Miller* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.51 p.m.

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**Wednesday, June 11, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Symons*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Speaker advised the House that the Member for Okanagan-Penticton had given notice of his intention to proceed with a matter of privilege which would be heard at 3 o'clock p.m. today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

Mr. *Thorpe* rose on a matter of privilege relating to the ability of the Deputy Speaker to rule on an earlier matter of privilege regarding the Hon. Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations and reserved the right to make further representations.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made representations.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.28 p.m.

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**Thursday, June 12, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Barisoff*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations regarding the point of privilege raised by the Member for Okanagan-Penticton on June 11, 1997.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.



**Thursday, June 12, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
June 10, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the Special Report No. 19 of the Ombudsman — An Investigation into the Instability and Recession of Willemar Bluffs (Regional District of Comox-Strathcona).

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

I have now had an opportunity to review the matter of privilege brought to the House yesterday by the Honourable Member for Okanagan-Penticton.

It seems to me that the heart of the matter raised by the Honourable Member appears on page 2 of his statement, and the allegation is that the Member's privileges were breached in two ways:

1. The Deputy Speaker should not have assumed the Chair for the purpose of ruling on the original matters of privilege because of a reasonable apprehension of bias; and

2. In the disposition of the Honourable Member's points of privilege she demonstrated actual bias.

Let me begin by emphasizing one point: it would be virtually impossible, and quite improper, for the Speaker in this instance to attempt to weigh the evidence which the Member has tabled in support of the allegation of bias, or the counter-evidence presented by the Government House Leader.

This is because it is axiomatic in the Law of Parliament that any such charge should be brought forward by way of a substantive motion under notice, and not clothed in the guise of a matter of privilege. As all Honourable Members are aware, any charges of impropriety or bias directed at a presiding officer are treated by Parliament with the utmost seriousness, and must not, then, arise as incidental to another proceeding.

Our Standing Orders, and our practice since 1985, make it abundantly clear that no appeal lies from the decision of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker or the Chair of Committees.

In fact, in 1986 an all-party committee of this House, after extensive deliberations, recommended *inter alia* that appeals of the Speaker's decisions should be abolished. The House then unanimously adopted new Standing Orders including Standing Order 9, as amended. I would also refer all Members

to the following commentary which appears in MacMinn's *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 2nd and 3rd editions:

"If one had to select a single amendment to the Standing Orders recommended to the House by the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills in 1985 which, in the long run, will contribute most toward the enhancement of the dignity of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, the amendment to Standing Order 9, abolishing appeals from a ruling of the Chair, would be considered paramount."

It is quite clear from the Honourable Member's statement of privilege that he takes exception to the decision when he suggests on page 2 that the apology as offered was conditional. The Honourable Member goes on to say at the top of page 3, and I quote, "thus it is my contention that no person sitting in the Chair, acting reasonably or objectively, could have accepted the Minister's statement as putting an end to the matter".

I want to emphasize, then, that while it is not in keeping with parliamentary practice for a Speaker to review decisions of a Deputy Speaker, or indeed of Committee Chairs, in this particular instance it seems to me as your Speaker that a brief observation on that decision cannot be avoided in order to determine whether there is any indication whatsoever that an element of bias, as alleged, could be extrapolated from the decision.

Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 21st edition at pages 140, 141 and 143 confirms the widely accepted proposition that an apology is a full answer to the type of offence alleged in this matter. Indeed, the authority quoted above goes further when it states even after a finding that a Member's conduct amounts to a breach of privilege or a contempt, an apology is a full answer and satisfies the House. In this case, I note the apology was made without any such finding.

The Deputy Speaker heard the apology as given by the Minister and had only to decide whether or not, in her judgment, the words spoken constituted a genuine apology. The Deputy Speaker made that determination which under our rules is not subject to an appeal to the House or the Speaker. That decision having been taken, the alleged offences which were the foundation for the earlier matters of privilege, i.e. that the Member misled the House, were fully answered.

There is, however, one more principle which the Chair wishes to bring emphatically to the attention of Honourable Members, and that is that the actions of a presiding officer ought not to be criticized incidentally in debate upon any form of proceeding except a substantive motion, and indeed it has been held that any reflection upon the character or the actions of the Speaker, other than by substantive motion, may be punished as a breach of privilege in itself. (Erskine May's 21st edition at pages 127, 180 and 325.)

It is the Chair's view that the matter of privilege as stated contains a clear accusation of bias on the part of the Deputy Speaker, and in the form in which it was presented might, in itself, be categorized as a breach of privilege in this House.

In summary, it must follow that the matter of privilege fails on two grounds:

1. In essence, it amounts to an appeal of the Deputy Speaker's decision which is clearly contrary to Standing Orders 9 and 15.
2. It contains a charge of bias against the Deputy Speaker which can only be brought forward by a distinct motion on notice.

DALE LOVICK, *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 (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$370,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1998.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,796,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,384,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Royal British Columbia Museum, to 31st March, 1998.

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.06 p.m.

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**Friday, June 13, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Gingell*

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

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 35) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 2) Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 11, 1997.*

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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. *Sihota*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *TD Trust Company Act, 1997* 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. *Sihota*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company Act, 1997* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements

And then the House adjourned at 11.18 a.m.

**Monday, June 16, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. Cashore*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 37) intituled *Tobacco Damages Recovery Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 12, 1997.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 36) intituled *Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 11, 1997.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Weisgerber* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege with respect to the Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$373,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Women's Equality, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1998.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,632,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Women's Equality, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality.

Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 10 p.m.

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**Tuesday, June 17, 1997**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Randall*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 17, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 39) intituled *Building Officials' Association Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 11, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 41) intituled *Traffic Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 16, 1997.*

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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. *L. Boone* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 40) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 16, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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



Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the British Columbia Legislative Library Annual Report, 1996.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

On the motion that the House recess until 6.35 p.m. a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The Hon. *D. Miller*, Government House Leader, moved that the House do now adjourn.

