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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Most Reverend Remi J. DeRoo, Bishop of Victoria.

This being the first day of the third 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 12th day of March, 1998, the Members took their seats.

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

Honourable Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am most pleased to welcome you to the opening of the Third 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 former members of this assembly.

Ken Kiernan represented the constituency of Chilliwack through seven successive mandates beginning in 1952, and made a lasting contribution in a number of Cabinet responsibilities.

Margaret Frances Hobbs served as MLA for Revelstoke during 1962 and 1963.

Donald Smith served in local government and as MLA for Victoria City from 1956 to 1966.

And Anthony John Gargrave represented the constituency of Mackenzie from 1952 to 1966.

We lost others as well who enriched the life of our province.

British Columbians such as Nathan Nemetz, former Chief Justice of the B.C. Supreme Court and a long-time fighter for human rights. Doug Kerley, who worked tirelessly as B.C.'s Job Protection Commissioner to save the threatened jobs of thousands of working people. The remarkable Bill Reid, who enriched all humanity through the gift of his art.

And Dorothy Lam, loving wife of my predecessor, and a friend to many in this House, who served this province with dignity, grace and a quiet charm during her six years as Government House chatelaine.

British Columbians will long remember these men and women, and, of course, many other absent friends who added so much to our province.

We also take great pride in the internationally recognized achievements in the past year of other British Columbians.

Atom Egoyan, of Victoria, who confirmed his reputation as one of the world's great young film directors, winning the Grand Prix prize at the Cannes Film Festival and receiving two Academy Award nominations.

Sarah McLachlan, of Vancouver, who conceived the acclaimed Lilith Fair music festivals which fostered a sense of community and support among women across North America.

We have all been inspired by the athletic achievements of our 20 B.C. Olympians and three B.C. Paralympians, who represented our province and our country with distinction at the recent Nagano Games.

We especially salute B.C.'s individual champion, Ross Rebagliati of Whistler, winner of the Olympic Games' first-ever snowboarding gold medal.

Our province has entertained numerous distinguished guests during the past year.

Last November, we hosted 5,000 representatives of governments and businesses from the countries of the Asia Pacific. The APEC conference underlined British Columbia's pivotal role as Canada's gateway to the Pacific Rim.

Today we also welcome and offer our continuing best wishes to His Royal Highness, Prince Charles, and his sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, who honour us with their visit to our province.

This past year saw the protection of the Northern Rockies wilderness. A historic land-use decision, it will ensure sustainable development and the protection of globally significant wildlife populations in an area larger than Nova Scotia.

It is a fitting gift from our province to the world as we approach the new millennium.

In recognition of the countdown to the year 2000, my government is encouraging British Columbians to carry out legacy projects that build and strengthen our communities and help to enrich the province's future. To that end, a minister responsible for planning B.C.'s millennium celebrations has been named, and our province's portion of the Trans Canada Trail designated as British Columbia's first millennium project.

Honourable Members, this year our province is also celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of our Parliament buildings and the first sitting of the Legislature within these walls.

Democracy and our province have grown and flourished together over the past century. We are now home to nearly four million people, and are known worldwide for our rich natural resources, environmental heritage, quality of life and respect for our multicultural diversity.

Our people share a vision of a province that is building, growing and creating opportunities for all British Columbians; a province that in the 21st century enjoys an economy as vibrant as its people; where everyone has the chance to succeed, where no one is left behind; and where our young people can look to a future second to none.

My government has made some progress in the last year toward achieving these goals.

We supported small business by continuing the income tax cut and the income tax holiday for eligible small businesses, reducing costs by \$29 million last year.

Income taxes have been cut for B.C. families two years in a row. ICBC premiums, BC Hydro rates and tuition fees remained frozen. Lower- and modest-income families received the monthly BC Family Bonus cheque to help with the costs of raising their children.

These tax cuts and rate freezes saved the average B.C. family up to \$700 last year.

Meanwhile, the education budget went up. Ten thousand new spaces opened in colleges and universities in the last two years alone.

The health care budget is up substantially. In fact, since 1991 British Columbia has increased health care funding by \$1.8 billion, a record unmatched by any other province.

As these investments have been made, the province's deficit has been reduced from \$2 billion in 1992 to \$185 million this year.

Yet to continue moving forward as a province, we must overcome new challenges.

In common with governments across Canada, we must deal with the dramatic transformation of the world economy, the rapid growth of new technologies, and social changes that affect every community.

And we face challenges that have a unique impact on British Columbia.

The current downturn in the economies of our Asian trading partners — where our province exports more than one-third of our products — has clear consequences for our economy and for the government revenues that fund education and health care. Likewise, our forest sector is going through tough times.

The task we face is to take our economy into the 21st century — renewing it where we can, and changing it where we must, in the interest of all British Columbians.

These challenges call for a renewed commitment on the part of government to listen to British Columbians — and to respond to their priorities — if we are to keep B.C. the best place in the world in which to live.

British Columbians have made it clear they want government to focus on building the economy. They want government and the province's economic leaders to work together to encourage investment, ensure decent-paying jobs, and create opportunities for all British Columbians.

They want more support for education and training, to equip young British Columbians and working people with the skills to prosper in our changing economy.

And they want government to continue building on the strengths that make our economy and society successful: universal public health care, a quality public education system, and high environmental standards.

My government is determined to respond to these challenges by taking the necessary steps to build a strong and competitive economy. This requires a positive climate for business investment.

Jobs and Investment

Most urgently, my government is committed to strengthening our province's position in the global economy in ways that benefit all British Columbians. Only a strong investment climate will ensure new employment opportunities, economic security for communities, and a confident future for our children.

To that end, my government has been working with business, labour and community leaders to identify the measures needed to make British Columbia more competitive and bring new investment and jobs to our province and people.

In the coming weeks, my government will announce new initiatives and supporting legislation to promote economic growth. These measures will include tax reductions for industry, small business and individual British Columbians to stimulate the economy.

Major New Investments

Above all, to generate new economic activity we must actively market our province's strengths: our rich resource base, modern infrastructure, skilled workforce, strategic location, environmental heritage, and high quality of life.

My government will aggressively promote all these advantages by building on recent trade missions and discussions with potential investors in Latin America, the Asia Pacific, India and the United States.

Under the Power for Jobs plan, my government will work to ensure that low-cost hydroelectric power is used to provide strong incentives for energy-intensive industries to invest in British Columbia.

In the aluminum industry, feasibility studies are already underway for new investments with the potential to produce thousands of new jobs as B.C.'s production capacity expands.

My government will also support major new investments that will bring new jobs and investment to the Lower Mainland, including new and expanded trade and convention facilities in Vancouver and a potential major new leisure entertainment centre that would be home to the Pacific National Exhibition.

Each of these projects promises more than half a billion dollars in economic benefits as well as significant numbers of new jobs.

Forestry

In the forest sector, major steps have been taken to restore our province's competitive advantage, create new jobs, and renew our forest resource. But we can and must do more.

In consultation with industry, government is finalizing a reduction in stumpage charges that will provide cost relief to producers throughout B.C. My government is proceeding with discussions with the partners to the Canada-U.S. softwood lumber agreement to ensure this reduction respects that agreement.

Under the Jobs and Timber Accord, my government continues to direct talks between the primary and value-added sectors to substantially increase the wood supply to B.C.'s secondary wood manufacturers. This represents a 70 per cent increase in the supply of wood to B.C.'s secondary wood manufacturing industry — a key step towards thousands of new jobs in the sector.