On an objection being raised, the Speaker stated that the motion of the Government House Leader superseded the motion that the House recess.

And then the House adjourned at 10.03 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 18, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Gillespie*.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 42) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 17, 1997.*

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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. Farnworth* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 18, 1997.*

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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. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Education, Skills and Training) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 45) intituled *School Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 17, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 38) intituled *Builders Lien Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 11, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

**Monday, June 23, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Dalton*.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 43) intituled *Industry Training and Apprenticeship Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 19, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Cashore* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Annual Report, 1995/1996.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture Annual Report, 1995-96.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

## THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$398,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1998.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,697,070,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

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

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.49 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 24, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Reitsma*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.

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**Tuesday, June 24, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 49) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 23, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 47) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 20, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

**63** The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of a Commissioner, Conflict of Interest and,

That after the Committee has unanimously recommended the appointment of a Commissioner, Conflict of Interest and the Commissioner, Conflict of Interest is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council pursuant to the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 287, s. 14 (2), the Committee is authorized to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on the matter of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 287.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee by the House, 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 (but to deal with matters in the order in which the Committee has been authorized to deal with them);
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

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

A debate arose.

Mr. *Weisgerber* sought leave to move an amendment to the motion.

The Speaker ruled a motion to amend instructions to a Committee requires notice and cited notes to Standing Order 53 from *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, Third Edition, at page 120. The Speaker further stated that, in the present circumstance, he would ask leave of the House to allow the amendment to be moved.

Leave was not granted.

On the motion of Mr. *Jarvis*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 63:

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of a Commissioner, Conflict of Interest and,

That after the Committee has unanimously recommended the appointment of a Commissioner, Conflict of Interest and the Commissioner, Conflict of Interest is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council pursuant to the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 287, s. 14 (2), the Committee is authorized to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on the matter of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 287.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee by the House, 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 (but to deal with matters in the order in which the Committee has been authorized to deal with them);
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

*Evans*  
*Zirnhelt*  
*McGregor*  
*Boone*  
*Hammell*  
*Streifel*  
*Pullinger*  
*Farnworth*  
*Kwan*  
*Waddell*

*Calendino*  
*Stevenson*  
*Bowbrick*  
*Goodacre*  
*Giesbrecht*  
*Walsh*  
*Kasper*  
*Orcherton*  
*Hartley*

*Priddy*  
*Petter*  
*Miller*  
*Dosanjh*  
*MacPhail*  
*Cashore*  
*Ramsey*  
*Brewin*  
*Sihota*

*Randall*  
*Sawicki*  
*Lali*  
*Doyle*  
*Gillespie*  
*Robertson*  
*Smallwood*  
*Janssen*  
*G. F. Wilson*



## NAYS—31

Dalton  
Gingell  
Campbell  
Farrell-Collins  
Plant  
Sanders  
Stephens  
de Jong

Coell  
Anderson  
Nebbeling  
Whittred  
van Dongen  
Thorpe  
Penner  
J. D. Wilson

Reitsma  
Hansen  
C. Clark  
Symons  
Hawkins  
Abbott  
Jarvis  
Weisbeck

Chong  
Coleman  
Nettleton  
Masi  
McKinnon  
Krueger  
Barisoff

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 10.05 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 25, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *J. D. Wilson*.

Mr. *G. F. Wilson* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege.

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

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 44) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 25, 1997.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$348,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1998.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,394,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,297,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Registries, to 31st March, 1998.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Pensions Administration, to 31st March, 1998.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 1998.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and Ministry Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Product Sales and Services, to 31st March, 1998.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$905,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 1998.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries), to 31st March, 1998.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$299,796,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Benefits, to 31st March, 1998.

61. *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, 1998.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,884,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Corporate Accounting System Initiative, to 31st March, 1998.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,607,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Public Sector Employers' Council, to 31st March, 1998.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,103,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Public Service Employee Relations Commission, to 31st March, 1998.

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Masi*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 1997*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

## YEAS—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

## NAYS—28

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>

Bill (No. 49) 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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.06 p.m.

**Thursday, June 26, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *de Jong*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Bill (No. 49) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 1997* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.

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**Thursday, June 26, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 48) intituled *Emergency Communications Corporations Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
June 25, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 50) intituled *Power for Jobs Development Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
June 25, 1997.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) tabled the Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report, 1996-1997.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.53 p.m.

**Friday, June 27, 1997**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *G. F. Wilson*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the following:

Statement of 1996/97 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 41.5 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C, and

Financial Statements of the British Columbia Educational Institutions Capital Financing Authority, as at March 31, 1997.

Order called for Private Members’ Statements.

The Speaker made the following statement:

Private Members' Statements may be concerned with controversial and debatable matters, but ought not to involve criticism of another Member, be highly partisan or likely to cause offence and rancour.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —  
*Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Bills:

Bill (No. 9) *Tourism British Columbia Act*.

Bill (No. 23) *Children's Commission Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

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

*Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Bill:

Bill (No. 49) *Supply Act (No. 2), 1997*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The House resumed Private Members' Statements.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, BC Transit).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved —

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 12.43 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 2, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Hammell*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Renewal BC Business Plan, 1997/98. (Pursuant to section 10 (7) of the *Forest Renewal Act*, R.S.B.C. Chapter 160, Business Plan stands referred to the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.)

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Motor Carrier Commission Annual Report 1995/1996.

Mr. *Campbell* gave notice of his intention to raise a matter of privilege.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.



THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.01 p.m.

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**Thursday, July 3, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Robertson*.

Mr. *Waddell* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs for the Second Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

*Resolved*, that the Report be taken as read and received.