Moreover the Ministry of Forests will make every effort to ensure that value-added manufacturers receive all available timber through the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program.

Underlining the Jobs and Timber Accord's commitment to community economic stability, my government has received significant response to the community tenure pilot program. Municipalities, regional districts and First Nations all stand to gain under this program by localizing tenure control.

My government also continues to respond to the critical needs of our forest communities and industry through Forest Renewal BC. In the days ahead, Forest Renewal BC will announce its fourth business plan. And, for the second year in a row, the investment level will be significantly greater than the original planned annual investment.

Oil and Gas

Last December, my government began working with oil and gas producers to identify ways to generate more investment and job opportunities in their industry. Currently, the oil and gas industry provides almost 40,000 direct and indirect jobs in B.C., and an independent review has shown B.C. is well-positioned to build upon the strong growth experienced by the sector in recent years.

In consultation with First Nations and local government, this joint industry-government initiative will seek concrete short- and long-term solutions that will improve our competitive position as a producing province and help to make British Columbia one of the most attractive sites for energy investment in North America.

Mining

As well, through the new Ministry of Energy and Mines, my government is working with the mining industry to support new and existing operations in the province.

Work continues toward finalizing the Mineral Exploration Code and developing other initiatives to overcome barriers to growth and investment in this key sector of our economy.

Tourism

Our tourism industry is a cornerstone of the economy in every region of our province. In 1996 alone, it generated a record \$8.3 billion in revenues — revenues which are increasing twice as fast as Canada's as a whole — and employed one in eight British Columbians.

To further encourage this vital industry and ensure it remains competitive in the global marketplace, my government has established Tourism British Columbia as an industry-led Crown corporation. During the coming months, Tourism B.C. will carry out aggressive marketing in the United States and other key markets.

Film

During this session you will consider legislation that provides further incentives for growth and increased employment in one of British Columbia's most promising economic sectors, the film and television industry. Last year, they generated a record \$630 million in direct spending to our economy. My government will continue to work with the industry to ensure that B.C. remains Canada's most attractive movie location.

Fisheries

My government will take further measures to ensure a future for the Pacific salmon and renew fisheries throughout the province.

To that end, my government has created a new Ministry of Fisheries as a focus for action to protect fish, ensure stable fisheries jobs and communities, plus secure a strong voice for British Columbians in how their fisheries are managed.

Further steps will be taken to move forward a renewed Pacific Salmon Treaty. The future of B.C. coastal communities, and many of our salmon runs, requires we not rest until a fair treaty is gained.

As well, the newly established Fisheries Renewal BC will make its initial funding investments in programs to protect fish habitat, enhance fish stocks, and create new jobs in value-added and diversified fisheries.

Regional Development

In addition to working with specific sectors to encourage new investments, my government will also bring together local business, labour and community leaders and young people to craft a common vision and strategy for regions throughout our province.

Last October, the Premier's Summit on Northern Jobs and Development was held in Prince George. As recommended by a post-Summit advisory committee, you will be asked to approve legislation establishing an Office of the Northern Commissioner, reporting to our new minister responsible for northern development. This office will be an advocate for northern economic development and facilitate new investments in the North.

The Premier's Northern Summit will also serve as a model for further consultation in other regions of British Columbia, beginning in Kamloops with the Southern Interior region in late May.

Infrastructure

My government will take further steps to strengthen and improve British Columbia's infrastructure to support present needs and anticipate future growth.

More than \$1 billion will be invested this year to build schools, hospitals and highways in regions throughout the province.

Notably, my government will pursue a major new initiative to rehabilitate roads in northern B.C. to help industry move goods more efficiently, stimulate job creation and contribute to the overall prosperity of the North.

Construction will also start on a \$1.1-billion light rapid transit line from Coquitlam to the University of British Columbia which will ease traffic congestion and pollution, and generate new jobs and investment the entire length of the line. My government will continue work with the business community to identify potential business opportunities and explore ways to maximize private sector investment in this exciting project.

As well, the first B.C.-built fast ferry will be launched this year.

You will also be asked to approve legislation to put in place a milestone agreement that establishes local responsibility for transportation within the Greater Vancouver Regional District. This agreement will meet the transportation needs of the people of Greater Vancouver and provide the means to improve public transit and use of regional roadways.

These major infrastructure initiatives aim at putting all the pieces of a 21st century transportation network together in a way that contributes to economic growth while minimizing environmental impacts.

Land Claims

However, new growth and lasting prosperity can only occur in a climate of confidence and certainty. This, in turn, depends on mutual respect and trust between all those who share this land and its resources.

The province is actively engaged in negotiating agreements-in-principle with 31 First Nations, and will continue to work with them and other parties to expedite and streamline treaty and pre-treaty processes.

Most urgently, my government will give high priority to concluding a final agreement with the Nisga'a people, to bring economic and social stability to this area of the north coast.

The Supreme Court of Canada, in its recent decision on *Delgamuukw*, has now challenged British Columbia, First Nations and the government of Canada in a clear and direct way. The only path to justice for First Nations, and certainty for the economy, is through negotiated treaties.

My government will therefore do everything in its power to secure a full and final treaty with the Nisga'a Tribal Council in the coming year.

Safe Workplace

The other vital ingredient in a healthy economy is a safe, healthy and productive workplace.

To that end, my government will introduce new occupational health and safety legislation, based on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Workers' Compensation.

And my government will take further steps to improve labour-management relations in British Columbia through revisions to the Labour Relations Code as recommended by two recent review panels.

Education and Youth

Of all the strategic investments we can make in the future of our province, the most important by far is the opportunities we provide for young people.

This is why my government has placed education and training at the centre of our plan to build a strong, competitive and modern economy.

Our public education system holds the key to our children's success. It is fundamental to our quality of life. Beyond this, by ensuring a high-skill, high-wage economy, it is also critical to the success of our economic agenda and our competitiveness as a province.

We must take action now to ensure British Columbia's schools continue to be among the best anywhere.

The coming budget will therefore provide resources not only to cover further enrolment growth and inflation, but also to better equip teachers to teach, and students to learn.

To that end, my government will work with those who collectively embody our education system — teachers, trustees, and parents — to identify the means of ensuring that every dollar possible reaches the classroom, and to do what can be done to reduce class sizes, starting with the primary grades.

As part of the most ambitious and forward-looking commitment to improve education of any province in Canada, substantial new resources will be directed toward hiring 400 new teachers and nearly 300 teaching aides, support teachers and librarians, and toward accelerating capital investment to build more classrooms.

We will also renew the focus on the basics, with a goal of ensuring every student gets a strong start by learning to read and to write by the end of Grade Three.

In addition, resources will be provided to create a provincewide electronic network of learning resources, including steps to link students at all levels to the Internet by the year 2000.

New initiatives will also be undertaken to make our schools safe and violence-free.

Post-secondary

If young people are to participate fully in today's changing society, our commitment to education and training beyond Grade 12 must be equally strong.

Over the past two years, my government has frozen post-secondary tuition, increased financial assistance and created 10,000 new spaces at B.C. colleges and universities.

Yet more needs to be done. Too many young people still encounter barriers to continuing education, to rewarding work, or for any work at all.

This year, tuition fees will be frozen for a third year in a row, benefiting more than 150,000 students at B.C.'s 28 colleges, institutes and universities.