Mr. *G. F. Wilson* rose on a matter of privilege relating to the disclosure of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, to the public prior to introduction in the House.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations and reserved the right for the government to make further 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, BC Transit).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
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, July 3, 1997**

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister for Children and Families) made a ministerial statement regarding the Children’s Commissioner’s investigation into the death of Mavis Flanders.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

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

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *J. Cashore* (Minister of Labour) made representations regarding the point of privilege raised earlier today by the Member for Powell River-Sunshine Coast.

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

## REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM

June 18, 1997

HONOURABLE 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 *TD Trust Company Act, 1997*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;
- (2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company Act, 1997*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. BOWBRICK, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bills Pr 401 and Pr 402 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, BC Transit).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, BC Transit followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$297,760,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, British Columbia Transit, to 31st March, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, BC Transit.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, BC Transit) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.53 p.m.

**Friday, July 4, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

Ms. *Brewin* presented a petition relating to Bill C-68.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.48 p.m.

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**Monday, July 7, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Sanders*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Mr. *Coell* presented a petition regarding Mayne Island's new ferry schedule.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

On the motion that Section B rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

## YEAS—18

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>		

## NAYS—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

Section B continued to sit.

On the motion that the Chair do now leave the Chair in Section B, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—26

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>		

NAYS—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

Section B continued to sit.

The House continued to sit past midnight.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

On the motion that Section A rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—8

<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Symons</i>

NAYS—10

<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Boone</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Lali</i>		

Section A continued to sit.

On the motion that the Chair do now leave the Chair in Section A, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—7

<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>	

## NAYS—10

*Clark*  
*Waddell*  
*Giesbrecht*

*Gillespie*  
*Kwan*  
*Randall*

*Janssen*  
*Robertson*

*Boone*  
*Stevenson*

Section A continued to sit.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.34 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 8, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* moved that the amount allocated in the 1997-98 Estimates to the Office of the Minister of Forests, \$433,000 be reduced by \$1.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—30

*Dalton*  
*Gingell*  
*Reid*  
*Campbell*  
*Farrell-Collins*  
*Plant*  
*Sanders*  
*de Jong*

*Coell*  
*Anderson*  
*Nebbeling*  
*Whittred*  
*van Dongen*  
*Thorpe*  
*Penner*  
*J. D. Wilson*

*Reitsma*  
*Hansen*  
*C. Clark*  
*Symons*  
*Hawkins*  
*Abbott*  
*Jarvis*

*Weisbeck*  
*Chong*  
*Coleman*  
*Nettleton*  
*Masi*  
*Krueger*  
*Barisoff*



## NAYS—36

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sihota</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

Section B continued to sit.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.  
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, July 8, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the following:  
BC Systems Corporation Annual Report, 1995-96; and  
British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 1995/96.

The Hon. *J. Cashore* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 1997, with financial statements.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

On Thursday, July 3, 1997, the Honourable Member for Powell River-Sunshine Coast rose on a matter of privilege concerning the conduct of the Minister of Labour, alleging certain improprieties surrounding Bill (No. 44) intituled the *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, which was introduced into the House and received first reading on June 25, 1997.

In the course of his statement, the Honourable Member has referred the Chair to numerous precedents relating to breach of privilege that are presented in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, and I have carefully considered the cumulative effect of those decisions on the Member's case.

It is my view that none of the precedents mentioned can be relied upon as an authority to assist the Honourable Member in establishing a *prima facie* breach of privilege for the case in hand. Indeed, what emerges from these precedents is that a premature release of government policy or proposed legislation, to the press or the public prior to introduction into the House, does *not* constitute a breach of privilege or contempt.

There is, however, a caveat running through these decisions which suggests disclosure of the detail of legislation to outside parties, prior to their introduction in the House, may involve a question of propriety or a question of courtesy.

For example, the Saskatchewan *Journals* of April 5, 1976 at page 63 record the observations of Mr. Speaker Brockelbank as follows:

"I wish to stress to the Assembly that although it is a courtesy to the Assembly for a Minister to release information in the Assembly before releasing it to the press or the public, it is not a breach of the privileges or Rules of the Assembly if this does not happen."

Dealing now with the other matter raised by the Honourable Member when he referred the Chair to Standing Order 78A, the Member quite correctly observed that this Standing Order enabled the Minister of Labour to refer Bill 44 to a Select Standing Committee immediately after its introduction in this House.

A close examination of Standing Order 78A, however, makes it abundantly clear that the power of referral is permissive only and, in the Chair's view, the discretion for such a referral was intended to remain the prerogative of the Minister in charge of the Bill: the discretion is unrelated to the authority of the Chair.

In conclusion, then, and based on the authorities noted, the Chair is unable to find that the Honourable Member has, *prima facie*, established a case of breach of privilege.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$420,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1998.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$507,681,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

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

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.57 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 9, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McKinnon*.

On the motion of Ms. *Reid*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Family Relations Act Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997 (Grandparents' Rights)* 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 "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the Science Council of British Columbia Annual Review and Financial Review, 1996/1997.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) tabled the Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority Annual Report, 1996-1997.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Practices Board Annual Report, 1996.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$433,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1998.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$280,493,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,596,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Suppression, to 31st March, 1998.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,292,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 1998.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.  
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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.35 p.m.

**Thursday, July 10, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Penner*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
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.

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**Thursday, July 10, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the British Columbia Racing Commission Annual Report 1996.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Ministry of Forests Annual Report, 1995/96.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the Report of the Auditor General of British Columbia on Members' Office Mail: Liberal Caucus January 1997 Province-wide Mailing.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

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.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Offence Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

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### Friday, July 11, 1997

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 52) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 10, 1997.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* 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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.54 p.m.

**Monday, July 14, 1997**

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *M. Farnworth*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

**65** The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That Ms. *Walsh* be substituted for Mr. *Hartley*, Mr. *Sihota* be substituted for Mr. *Conroy* and Mr. *Doyle* be substituted for Ms. *Brewin* as members on the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.



Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—58

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Lali</i>		

NAYS—10

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</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. 32) intituled *Family Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—59

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	

NAYS—10

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>		

Bill (No. 32) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.



(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 42) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Pharmacists, Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.55 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 15, 1997**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *D. Streifel*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* was again committed and reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* was committed and reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

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**Tuesday, July 15, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Women's Equality) tabled the Ministry of Women's Equality Annual Report, 1995-96.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Committee be empowered to sit during any sitting of the House.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1997* was committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Plant* on the Order Paper to section 1 of Bill (No. 31), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>

NAYS—34

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>		

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1997* was again committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 31), the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—54

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Randall</i>		

## NAYS—13

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Anderson</i>			

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 31), the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—61

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Kasper</i>			

## NAYS—2

<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
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In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 31), the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—61

Evans	Orcherton	Robertson	Thorpe
Zirnhelt	Priddy	Smallwood	Penner
McGregor	Petter	Janssen	J. D. Wilson
Boone	Miller	Dalton	Reitsma
Hammell	G. Clark	Gingell	C. Clark
Streifel	Dosanjh	Campbell	Symons
Pullinger	MacPhail	Farrell-Collins	Hawkins
Farnworth	Cashore	Plant	Abbott
Kwan	Ramsey	Sanders	Weisbeck
Waddell	Sihota	Stephens	Chong
Calendino	Randall	de Jong	Nettleton
Stevenson	Sawicki	Coell	Masi
Bowbrick	Lali	Anderson	McKinnon
Giesbrecht	Doyle	Nebbeling	Krueger
Walsh	Gillespie	Whittred	Neufeld
Kasper			

## NAYS—1

G. F. Wilson

On the motion that the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

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

## YEAS—58

Evans	Orcherton	Robertson	Thorpe
Zirnhelt	Priddy	Smallwood	G. F. Wilson
Boone	Petter	Janssen	J. D. Wilson
Hammell	Miller	Dalton	Reitsma
Streifel	G. Clark	Gingell	C. Clark
Pullinger	Dosanjh	Campbell	Symons
Farnworth	MacPhail	Plant	Hawkins
Kwan	Cashore	Stephens	Abbott
Waddell	Ramsey	de Jong	Chong
Calendino	Sihota	Coell	Nettleton
Stevenson	Randall	Anderson	Masi
Bowbrick	Sawicki	Nebbeling	McKinnon
Giesbrecht	Lali	Whittred	Krueger
Walsh	Doyle	van Dongen	Barisoff
Kasper	Gillespie		

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

Bill (No. 42) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997* was committed.

Section 9 of Bill (No. 42) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 42) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 16, 1997**

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Giesbrecht*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Speaker) tabled the following:  
Financial Statement of the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia for the year ended March 31, 1997; and  
Auditor General 1996/97: Report 10 — Compliance-with-Authorities Audits.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* was 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks).

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 1997* was committed.

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

## (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1998.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$166,210,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.



63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,522,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Assessment and Land Use Coordination, to 31st March, 1998.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,076,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Boards and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 1998.

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

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

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

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 1997* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Pharmacists, Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Amendment Act, 1997* 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. 20) intituled *Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 1997*.

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. 28) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—34

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sihota</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Randall</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>		

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<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Whittred</i>			

Bill (No. 28) 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. Pr 401) intituled *TD Trust Company Act, 1997* 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 402) intituled *The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company Act, 1997* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.13 p.m.

**Thursday, July 17, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. Evans*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 1997* 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)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

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**Thursday, July 17, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the following:  
Ministry of Employment and Investment Annual Report, 1994/95; and  
British Columbia Inquiry into Gasoline Pricing Preliminary Findings, August 28, 1996.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources the Committee be empowered to sit during any sitting of the House.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 2) Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 35) read a second time, and by leave, was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 26) read a second time, and by leave, was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Environment, Lands and Parks Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Penner* the debate was adjourned until later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 29) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Fish Protection Act*, a debate arose.

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. 40) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 40) read a second time, on division, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.59 p.m.

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**Friday, July 18, 1997**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Private Members’ Statements.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

By leave, the Hon. *J. Cashore* moved that given that the majority of debate on the estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality took place in Section B, the House would forego a summary of that part of the estimates debate which took place in Section A.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Labour, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.15 p.m.

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**Monday, July 21, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *van Dongen*.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 51) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 21, 1997.*

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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. *Sawicki*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment (Motorized Cycles) Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the BC Systems Corporation Annual Report, 1996-97.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled *Power for Jobs Development Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 50) read a second time, on division, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *BC Benefits Statutes Amendment Act*, 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.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1997* was again committed.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled *Builders Lien Act*, a debate arose.

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.

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1997* was again committed.

In consideration of section 16 of Bill (No. 31) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—61

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Walsh</i>			

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<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
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Section 21 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

In consideration of the title of Bill (No. 31) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—56

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>

NAYS—7

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Masi</i>	



Bill (No. 31) was reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Family Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1997* was committed.

In consideration of proposed amendments by Mr. *Plant* on the Order Paper to section 1 of Bill (No. 32), the Committee divided.

The amendments were defeated on the following division:

YEAS—26

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>		

NAYS—38

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>		

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 32) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—54

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Sihota</i>		

NAYS—10

<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Anderson</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>		

The title of Bill (No. 32) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 32) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 40) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.59 p.m.