Under its Youth Options B.C. initiative, my government is committed to creating new opportunities that make beginning or continuing post-secondary education easier and more affordable.

To make post-secondary education more accessible, young people from across our province will be given the opportunity to earn tuition credits while working on community service projects. This will be a co-operative effort by government and business where B.C. communities invest in youth and youth invest in themselves.

Also, my government's goal is to further reduce tuition fees. It will work with students and parents to identify ways to make post-secondary education in B.C. more affordable and accessible.

New funding will be provided to expand access to post-secondary education for young people by opening another 2,900 new spaces.

And funding for B.C. student assistance — already the most comprehensive in Canada — will receive a 14 per cent lift.

This increase will provide a cost of living adjustment for every one of the more than 50,000 students already receiving financial aid, and will make grants and loans available for an additional 5,000 students.

My government also recognizes the challenges young adults face in finding employment for the first time and gaining the experience to qualify for the work they want.

My government will increase funding for youth employment programs and provide more opportunities for young people to access job and training programs.

Youth Options B.C. will be unmatched in Canada to ensure that B.C. youth have every option for a job, and ultimately, for a rewarding career. In all, my government has a goal to provide training and jobs for more than 17,000 youth across B.C.

Under Youth Options B.C., more summer jobs for students will be available. Youth will be provided with more opportunities for a first job in science and technology, and work protecting the environment, among a host of other programs.

As well, to further demonstrate our commitment to youth, environmental protection and job creation, young people from across B.C. will be the driving force in an ambitious new program to build 1,500 campsites by the end of next year, with more to come in the future. These new campsites will provide an opportunity for more B.C. families to enjoy the outdoors and their newly expanded parks system.

Protecting Services and Maintaining Standards

In addition to a renewed effort in these key priorities of jobs and investment, and education and training, my government's commitment to the public services and standards vital to the unsurpassed quality of life we enjoy in B.C. remains solid.

Health Care and Services to Families

My government will continue to protect medicare, strengthen the delivery of health and social services across the province, and ensure health care is there when people need it.

Already, British Columbia invests more dollars per person toward looking after the health of our citizens than any province in Canada. And as a result of a further \$228 million increase this year, B.C. also provides the highest physician fees in Canada and spends more per capita on hospitals than any other province — a clear statement that my government is delivering on its commitment to protect medicare.

Action is already underway on key health priorities, including a new provincial mental health plan, the launch of a comprehensive continuing care strategy to meet the needs of the elderly, and an aggressive strategy to help protect children from tobacco addiction.

Significant new resources will be provided for child protection programs to address current workload pressures and improve service delivery. As well, new standards, training and other improvements will be introduced to support the work of provincial staff and others responsible for the care and protection of children.

Also, there will be further expansion in the network of residential services that provide safe places for women and children fleeing violence. And government will work with a broad coalition of partners on a provincewide strategy to prevent violence against women before it happens.

My government will also pursue new initiatives focusing on younger women's issues, and the challenges of balancing work and family.

Safer Communities

British Columbians share a commitment to safe, secure communities. My government will continue to take action to ensure public safety is paramount.

Our province leads Canada with innovative programs to support young people in addressing their community safety needs, and further progress will be made on early intervention and youth crime prevention.

A new task force will combat auto crime by bringing increased police resources to tackle the criminal activity underlying vehicle theft. The task force will augment tough road safety initiatives introduced in the past year.

And we will continue to urge the federal government to establish a sex and violent offender registry, to raise the age of consent from 14 to 16, and to develop a national drug strategy.

Environment

British Columbians place great value on our environmental heritage. Major steps have been taken over the past six years to ensure that the diverse, healthy environment we enjoy today remains undiminished for future generations of British Columbians — including the creation of more than 250 new parks since 1991.

During this session, legislation will be tabled to ensure the sustainable long-term management of the Northern Rockies wilderness.

Later this year, my government will receive the report of the BC Parks Legacy Panel, which will recommend the vision that British Columbians have for the future management of their parks.

And my government will continue to build on British Columbia's record as a world leader in environmental protection by implementing further initiatives to protect water and air quality in local communities, and new opportunities for stewardship by the private sector, local communities and young people.

Help for Consumers

In building a dynamic economy and liveable communities, both government and industry share a responsibility to protect the rights and interests of British Columbians as consumers.

In particular, my government recognizes the recent widespread concern about defects in residential construction, most notably in some condominium developments, which have caused severe financial hardship for many families.

To address this serious issue, my government will introduce a strategy to promote quality standards within the home building industry. This initiative will focus on multifamily properties as a first priority, through the introduction of mandatory new home warranty legislation during this session.

The goal of this strategy is to balance the legitimate concerns of homeowners with the need to preserve housing affordability and the competitive position of our residential construction industry.

The National Scene

British Columbians feel passionately about what it means to be Canadian and about their desire to build a strong and united nation.

Last September, Canada's premiers met in Calgary and reached a framework for unity. My government took that Calgary declaration to the people in an unprecedented consultation.

British Columbians have spoken clearly, and we will introduce for your consideration a resolution that formalizes the views of the people of this province that were heard by the all-party panel.

Conclusion

Honourable Members, these are the plans of a government that is working hard to listen to the people of this province, and ensure its actions reflect their priorities.

In recent weeks, major steps have been taken to make it easier for British Columbians to express their views directly to government and get timely answers to their concerns and questions.

In turn, my government has made its priorities and commitment clear.

With the help of the Members of this Assembly, it will now move forward on these priorities: new jobs and investment in a strong economy, greater support for education and training for young people, and a future of opportunity for all British Columbians.

To be successful in achieving our goals as a province, we must work together. We all have to take our share of the responsibility to address our province's economic challenges and build opportunities for our future. British Columbians expect it. Our children deserve nothing less.

I leave you now to the business of this Session, with full confidence that you will favourably discharge your duties and responsibilities.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, she 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 *Bill Hartley*, Member for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows 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 *Erda Walsh*, Member for Kootenay 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 she do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as she 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. *U. Dosanjh*, Messrs. *Janssen* and *Orcherton*, Ms. *Smallwood* and Ms. *Gillespie*, Messrs. *Farrell-Collins*, *Gingell* and *Hogg* and Ms. *Whittred*.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.58 p.m.

Friday, March 27, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *G. Brewin*.

Mr. *de Jong* rose on a matter of privilege regarding private communications with him by the Member for Surrey-Whalley.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made representations.

The Speaker stated she would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Ms. *Gillespie* moved, seconded by Ms. *Walsh*—

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, March 30, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Conroy*.

On the motion of Mr. *Campbell*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Balanced Budget and Debt Reduction Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Campbell*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Truth in Budgeting 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.

Ms. *Smallwood* reserved her right to make a personal statement in relation to the matter raised by the Member for Matsqui on March 27, 1998.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Ombuds Strategic Plan, 1997–2001, Special Report No. 20.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented:

The Report of the Comptroller General (Interim Financial Statements for the Ten Month Period Ending January 31, 1998) in accordance with section 11 (3) of the *Financial Administration Act*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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:
Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1999; and
Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1999;
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. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved, seconded by the Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture), “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. *Farrell-Collins*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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: Bills (Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) intituled:
Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1998;
Income Tax Amendment Act, 1998;
Capital Financing Authority Repeal and Debt Restructuring Act;
BC-Alcan Northern Development Fund Act;
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Rate Freeze and Profit Sharing Act, 1998
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

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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 3.46 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Robertson*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 7) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
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Bills 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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1998*, a debate arose.