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**Tuesday, July 22, 1997**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nettleton*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Building Officials’ Association Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 39) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 46) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled *Traffic Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 41) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled *Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

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.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

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**Tuesday, July 22, 1997**

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) tabled the Report on Multiculturalism, 1995-1996.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 1996/1997.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the BC Buildings Corporation Annual Report, 1997.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the following:

BC Securities Commission Annual Report, 1997;  
Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (College) Act*, for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1996;  
Vancouver Stock Exchange Annual Report, 1997;  
Financial Statements of the Provincial Capital Commission as at March 31, 1997;  
British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 1996; and  
Public Service Employee Relations Commission Annual Report, 1995/96.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

By leave, on the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1997*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—59

Evans	Kasper	Lali	Whittred
Zirnhelt	Orcherton	Doyle	Thorpe
McGregor	Hartley	Gillespie	Weisgerber
Boone	Priddy	Robertson	J. D. Wilson
Hammell	Petter	Smallwood	Reitsma
Streifel	Miller	Janssen	Hansen
Pullinger	G. Clark	Gingell	C. Clark
Farnworth	Dosanjh	Reid	Symons
Kwan	MacPhail	Farrell-Collins	Hawkins
Waddell	Cashore	Plant	Abbott
Calendino	Ramsey	Sanders	Weisbeck
Stevenson	Brewin	Stephens	Chong
Goodacre	Sihota	Coell	McKinnon
Giesbrecht	Randall	Anderson	Neufeld
Walsh	Sawicki	Nebbeling	

NAYS—9

Dalton	G. F. Wilson	Nettleton	Krueger
van Dongen	Jarvis	Masi	Barisoff
Penner			

Bill (No. 31) was 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 (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Tobacco Damages Recovery Act*, a debate arose.

Mr. *Plant* advised the Speaker that due to a personal conflict, he would withdraw from the debate on Bill (No. 37).

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—68

Evans	Hartley	Smallwood	J. D. Wilson
Zirnhelt	Priddy	Janssen	Reitsma
McGregor	Petter	Dalton	Hansen
Boone	Miller	Gingell	C. Clark
Hammell	G. Clark	Reid	Symons
Streifel	Dosanjh	Sanders	Hawkins
Pullinger	MacPhail	Stephens	Abbott
Farnworth	Cashore	de Jong	Jarvis
Kwan	Ramsey	Coell	Weisbeck
Waddell	Brewin	Anderson	Chong
Calendino	Sihota	Nebbeling	Coleman
Stevenson	Randall	Whittred	Nettleton
Goodacre	Sawicki	van Dongen	Masi
Giesbrecht	Lali	Thorpe	McKinnon
Walsh	Doyle	Penner	Krueger
Kasper	Gillespie	Weisgerber	Barisoff
Orcherton	Robertson	G. F. Wilson	Neufeld

Bill (No. 37) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 52) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 52) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Neufeld*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 47) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 33) intituled *BC Benefits Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Fish Protection 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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 10.06 p.m.

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**Wednesday, July 23, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Penner*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

Ms. *Sanders* advised the Speaker that pursuant to section 10 (1) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, she would withdraw from the debate on Bill (No. 21).

Ms. *Hawkins* advised the Speaker that pursuant to section 10 (1) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, she would withdraw from the debate on Bill (No. 21).

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Emergency Communications Corporations Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 48) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Fish Protection Act* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled *Building Officials' Association Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$451,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Skills and Training, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1998.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,782,590,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Skills and Training, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

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

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

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

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

Bill (No. 52) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1997*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 51) read a second time, on division, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 1997* was again committed.

Section 5 of Bill (No. 28) passed, on division.

Section 13 of Bill (No. 28) passed, on division.

Section 15, as amended, of Bill (No. 28) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 28) was reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *School Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Industry Training and Apprenticeship Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 43) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.57 p.m.

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**Thursday, July 24, 1997**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thorpe*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Mr. *Wilson* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the impact of blockades and protest activities relating to the current fisheries dispute on the economy of British Columbia.

The Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled *Technical University of British Columbia Act*, a debate arose.



Bill (No. 30) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 36) intituled *Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled *Traffic Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* 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.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

Today, the Honourable Member for Powell River-Sunshine Coast sought to move, pursuant to Standing Order 35, that the House adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, blockades and other matters connected with the lack of resolution of the Salmon Treaty between Canada and the United States of America.

Our practice in this House is that Standing Order 35 motions must meet “rigorous restrictions,” and that a recent occurrence in an ongoing matter does not create a matter of urgency.

I note that over the past few weeks, numerous articles have appeared in the press dealing with the Pacific Salmon Fishery, the Treaty between Canada and the United States and the blockade of an Alaska State Ferry by British Columbia fishing boats.

I also wish to refer Members to page 61 of MacMinn’s *Parliamentary Practice*, 3rd Edition, where it is noted that, on July 11, 1995, the Speaker dealt with a similar situation and ruled that the matter did not come within the confines of Standing Order 35 because “the fact that new information has been received regarding a matter that has been continuing for some time does not in itself make that matter one of urgency” (see *B.C. Journals*, July 11, 1995, page 155).

For the foregoing reason, the Honourable Member’s application cannot succeed.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

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**Thursday, July 24, 1997**

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the British Columbia Heritage Trust Annual Report, 1996/1997.

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Ministry of Transportation and Highways Annual Report, 1995-96.

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 (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

Bill (No. 41) intituled *Traffic Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*, was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 1997* was read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 37) intituled *Tobacco Damages Recovery Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 1997* 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.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1997* was committed.

Section 11 of Bill (No. 51) passed, on division.

Section 12 of Bill (No. 51) passed, on division.

Section 13 of Bill (No. 51) passed, on division.

Section 25 of Bill (No. 51) passed, on division.

Section 29 of Bill (No. 51) passed, on division.

Section 42 of Bill (No. 51) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 51) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Fisheries Renewal Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.24 p.m.

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**Friday, July 25, 1997**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Plant*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Private Members’ Statements.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

Bill (No. 43) intituled *Industry Training and Apprenticeship Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.29 p.m.

**Monday, July 28, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Annual Report, 1997.

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 (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

Bill (No. 30) intituled *Technical University of British Columbia Act* was committed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

*Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Bills:

Bill (No. 11) *Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Statutes Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 13) *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 14) *Environment, Lands and Parks Statutes Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 15) *Pharmacists, Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 16) *Police Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 18) *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 19) *Fisheries Renewal Act.*

Bill (No. 20) *Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 21) *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 22) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 25) *Fish Protection Act.*

Bill (No. 26) *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 27) *Offence Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997.*

Bill (No. 28) *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 29) *Park Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 31) *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 32) *Family Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 33) *BC Benefits Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*.  
Bill (No. 34) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997*.  
Bill (No. 35) *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 2) Amendment Act, 1997*.  
Bill (No. 36) *Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997*.  
Bill (No. 37) *Tobacco Damages Recovery Act*.  
Bill (No. 39) *Building Officials' Association Act*.  
Bill (No. 40) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997*.  
Bill (No. 41) *Traffic Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 1997*.  
Bill (No. 42) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997*.  
Bill (No. 46) *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1997*.  
Bill (No. 51) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1997*.  
Bill (No. 52) *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 1997*.  
Bill (No. Pr 401) *TD Trust Company Act, 1997*.  
Bill (No. Pr 402) *The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company Act, 1997*.

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

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 Bills."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

Bill (No. 30) intituled *Technical University of British Columbia Act* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *School Amendment Act, 1997* was committed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Sanders* on the Order Paper to section 9 of Bill (No. 45) was defeated, on division.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Sanders* on the Order Paper to section 67 of Bill (No. 45) was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 45) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled *Builders Lien Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled *Power For Jobs Development Act* was committed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

Bill (No. 50) intituled *Power For Jobs Development Act* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* 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)

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

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 10.04 p.m.

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**Tuesday, July 29, 1997**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brewin*.

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 (estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 24) read a second time, and by leave, was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* 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)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$374,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1998.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$127,054,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Crown Corporations Secretariat, to 31st March, 1998.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,672,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Information, Science and Technology Agency, to 31st March, 1998.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$810,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Resource Revenue Sharing Agreements, to 31st March, 1998.

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

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.

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**Tuesday, July 29, 1997**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Penner* presented a petition relating to the closure of the Chilliwack Court House.

Mr. *G. F. Wilson* presented a petition relating to salmon aquaculture development.

Ms. *Brewin* presented a petition relating to Bill C-68.

Mr. *Gingell* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Second Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

*Resolved*, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled the BC Transit Annual Report, 1996-1997.

The Hon. *J. Cashore* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Ministry of Labour Annual Report, 1995-1996.

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 (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1997* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That 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 and during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;

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. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources 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 and during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;

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. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 165) pursuant to section 80 of that *Act*, and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- (d) to 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 Messrs. *Janssen* (Convener), *Sihota*, *Stevenson* and *Waddell*, Mmes. *Brewin* and *Walsh*, Messrs. *Plant*, *Abbott* and *Weisbeck* and Ms. *Whitred*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the appointment of a Police Complaints Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia, pursuant to section 47 of the *Police Act, 1997*, 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 Messrs. *Giesbrecht* (Convener), *Orcherton*, *Calendino* and *Randall*, Mmes. *Brewin*, *Sawicki* and *Smallwood*, Messrs. *Plant*, *Coell* and *Coleman*, Ms. *Reid* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That Mr. *de Jong*, MLA be substituted for Mr. *Jarvis* and Mr. *Kasper* be substituted for Mr. *Sihota* as members on the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 48) intituled *Emergency Communications Corporations Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered later today.  
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$445,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry for Children and Families, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1998.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,360,560,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry for Children and Families, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families.

Report to be considered later today.

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

The House recessed until 7.30 p.m.

THIRTY MINUTES PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment), on behalf of the Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Education, Skills and Training), presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 53) intituled *Industrial Development Amendment Act, 1997* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 25, 1997.*

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 for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 10.03 p.m.

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**Wednesday, July 30, 1997**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Hammell*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) tabled the Corporate and Personal Property Registries Annual Report, 1996/97.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the BC Ferries Annual Report, 1996/97.

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Motor Carrier Commission Annual Report, 1996/1997.

The Hon. *J. Cashore* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 1995; 1996.

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

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 1996-97.

Auditor General of British Columbia Follow-up of Performance Audits Issued November 1993 to December 1995.

By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* tabled the Report on the National Unity Project.

Mr. *Bowbrick* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills (re: Conflict of Interest Commissioner).

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Bowbrick* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Clark* moved—

That this House recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Mr. H. A. D. Oliver as a statutory officer of the Legislative Assembly to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

The House divided.

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

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<i>Evans</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Brewin</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>
<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled *Industrial Development Amendment Act, 1997*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 53) read a second time, and by leave, was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of BC Transit, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 16, 1997.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,295,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 1998.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,268,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Legislation, to 31st March, 1998.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,875,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Auditor General, Auditor General, to 31st March, 1998.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,148,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of Child, Youth and Family Advocate, Office of Child, Youth and Family Advocate, to 31st March, 1998.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$178,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 1998.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,971,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Elections B.C., Elections B.C., to 31st March, 1998.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,446,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Information and Privacy Commissioner, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 1998.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,675,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ombudsman, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 1998.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on May 1, 8, 21, June 4, 9, 12, 16, 23, 25 and, July 3, 8, 9, 16, 23, 29 and 30 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the consolidated revenue fund the sum of 20 billion, 160 million, 521 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under: section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 1997*, and section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 1997* and is granted by Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. A. *Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

GARDE B. GARDOM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 54) intituled *Supply Act, 1997-98* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 28, 1997.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81, Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

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

Bill (No. 54) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. A. *Petter*, Bill (No. 54) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 54) intituled *Supply Act, 1997-98* 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 —

*Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Bills:

Bill (No. 24) *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 30) *Technical University of British Columbia Act.*

Bill (No. 38) *Builders Lien Act.*

Bill (No. 43) *Industry Training and Apprenticeship Act.*

Bill (No. 45) *School Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 47) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1997.*

Bill (No. 48) *Emergency Communications Corporations Act.*

Bill (No. 50) *Power for Jobs Development Act.*

Bill (No. 53) *Industrial Development Amendment Act, 1997.*

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

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 Bills.”