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 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) tabled the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1997.

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. *Farrell-Collins*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Ms. *Smallwood* made a personal statement.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1998*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 7) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, Bill (No. 7) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

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

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

The Speaker read a statement to the House from former Speaker *Emery Barnes*.

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. 7) *Supply Act (No. 1), 1998*.

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 7.46 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Human Resources) reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege relating to the Member for Parksville-Qualicum.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Gingell* tabled extracts from the budgets of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, April 2, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

Mr. *Masi* presented a petition regarding Burns Bog.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, April 2, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Gingell* tabled a copy of a table comparing spreads on Federal and Provincial bonds.

Mr. *Plant* presented a petition relating to proposed changes to the *Human Rights Code*.

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On March 26, 1998, the Honourable Member for Matsqui rose reserving his right to raise a matter of privilege, and on March 27th stated his matter of privilege and filed certain exhibits. Let me say here, that the Honourable Member provided the Chair with the text of his proposed remarks, and in response to a request from the Chair summarized his presentation in accordance with the established practice in this House.

Following the Member's presentation, the Government House Leader stated her view of the matter of privilege, followed by remarks from the House Leader of the Official Opposition.

I might add at this point that the Honourable Opposition House Leader in his remarks, in referring to the alleged conversations, stated as follows:

"Well Honourable Speaker, it will be up to you to decide whether or not that kind of thing determines a threat."

The Speaker has to determine firstly, whether or not the conversation amounted to a threat and secondly, whether or not the threat, if established, gives rise to a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege.

On Monday, March 30, 1998, the Honourable Member for Surrey-Whalley advised the House that she wished to reserve her right to make a personal statement, and made a statement to the House the following afternoon, Tuesday, March 31st.

I wish to state that in the Chair's opinion, the Member for Surrey-Whalley was entitled to make a personal statement as she was directly and substantially implicated in the statement made by the Member for Matsqui on the previous Friday.

It is established practice in this House and other Commonwealth Parliaments that Members, within strict guidelines, are permitted to make statements to the House on matters which they are personally implicated. I am further persuaded that the Member for Surrey-Whalley was entitled to have time to examine the material filed by the Member for Matsqui with a view to giving her version of the facts alleged.

I emphasize at this point that the latitude provided in a personal statement does not permit a Member to re-argue the technical merits of the matter of privilege, but must confine themselves to his or her version of the facts and also to permit that Member, where appropriate, to offer an apology.

The definitive guideline on personal statements is contained in the 22nd Edition of Erskine May at page 312, and I quote in part as follows:

"Personal statements

In regard to the explanation of personal matters, the House is usually indulgent, and will permit a statement of that character — also referred to as personal explanations — to be made without any question being before the House provided that the Speaker has been informed of what the Member proposes to say, and has given leave. Because the practice of the House is not to permit such statements to be subject to intervention or debate, the precise contents of the proposed statement are submitted in advance to the Speaker to ensure that they are appropriate. The Member granted the privilege of making such a statement may not therefore depart from the agreed text."

In this case, however, the Member for Surrey-Whalley departed from the text accepted by the Speaker.

I have, however, taken into account her version of the conversation as well as the version of the Member for Matsqui in coming to my conclusions on this matter.

Looking at both versions of the conversation, I have difficulty accepting the argument advanced by the Member for Matsqui that he felt genuinely threatened by either version of the conversation. I feel confident that the Member was aware that the jurisdiction to amend funding formulas remained at all times in the Legislative Assembly Management Committee and not with the Member for Surrey-Whalley.

The Member for Matsqui acknowledged, in his remarks to the House on March 31st, that the Member for Surrey-Whalley had tried to apologize to him.

It is also the Chair's view that the interpretation of such conversations is highly subjective. Based on the evidence before me and the numerous decisions of this House on matters of privilege, it is the Chair's view that the Member has not established a *prima facie* case of privilege which would entitle him to move the tendered motion.

With the indulgence of the House, I wish to make a further observation.

The subject matter of the conversation in this matter centered around Caucus funding, and it is evident to the Chair that the authority to determine this and related matters, rests squarely with the Legislative Assembly Management Committee under and by virtue of section 3 of the enabling statute. Accordingly, the alleged discussions brought to this House should properly be aired in that Committee. I draw an analogy between the longstanding rule that matters arising in a Select Standing Committee should be settled in the Committee, and matters within the purview of a statutory Committee, should likewise be settled in that Committee.

Representations, arguments and disagreements occurring in Committees, or disagreements between Members of a Committee occurring elsewhere, are not a proper subject matter to be brought to the floor of this House, either by way of points of order or matters of privilege.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Friday, April 3, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

Mr. *Reitsma* made a personal statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.44 p.m.

Monday, April 6, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Reid*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

30 Ms. *Sanders* moved, seconded by Mr. *Farrell-Collins*—

Be it resolved that the motion "that the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply, be amended by adding the following: "but the House regrets that the Government has failed to take any immediate action to cure BC's economic crisis and record job loss and further that the Government has failed to lay out any credible long term strategy to create a prosperous economy and a better future for our young people."

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—33

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

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<i>Evans</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Sihota</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Kasper</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Priddy</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 5.32 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Dalton*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Calendino* presented a Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Police Complaint Commissioner.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, it was moved that the Rules be suspended and the report adopted.

By leave, Mr. *Calendino* moved—

That this House recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Mr. Don Morrison as a statutory Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Police Complaint Commissioner for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Police Amendment Act, 1997*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McKinnon*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Fisheries) made a ministerial statement regarding the hake allocation recently announced by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Mr. *van Dongen* made a statement.

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

The Hon. *D. Zirnheld* (Minister of Forests) tabled the following:

Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 1997, and

Forest Land Commission Annual Reports 1995–96 and 1996–97.

The Hon. *G. Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 1997/98: Report 4 — Loss Reporting in Government — Waste Management Permit Fees — Motor Dealer Act.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, April 9, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coell*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Minister of Labour) tabled the Workers' Compensation Board Annual Report, 1997.

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.

37 Ms. *Chong* moved, seconded by Mr. *Coleman*—

Be it resolved that the motion “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 after 23 months since the election of this government, the Throne Speech does not address the very real and serious issues facing this province and provides for no initiatives to restore investor confidence, credible economic development policies, certainty or stability for the future prosperity of this province.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—33

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

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

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 11.42 a.m.

Tuesday, April 14, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth) advised the House of the death of Mr. *Donald Lockstead*, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker stated that she would convey to the family of the late Mr. *Lockstead*, the condolences of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) made a ministerial statement regarding Cancer Month.

Ms. *Hawkins* made a statement.

The Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the BC Assessment Report on the Creation of the 1997 Assessment Roll and Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 1996.

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.

By leave, Mr. *de Jong* tabled a copy of a lease between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia and Southern Interior Beef Corporation, Inc.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Gillespie*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

38 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 third session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Conroy, Bowbrick, Goodacre, Kasper, Orcherton* and *Sihota*, Mmes. *Gillespie, Smallwood* and *Sawicki*, Mmes. *Reid, Clark* and *Hawkins* and Messrs. *Gingell, Nebbeling, Masi* and *Coell*, and Mr. *G.F. Wilson*.

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 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—38

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.39 p.m.

Thursday, April 16, 1998

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *M. Farnworth*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, April 16, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1997;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act*, Part 2, year ended March 31, 1997;

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

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, year ended December 31, 1996, and

Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Friday, April 17, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. MacPhail*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

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—36

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

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<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>G. Wilson</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>		

And then the House adjourned at 12.43 p.m.

Monday, April 20, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Gingell* presented a petition regarding a referendum concerning aboriginal claims in or near the Municipality of Delta.

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 and Food).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 2) 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. 3) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *BC-Alcan Northern Development Fund Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Capital Financing Authority Repeal and Debt Restructuring Act*, a debate arose.

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

(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 5.53 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Barisoff*.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Northern Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

BRYAN WILLIAMS,
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Mining Rights Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 20, 1998

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Rate Freeze and Profit Sharing Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 6) 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. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1998*, was committed.

Section 1 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

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

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$414,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Ministry of Labour Annual Report, 1996-1997.

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).

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.

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 and Food).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1998* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Capital Financing Authority Repeal and Debt Restructuring Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *BC-Alcan Northern Development Fund Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave, Bill (No. 6) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Rate Freeze and Profit Sharing Act, 1998* 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)

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$54,751,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,878,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 1999.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$925,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, British Columbia Marketing Board, to 31st March, 1999.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority, to 31st March, 1999.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Chong*.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth) 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 *Tuition Fee Freeze Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 1, 1998

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* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection, which read as follows:

FIRST REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,

April 21, 1998

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on March 26, 1998 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. *Goodacre* (Convener), Mr. *Cashore*, Ms. *Gillespie*, Messrs. *Janssen*, *Robertson*, *Stevenson*, Ms. *Walsh*, Messrs. *Abbott*, *Barisoff*, *de Jong*, *Krueger* and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

JUSTICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS—Mr. *Cashore* (Convener), Messrs. *Bowbrick*, *Doyle*, *Giesbrecht*, Ms. *Sawicki*, Mr. *Sihota*, Ms. *Smallwood*, Messrs. *Hogg*, *Penner*, *Plant* and Ms. *Stephens*.

EDUCATION, CULTURE AND MULTICULTURALISM—Mr. *Calendino* (Convener), Messrs. *Hartley*, *Orcherton*, *Randall*, Ms. *Smallwood*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Messrs. *Dalton*, *Masi*, Ms. *Sanders* and Mr. *Weisbeck*.

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

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

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Mr. *Stevenson* (Convener), Messrs. *Bowbrick*, *Conroy*, *Janssen*, *Sihota*, Ms. *Walsh*, Ms. *Chong*, Messrs. *Penner*, *Nebbeling* and *Thorpe*.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES—Ms. *Gillespie* (Convener), Messrs. *Cashore*, *Giesbrecht*, *Hartley*, *Kasper*, *Robertson*, Mr. *Anderson*, Ms. *Hawkins*, Mr. *Hogg* and Ms. *McKinnon*.

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

FORESTS, ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES—Mr. *Goodacre* (Convener), Messrs. *Doyle*, *Kasper*, Ms. *Gillespie*, Messrs. *Janssen*, *Orcherton*, Ms. *Walsh*, Messrs. *Abbott*, *Coleman*, *Jarvis* and *Neufeld*.

TRANSPORTATION, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING—Mr. *Randall* (Convener), Messrs. *Calendino*, *Giesbrecht*, *Kasper*, Mmes. *Sawicki*, *Smallwood*, Messrs. *Anderson*, *Nettleton*, Ms. *Reid*, Mr. *Symons* and Mr. *Reitsma*.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY—Ms. *Walsh* (Convener), Messrs. *Orcherton*, *Randall*, Mmes. *Sawicki*, *Smallwood*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mmes. *Hawkins*, *McKinnon*, *Sanders* and *Stephens*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. *Gingell* (Convener), Messrs. *Calendino*, *Doyle*, *Giesbrecht*, *Kasper*, *Orcherton*, *Robertson*, *Sihota*, Messrs. *Coell*, *Thorpe*, *Weisbeck* and Mr. *G. Wilson*.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Mr. *Bowbrick* (Convener), Messrs. *Doyle*, *Giesbrecht*, Ms. *Gillespie*, Mr. *Randall*, Ms. *Sawicki*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Messrs. *Farrell-Collins*, *Plant*, *Nettleton*, Ms. *Whittred*, and Mr. *Weisgerber*.

CROWN CORPORATIONS—Mr. *van Dongen* (Convener), Messrs. *Conroy*, *Doyle*, Ms. *Gillespie*, Mr. *Orcherton*, Mmes. *Sawicki*, *Smallwood*, *Walsh*, Mr. *Hansen*, Ms. *Reid*, and Mr. *Symons*.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—Mr. *Bowbrick* (Convener), Mr. *Randall*, Ms. *Walsh*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Ms. *Sawicki*, Messrs. *Hartley*, *Kasper*, Messrs. *Farrell-Collins*, *Thorpe*, *Nettleton*, Ms. *Whittred* 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 Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the Assessment Appeal Board 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 of Human Resources).

Bill (No. 6) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Rate Freeze and Profit Sharing Act, 1998* was again committed.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 6) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 6) was reported complete without amendment, 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 Ministry of Attorney General).

(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 5.57 p.m.

Thursday, April 23, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Stephens*.

On the motion of Mr. *Symons*, Bill (No. M 203) 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.

Mr. *de Jong* rose on a matter of privilege relating to answers given by the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks in Question Period on April 22, 1998.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* reserved the right for the Minister and Government House Leader to make further representations.

The 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 Human Resources).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General).

(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)

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$420,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,562,853,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, April 23, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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:

BRYAN WILLIAMS
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 20, 1998*

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. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

BRYAN WILLIAMS
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Small Business Venture Capital Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 20, 1998*

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 Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

BRYAN WILLIAMS
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 20, 1998

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* made representations regarding the point of privilege raised earlier today by the Member for Matsqui.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Education) made a ministerial statement regarding the recent agreement with the BC Teachers Federation and other initiatives in education.

Ms. *Reid* made a statement.

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

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Human Resources) made a ministerial statement regarding Volunteer Recognition Week.

Mr. *Hogg* made a statement.

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

Mr. *Penner* rose on a matter of privilege relating to off the record remarks made by the Member for Vancouver-Burrard during Question Period.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* reserved the right for the Member and Government House Leader to make further representations.

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

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) reserved her right to respond to the matter of privilege raised earlier today by the Member for Matsqui.

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).

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

(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 5.57 p.m.

Friday, April 24, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

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).

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

(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.

(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.

And then the House adjourned at 12.28 p.m.

Monday, April 27, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Campbell* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the northern and rural health care crisis.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made representations.

The 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 Attorney General).