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

Bill (No. 54) *Supply Act, 1997-98.*

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

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

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Second Session of the Thirty-Sixth 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 5.04 p.m.

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## Tuesday, February 10, 1998

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ELEVEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Right Reverend R. Barry Jenks.

The Speaker made a statement regarding the 100th Anniversary of British Columbia’s Parliament Buildings, and introduced the new Member for Surrey-White Rock.

The Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., 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, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Honoured Guests:*

Firstly, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, whom I’m honoured to represent, may I extend the warmest of greetings, and also say “happy, happy birthday” to these magnificent buildings, and encore, encore and encore a hundred times over.

For it was here on this very day 100 years ago, February 10, 1898, that the Honourable Thomas R. McInnes, Sixth Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, said:

“It is a source of much pleasure to me to meet you in this the first year of my office as Lieutenant Governor, and to congratulate you on the completion of these stately government buildings, so worthy of the Province, so admirably adapted for the purposes for which they were designed, and in which you are now assembled for the first time.”

Lots of water under a lot of bridges since then, but today, 100 years later, everyone would agree that these Parliament Buildings are not only great testament to the architectural vision and skill of Frances Rattenbury, but also — and so importantly — continue to be ‘admirably adapted’ for the purposes of our energized Province.

And in honouring these buildings’ 100th, it is fitting that we celebrate, in addition, the past hundred years of British Columbia’s success.

And has British Columbia ever come a long way.

The burgeoning of our communities, the expansion of our communication links, the growth and development of our industries, our increase in wherewithal, and also that we’ve become a more diverse, much more open and more accepting society — one that not only values our people’s differences, but cherishes all that which we share in common.

Yes, British Columbia has come a long way.

And, as we celebrate the opening and history of these stately buildings and their spacious grounds, in turn we honour also our Canadian system of responsible democratic governance — yes, and within a Canada from sea to great sea to great sea united.

For, how fortunate we all are, indeed blessed, to live in the most marvellous Province in the most marvellous country there is.

Hence, it’s occasions such as these that call upon us to reflect upon, be grateful for, and take pride in all of that which we enjoy, have been endowed, and certainly for all of the vision, hard, hard work and sacrifice of those before us.

In a sense, this Speech from the Throne is somewhat unique. It isn’t signalling a new Session of the Assembly. It’s not outlining a compendious legislative agenda. But it is honouring and reflecting upon the values I’ve referred to.

For today’s menu, Honourable Members, you will:

- Deal with one Bill to recognize former Members of the Legislature;
- Consider a Proclamation to better ensure the preservation and maintenance of these buildings;
- And, as icing on the cake, will hear from some of our spirited young people, as they and we focus on our future.

I began by quoting the Lieutenant Governor of 100 years ago.

I would like to close by quoting the remarkable sentiments of Captain George Vancouver of some 200 years ago, who, when first sighting our coast in 1792, wrote this:

“The serenity of the climate, the innumerable pleasing landscapes, the abundant fertility that unassisted nature puts forth, requires only to be enriched by man ..to render it the most lovely country that can be imagined.”

How true. How prescient. What a visionary he was. And indeed, how fortunate, how very fortunate and lucky we are.

Honourable Members, I wish you well with your deliberations. Keep health and, in our Sovereign’s name, I thank you.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour’s speech.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration), Bill (No. 55) intituled *Association of Former M.L.A.s of British Columbia Act*, was introduced and read a first time.

By leave, the Hon. *U. Dosanjh* moved that Bill (No. 55) proceed through all stages this day.



On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 55) intituled *Association of Former M.L.A.s of British Columbia Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 55) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *U. Dosanjh*, Bill (No. 55) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 55) 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. 55) *Association of Former M.L.A.s of British Columbia Act*.

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

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

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

By leave, on the motion of Mr. *Janssen*, seconded by Mr. *Weisgerber*, it was *Resolved* —

That Mark Rose, President of the Former M.L.A.s Association of British Columbia, be permitted to address this Assembly from the Bar of the House.

Mr. Rose made a statement.

By leave, the Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) made a statement and tabled the following proclamation:

## **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

WHEREAS the Parliament Buildings are the seat of government of British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the Parliament Buildings have been the heart of the political life and history of British Columbia for a century, and

WHEREAS the Parliament Buildings are structures of pre-eminent historical value to the residents of this Province, and

WHEREAS the Parliament Buildings are architectural monuments of great distinction, reflecting magnificent craftsmanship, and

WHEREAS the Parliament Buildings were the focus of an extensive twelve year restoration and rehabilitation program,

NOW KNOW YE THAT the Government of the Province of British Columbia hereby proclaims its commitment to the preservation and good stewardship of the Parliament Buildings in perpetuity and will respect the principles and practices of heritage conservation as defined in recognized international charters and, as more specifically enunciated, in a "Statement of Principles" in application to any alterations to character defining spaces and features in and on the Parliament Buildings grounds.

GLEN CLARK

*Premier and President of the Executive Council*

DALE LOVICK

*Speaker of the Legislative Assembly*

## **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

#### **Statement of Principles**

##### **Conservation**

All heritage conservation work to be done on the Parliament Buildings and grounds should be based upon and preceded by sufficient historical research, site analysis and documentation to identify and safeguard fully the heritage values to be conserved.

The evolution of the structure(s) and the site should be respected. The contributions of all periods are important to the historic development and merit retention. Decisions about appropriate levels of intervention shall be based upon the heritage values of each contribution.

Long-term protection of the Parliament Buildings and grounds should be balanced with other management goals and future resource management objectives should be identified prior to undertaking and work.

The approach to all heritage conservation projects should be one of minimal intervention to ensure the maximum preservation of the existing and authentic physical fabric and the retention of the signs of age.

Conjecture and falsification of building elements should be avoided in all heritage conservation projects pertaining to the Parliament Buildings and grounds.

A well-defined maintenance plan should be clearly established in order to prepare for an appropriate level of maintenance and care upon completion.

##### **Restoration**

The goals of all restoration projects at the Parliament Buildings and grounds, including the use to which the building or site will be put, must be clearly established prior to commencing work. If it is appropriate, for compelling interpretive reasons, to undertake period restoration and establish an earlier time to which building or site is to be restored, this must be determined at this time.

Upon close inspection, new material, which is part of the restoration work, must be distinguishable from the original building fabric and historic additions.

All work done to the historic fabric shall be reversible, whenever possible, as it may be necessary or desirable in the future to alter or remove the restoration for historic, aesthetic or functional reasons. New work shall be designed in spirit and material so that it may be removed, leaving the essential form and integrity of the building intact.

New or untested conservation products and methods should be avoided until their reliability has been clearly demonstrated so as to ensure that the restoration work does not inadvertently lead to accelerated deterioration of the historic resource.

### **Rehabilitation**

Whether the rehabilitation involves a continued use or an adaptive re-use, every effort should be made to develop a functional layout which will either not, or which will minimally, alter both the exterior appearance and the historical interior layout of the Parliament Buildings.

Wherever possible, deteriorated historic building material and features should be repaired rather than removed or replaced. Where replacement is necessary, the new material should be compatible with the material being replaced in composition, design, colour, texture and other visual qualities, but upon close inspection it should be distinguishable from the historic fabric.

Contemporary designs for alterations or new additions may be acceptable. However, they should be compatible with the existing materials and design, yet they must also be seen as products of their own time and be readily distinguishable from the historic fabric.

Alterations which seek to create an earlier appearance or which use different architectural elements from other buildings or structures are discouraged.

Ms. *Chong* made a statement.

Mr. *Stevenson* made a statement.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a statement.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth), seconded by Mr. *Penner*, it was *Resolved*—

That a representative of the BC Youth Parliament be permitted to address this Assembly from the Bar of the House.

Mr. Ashley Morton, a representative of the BC Youth Parliament, made a statement.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Second Session of the Thirty-Sixth 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 11.54 a.m.

DALE LOVICK, *Speaker*

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**Thursday, March 26, 1998**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

*E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, advised the House that only one candidate had declared her intention to stand for the election of Speaker and, accordingly, *Gretchen Brewin*, Member for Victoria-Beacon Hill Electoral District, was declared as the duly elected Speaker. She was then taken out of her place by the Hon *J. MacPhail* and Mr. *Farrell-Collins* and conducted to the Chair and made a statement expressing her grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon her by electing her to be their Speaker.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Mr. *de Jong* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege relating to the actions of the Member for Surrey-Whalley.

The Honourable GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne. The Speaker standing on His Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* then said:

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded

also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all reasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of a Member was read by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, as follows:

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICE,  
“VICTORIA, B.C., SEPTEMBER 29, 1997

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: By-election, Electoral District of Surrey-White Rock, September 15, 1997*

“DEAR SIR — The May 2, 1997 resignation of Wilf Hurd, the Member for the electoral district of Surrey-White Rock, created a vacancy in the membership of the Legislative Assembly.

“A Writ of Election was issued on August 18, 1997, requiring that a by-election be held to fill the vacancy. Accordingly, September 15, 1997 was designated as General Voting Day.

“The by-election was held in accordance with the provisions of the *Election Act*, and the completed Writ of Election has been returned to me.

“I hereby certify the election of *Gordon Hogg* as the Member to represent the electoral district of Surrey-White Rock in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours very truly,

“ROBERT A. PATTERSON,  
“*Chief Electoral Officer*”

On the motion of the Hon. *U. Dosanjh*, it was *Ordered* —

That the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of the Member be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Gordon Hogg*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by Mr. *Campbell*, and took his seat.

The Hon. *G. Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the 36th Provincial General Election held on May 28, 1996, pursuant to section 13 of the *Election Act*;

Elections British Columbia Annual Report, 1995-1996;

Auditor General 1997/98: Report 1 — Earthquake Preparedness and Summary;

Auditor General 1997/98: Report 2 — Report on the 1996/97 Public Accounts;

Auditor General 1997/98: Report 3 — A Review of Governance and Accountability in the Regionalization of Health Services;

Auditor General of British Columbia and Deputy Ministers' Council Report — Enhancing Accountability for Performance in the British Columbia Public Sector: A Progress Report to the Legislative Assembly;

A Report from the Ombudsman entitled Public Report No. 36 — Getting There — A Review of the Implementation of the Report of the Gove Inquiry into Child Protection.

The Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits pursuant to the *Unclaimed Money Act*, for the year ended March 31, 1997, was received by the Office of the Clerk on November 17, 1997.

The Speaker stated that she would convey the best wishes of the Members to former Speaker *Emery Barnes*.

The Hon. GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:

*Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In closing the second session of the thirty-sixth parliament of British Columbia, I commend you on the accomplishments of the past year. This session has seen the passage of measures of wide-ranging and significant importance to the people of our province. On behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to thank you for the care and attention that 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. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General) then said:

*Honourable 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 Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

And then the House prorogued at 10.33 a.m.

GRETCHEN BREWIN, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

GARDE B. GARDOM, Q.C.  
*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 twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight at 10:00 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 Garde B. Gardom, Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twelfth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight and in the forty-seventh year of Our Reign.

By Command.