43 The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That this House continue to pressure the Government of Canada to undertake a broad public consultation on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and be it further resolved that this legislature urges the federal Liberal government to ensure that Canadian Medicare and social services are fully excluded from the provisions of the MAI and to refuse to sign any version of this agreement which compromises the ability of British Columbians to manage and conserve their natural resources as they see fit, or the power of the Province to lever jobs and economic benefits for the residents of British Columbia;

That the Government of Canada not sign the draft Multilateral Agreement on Investment or agree to lock in any part of the existing text at the OECD Ministerial Council meeting on April 27-28 in Paris, France;

That the Government of Canada suspend its participation in the MAI negotiations until the Canadian public have been thoroughly consulted through parliamentary hearings in all regions of the country; and

That the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia establish a special committee to examine, inquire into and make recommendations respecting all aspects of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Campbell* moved the following amendment—

That the motion that the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia establish a special committee be amended to read: That the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia direct the Select Standing Committee on Economic Development, Science, Labour, Training and Technology to examine, inquire into and make recommendations respecting all aspects of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—32

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

NAYS—37

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

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

Mr. *Nebbeling* moved the following amendment—

That the statement “That the Government of Canada suspend its participation in the MAI negotiations until the Canadian public have been thoroughly consulted through parliamentary hearings in all regions of the country” be amended to read: That the Government of Canada consult the Canadian public through parliamentary hearings in all regions of the country.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—33

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

NAYS—37

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

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—67

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

42 The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to consider:

1. The application of key issues arising out of the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment to British Columbians;
2. The most effective and appropriate means for representing the views and interests of British Columbians on matters relating to the proposed Agreement;
3. The implications for British Columbia and Canada of the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment and on related matters;
4. Representations and expressions of views from individuals and groups from British Columbia or elsewhere;
5. Proposals related to the Multilateral Agreement on Investment brought forward within British Columbia or from elsewhere;
6. Evidence on the issues likely to be subject to further negotiations in the future; and
7. The most effective and appropriate means of enhancing the levels of awareness and knowledge of British Columbians concerning the issues involved.

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

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

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

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; and

That the Special Committee of Selection be empowered to compile the list of Members for the said Committee.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—67

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
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<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
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<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
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<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	

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

(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.

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Hammell*.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) made a statement withdrawing her right to respond to the matter of privilege raised by the Member for Matsqui on April 23, 1998.

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).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Tuition Fee Freeze Act*, a debate arose. The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *G. F. Wilson*, 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 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN,
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 24, 1998

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. *Plant*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *The Parental Responsibility 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. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) made a ministerial statement recognizing April 28, 1998, 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.

The House observed a minute of silence.

Mr. *Hansen* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* 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 Attorney General).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Tuition Fee Freeze Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—68

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

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G. F. Wilson

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. 9) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Mining Rights Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$435,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$783,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,852,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Statutory Services, to 31st March, 1999.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,919,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 1999.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition sought to move adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order 35 to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, and I quote, "the northern and rural health care crisis", unquote.

The Chair has had the opportunity to give the matter serious consideration in light of the Member's comments and in light of representations of other Members.

Certainly, the Chair recognizes that health care issues are most serious and important matters which directly impact personal lives of British Columbians.

To qualify under Standing Order 35, among other requirements, matters must be urgent and of recent occurrence. The health care issues in rural and northern British Columbia referred to by the Hon. Member in his submission have been on-going for some time now, indeed in the Member's own words "for almost 13 weeks". The on-going nature of the issue raised by the Member has the effect of taking the matter outside the scope of Standing Order 35.

The "concrete proposal" to the Provincial Government cited by the Member in his address clearly adds a new element to the matter. However, "the fact that new information has been received regarding a matter that has been continuing for some time does not in itself make the matter one of urgency", as noted in Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 17th ed. p. 365. I further refer Members to previous Speakers' decisions on Standing Order 35 applications — *British Columbia Journals*, July 11, 1995 and *British Columbia Journals*, July 26, 1996.

Accordingly, the Member's application under Standing Order 35 cannot succeed.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

I have one further matter to deal with.

On Thursday, April 23rd during the afternoon sitting, the Honourable Member for Chilliwack rose on what he described as a point of privilege arising from that day's Question Period. He advised that he took exception to what he described as an inappropriate remark made by the Member for Vancouver-Burrard, who was not in possession of the floor.

The Honourable Member further stated that he would be sending a copy of the tape to the Speaker, but no such tape has been received. In any event, the Chair has serious doubts, in these circumstances, as to the propriety of the Speaker using such a tape in view of the fact that the remarks complained of were not heard by the Chair at the time, nor were the remarks attributed to the Member for Vancouver-Burrard reported in the *Hansard*. Such interjections are deemed private conversations among Members of the House and do not invite the intervention of the Speaker.

While the Chair does not doubt the sincerity of the Honourable Member for Chilliwack, it must be pointed out that asides, made by Members not in possession of the floor, can hardly constitute the foundation for a matter of privilege.

I would ask all Members who are proposing to raise a matter of privilege to refer to the guidelines contained in *Parliamentary Practice of British Columbia*, 3rd edition, at pages 46–52.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Randall*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a ministerial statement regarding the tourism industry in British Columbia.

Mr. *Thorpe* 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 Women's Equality).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Mining Rights Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—69

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
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<i>Randall</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Cashore</i>			

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G. F. Wilson

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.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(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 5.53 p.m.

Thursday, April 30, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *D. Streifel*.

The Speaker made a statement regarding the death of Norris Pettersson, Manager of the Legislative Dining Room and stated that she would convey to the family the condolences of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. *Gingell* 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 Women's Equality).

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Tuition Fee Freeze Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Small Business Venture Capital Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(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, April 30, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) made a ministerial statement regarding compensation to be paid to those people infected with Hepatitis C by tainted blood.

Ms. *Hawkins* made a statement.

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

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 13) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 30, 1998

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 and Human Rights) tabled the following:

Criminal Injury Compensation Act of British Columbia Annual Report, 1997;
British Columbia Police Commission Annual Report, 1996/97, and
BC Human Rights Commission Annual Report, 1996/97.

Mr. *G. F. Wilson* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, full compensation of all people infected with Hepatitis C by tainted blood.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations.

Mr. *Campbell* made representations.

The 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 Women’s Equality).

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

(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 5.50 p.m.

Friday, May 1, 1998

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday, the Honourable Member for Powell River-Sunshine Coast sought to move adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order 35 to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “full compensation of all people infected with Hepatitis C by tainted blood”.

I thank the Member for complying with our practice of giving the Speaker notice in writing before raising the matter in the House.

The Chair has given serious consideration to the Member’s submission as well as to representations by other Members on this important matter.

Matters must be urgent and of recent occurrence to qualify under Standing Order 35. In the Chair's opinion, the issue of compensation for all Hepatitis C victims infected by tainted blood has been an on-going question. This, in effect, removes the matter from the purview of Standing Order 35.

The emergence of new information, namely, the adoption of a motion by the National Assembly of Québec on this issue, the support received by the Ontario Minister of Health and the federal Health Minister's statement that he is closing this file does not, in itself, make the matter one of urgency.

I further note that also yesterday, the Minister of Health made a statement in the House outlining the position of the Government of British Columbia on the matter of full compensation of all people infected with Hepatitis C by tainted blood.

Guided by practice in this House, and specifically on a ruling of the Chair earlier this week, April 28th, the Member's application does not qualify under Standing Order 35.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

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. 16) intituled *Occupiers Liability Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 30, 1998

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. 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. 17) intituled *Waste Management Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 30, 1998

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 11.09 a.m.

Monday, May 4, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nettleton*.

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. 19) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
May 1, 1998*

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. *Thorpe* presented a petition regarding Hepatitis C compensation.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Renewal BC 1998/99 Business Plan.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsman Annual Report, 1997.

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

Mr. *Coell* made a statement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

45 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.

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).

46 The Hon. *P. Priddy* moved—

Be it resolved that since British Columbia will spend more than \$550 million providing health care services to people who contracted the Hepatitis C virus through the blood system, the Legislative Assembly urges the federal government to develop a plan to address and fund the needs of those British Columbians who contracted Hepatitis C through tainted blood prior to 1986.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Campbell* moved the following amendment:

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

Be it resolved that ~~since~~ as British Columbia will spend more than \$550 million providing health care services to people who contracted the Hepatitis C virus through the blood system, the Legislative Assembly urges **the British Columbia government and** the federal government to develop a plan to address and fund ~~the needs~~ compensation of those British Columbians who contracted Hepatitis C through tainted blood prior to 1986 **and that those funds be paid directly to the victims.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order pursuant to Standing Order 67, as it would impose an obligation on the Crown provincial.

Ms. *Hawkins* moved the following amendment:

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

Be it resolved that ~~since~~ as British Columbia will spend more than \$550 million providing health care services to people who contracted the Hepatitis C virus through the blood system, the Legislative Assembly urges the federal government to develop a plan to address and fund ~~the needs~~ compensation of those British Columbians who contracted Hepatitis C through tainted blood prior to 1986 **and that those funds be paid directly to the victims.**

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

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

The debate resumed on the main motion.

Ms. *Reid* moved the following amendment.

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

Be it resolved that ~~since~~ as British Columbia will spend more than \$550 million providing health care services to people who contracted the Hepatitis C virus through the blood system, the Legislative Assembly urges the federal government to develop a plan to address and fund the needs and compensation of those British Columbians who contracted Hepatitis C through tainted blood prior to 1986 **and that the compensation be paid directly to the victims.**

The debate on the amendment continued.

By leave, on the motion of Ms. Reid, amendment withdrawn.

Ms. Whittred moved the following amendment:

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

Be it resolved that ~~since~~ as British Columbia will spend more than \$550 million providing health care services to people who contracted the Hepatitis C virus through the blood system, the Legislative Assembly urges the federal government to develop a plan to address and fund the needs of and a compassionate payment, similar in nature to that paid to those victims between January 1, 1986 and July 1, 1990, to ~~of~~ those British Columbians who contracted Hepatitis C through tainted blood prior to 1986 **and that the payment be made directly to the victims.**

Amendment agreed to.

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

The House divided.

Motion, as amended, agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—71

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$387,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Women's Equality, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,062,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Women's Equality, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

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 at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Women's Equality) to be considered 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 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nebbeling*.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Child, Youth & Family Advocate Annual Report, 1997.

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On April 23, 1998, the Honourable Member for Matsqui gained the floor to raise a matter of privilege which he described as "a breach of the privileges of this House by the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks by misleading the Assembly". His complaint arose out of a series of questions and answers given in Oral Question Period, and involved a submission of a copy of a memo dated September 23, 1996, from the Member for Kamloops to the Premier, which in his view established that the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks "did mislead this Assembly".

Subsequently, the Government House Leader made a statement giving her view of the applicability of the rules in this particular matter.

It should be noted, firstly, that the Member for Matsqui did not accuse the Minister of "deliberately misleading the House", but rather chose to use the charge of "misleading the House". Joseph Maingot, Q.C. in *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, 2nd edition at page 241, discussed the making of allegations that a Member had misled or deliberately misled the House as follows:

"To allege that a Member has misled the House is a matter of order rather than privilege and is not unparliamentary, whether or not it is qualified by the adjective "unintentionally" or "inadvertently". To allege that a Member has deliberately misled the House is also a matter of "order", and is indeed unparliamentary. However, deliberately misleading statements may be treated as a contempt. In the Canadian House of Commons, Members attempt to get such matters before the House on a "question of privilege" when there is merely an allegation of contempt rather than an admitted matter and the problem arises because the use of unparliamentary language is not permitted in the House and therefore questions of privilege and motions in support must be purged of such language.

If the conduct of a Member is to be formally discussed or debated in the House of Commons, such as a charge of . . . deliberately misleading the House, it cannot be done on a "question of privilege", because until admitted or so found by the House, as the case may be, such allegations are unparliamentary and cannot be uttered, and the fact that the accused Member denies it is irrelevant."

I have available to me the Hansard Blues of the Oral Question Period when the questions and answers were first given. The Member for Matsqui prefaced his first question with a discussion of an opinion of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner related to the appropriateness of Cabinet Ministers making personal representations on behalf of a constituent to a Commission or Board. It is important to look at all of the questions and answers in this case to determine, *prima facie*, whether the Minister deliberately misled the House. It appears to me that there may have been a misapprehension as to the application of the question, and through the series of questions and answers the Minister made a clear distinction between her activities as an MLA prior to entering Cabinet, and her activities as a Cabinet Minister. Indeed, the memo cited by the Member clearly related to a time prior to the Minister being appointed to Cabinet.

Under the circumstances and upon reading the whole transcript rather than selected passages, it is the opinion of the Chair that there is no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege nor contempt made out. It is further my view that this matter clearly belongs in the category alluded to in various Speakers' decisions of a dispute between Members as to facts. I would refer Honourable Members to the *Journals* of this House April 6th and June 8th, 1982, at pages 32, 34 and 132.

For the foregoing reasons I cannot find a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has been made.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *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 Education).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Hansen* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14), *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998*, be amended by deleting the word "now" and substituting therefor the words "six months hence."

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

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, May 5, 1998

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Legal Profession Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 1, 1998

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 Speaker made a statement as follows:

Honourable Members:

It is perhaps timely, given that we have just finished this Question Period, for the Chair to make several observations relating to Oral Question Period.

In order to refresh my memory and be of assistance to the Members, I have examined Question Period *Blues* from Thursday, April 2nd, 1998 to date.

I have also examined several Speakers' statements dealing with the conduct of Question Period over the last six years, and it has become abundantly clear that today's problems are not new.

The rules applicable to Oral Question Period are not complicated, and perhaps the best summary is outlined in our Standing Order 47A (b).

"Questions and answers shall be brief and precise and stated without argument or opinion".

Any objective analysis of the current questions and answers leads to the conclusion that the quoted guidelines have been judiciously ignored by both sides of the House.

A slightly expanded guideline for questions and answers is as follows:

"The question must be brief. A preamble need not exceed one carefully drawn sentence. A long preamble on a long question takes an unfair share of time and provokes the same sort of reply. A supplementary question should need no preamble."

"An answer should be confined to the points contained in the question, with such explanation only as renders the answer intelligible, though a certain latitude is permitted to Ministers of the Crown."

The above quotes may be found in *Parliamentary Practice of British Columbia*, 3rd edition at pages 110 and 111.

The dilemma facing the Chair is that neither the Government nor the Opposition seem prepared to confine themselves within the Standing Orders or the guidelines quoted, and the Chair can only presume it is the general will of the House to continue with a practice which is clearly in breach of the guidelines.

Honourable Members will appreciate that the Speaker, as a servant of this House, is faced with formidable difficulties when the House is unwilling to comply with the rules. If the Speaker is advised that the Government and the Opposition are willing to make a serious effort in this regard, the Chair would welcome the opportunity to discuss the conduct of Question Period privately with the House Leaders, or their representatives.

Failing that, the Chair will do its utmost to ensure that the time allocations are equitable and that acceptable parliamentary language is used by all sides during Question Period.

There is a further matter with which the Chair is concerned.

During the course of Question Period, several Members on both sides of the House are offering gratuitous advice from their seats relating to the conduct of Question Period. Their interjections varying between a call for order, a call for "question", a call for "time", show a lack of respect for the Chair and add nothing to the conduct of Question Period. If Members have a legitimate point of order they wish to raise, they may be aware that, on the conclusion of Question Period, they are entitled to rise on a point of order and state the matter, but it is unacceptable for these interjections to continue in their present form.

I would ask both sides of the House to assist the Chair in improving the quality of our 15 minute daily Question Period.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

Mr. *Gingell* presented the Second 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. *L. Boone* (Minister for Children and Families) made a ministerial statement regarding Child Care Month.

Ms. *C. Clark* 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 Education).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

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.

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *van Dongen*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Report of the Statutory Officers of the British Columbia Legislature, Fundamental Operating Principles and Related Legislation.

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division.

YEAS—27

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	

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

The debate resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, 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.

Thursday, May 7, 1998

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisbeck*.

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

A point of order arose relating to the time available for the Minister’s closing remarks to the debate for second reading of Bill (No. 14).

The Speaker ruled that pursuant to Standing Order 45A time limits available to the designated speaker are applicable only to opening remarks — they are not applicable to closing remarks or to a reply.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

Evans
Zirnhelt
McGregor
Kwan
Hammell
Boone
Streifel
Pullinger
Lali
Orcherton

Stevenson
Calendino
Goodacre
Walsh
Randall
Gillespie
Robertson
Cashore
Conroy
Priddy

Petter
Miller
G. Clark
Dosanjh
MacPhail
Lovick
Ramsey
Farnworth
Waddell

Hartley
Sihota
Smallwood
Sawicki
Bowbrick
Kasper
Doyle
Giesbrecht
Janssen

NAYS—29

Sanders
C. Clark
Farrell-Collins
de Jong
Plant
Abbott
Neufeld
Coell

Chong
Jarvis
Anderson
Penner
Weisbeck
Nebbeling
Hogg

Hawkins
Coleman
Stephens
Hansen
Thorpe
Symons
van Dongen

Barisoff
Dalton
Masi
Krueger
McKinnon
J. D. Wilson
Reitsma

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.

(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 11.50 a.m.

Thursday, May 7, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Stevenson* presented a petition regarding discrimination based on gender identity.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister Responsible for Housing) tabled the following:

BC Hydro Annual Report, 1997;
 British Columbia Housing Management Commission Annual Report, 1996/97;
 British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 1996/97;
 Ministry of Employment and Investment Annual Report, 1995/96;
 Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 1997; and
 Lotteries Advisory Committee Annual Report, 1997/98.

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the following:
 BC Transportation Financing Authority Annual Report, 1996/97, and
 Ministry of Transportation and Highways Annual Report, 1996/97.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) made a ministerial statement regarding Mental Health Week.

Ms. *Hawkins* 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 Education).

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Small Business Venture Capital Amendment Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Mining Rights Amendment Act, 1998* was committed.

Mr. *Jarvis* moved an amendment to the proposed section 17.1 (1) contained within section 1 of Bill (No. 12), which was defeated on division.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by the Hon. *D. Miller* to the proposed section 17.1 (4) contained within section 1 of Bill (No. 12), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—36

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

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<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Coleman</i>		

Bill (No. 12) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

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

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

That the following reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

1. 1997/98 Report 1: Earthquake Preparedness.
2. 1997/98 Report 2: Report on the 1996/97 Public Accounts.
3. 1997/98 Report 3: A Review of Governance and Accountability in the Regionalization of Health Services.

4. 1997/98 Report 4: Compliance Audits.
5. Special Report: Enhancing Accountability for Performance in the British Columbia Public Sector.
6. 1996/97 Report 11: Follow-up of Performance Audits Issued November 1993 to December 1995.

Motion agreed to.

(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 5.57 p.m.

Friday, May 8, 1998

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *J. D. Wilson*.

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 Education).

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

(IN COMMITTEE)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.
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.

And then the House adjourned at 12.21 p.m.

Monday, May 11, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. McGregor*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Fisheries) made a ministerial statement regarding the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

Mr. *van Dongen* made a statement.

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

By leave, Mr. *Weisgerber* 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 Education).

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Legal Profession Act*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Occupiers Liability Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Waste Management Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division.

YEAS—36

Evans
Zirnhelt
McGregor
Kwan
Hammell
Boone
Streifel
Pullinger
Lali

Orcherton
Stevenson
Calendino
Goodacre
Walsh
Randall
Gillespie
Robertson
Cashore

Conroy
Priddy
Petter
Miller
Dosanjh
MacPhail
Lovick
Ramsey
Farnworth

Waddell
Hartley
Sihota
Smallwood
Sawicki
Bowbrick
Doyle
Giesbrecht
Janssen

NAYS—33

Sanders
C. Clark
Campbell
Farrell-Collins
de Jong
Plant
Abbott
Reid
Neufeld

Coell
Chong
Whittred
Jarvis
Anderson
Penner
G. F. Wilson
Weisgerber

Weisbeck
Nebbeling
Hogg
Hawkins
Coleman
Stephens
Hansen
Thorpe

Symons
van Dongen
Barisoff
Dalton
Krueger
McKinnon
J. D. Wilson
Reitsma

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 19) 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)

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.

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

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).

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Occupiers Liability Amendment Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Legal Profession Act* 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 11.49 a.m.

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Weisbeck*, Bill (No. M 206) 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."

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 1997.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the following:
 Forest Renewal BC Annual Report, 1996/97, and
 Forest Practices Board 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 of Education followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* was committed.

In consideration of section 7, as amended, of Bill (No. 19), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—34

Evans
Zirnhelt
McGregor
Kwan
Hammell
Boone
Pullinger
Lali
Orcherton

Stevenson
Calendino
Goodacre
Walsh
Randall
Gillespie
Robertson
Cashore
Conroy

Priddy
Petter
Dosanjh
MacPhail
Lovick
Ramsey
Farnworth
Waddell

Sihota
Smallwood
Sawicki
Bowbrick
Kasper
Doyle
Giesbrecht
Janssen

NAYS—30

Gingell
C. Clark
Campbell
Farrell-Collins
de Jong
Plant
Abbott
Neufeld

Coell
Chong
Whittred
Jarvis
Anderson
Nettleton
Penner
Weisbeck

Nebbeling
Hogg
Hawkins
Coleman
Stephens
Hansen
Thorpe

Symons
van Dongen
Barisoff
Masi
Krueger
McKinnon
J. D. Wilson

Section 15 of Bill (No. 19) was passed, on division.

Bill (No. 19) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Waste Management Amendment Act, 1998* 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)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$454,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,261,979,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Education) 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 Hon. *J. Pullinger* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations) made a ministerial statement regarding tuition fees for adult basic education.

Mr. *Weisbeck* made a statement.

On the motion of Ms. *Reid*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Family Relations Act Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998 (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."

Ms. *Reid* presented a petition regarding speech therapy for stroke victims.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 1996-1997.

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 Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 3) *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 4) *Capital Financing Authority Repeal and Debt Restructuring Act.*

Bill (No. 5) *BC-Alcan Northern Development Fund Act.*

Bill (No. 6) *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Rate Freeze and Profit Sharing Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 8) *Tuition Fee Freeze Act.*

Bill (No. 9) *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 10) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 11) *Small Business Venture Capital Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 12) *Mining Rights Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 13) *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 15) *Legal Profession Act.*

Bill (No. 16) *Occupiers Liability Amendment Act, 1998.*

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

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

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The 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).

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Waste Management Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 17) complete with amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 17) 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 Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

(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.

Thursday, May 14, 1998

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 Transportation and Highways).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

(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 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, May 14, 1998

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Statute Revision Correction and Miscellaneous Amendments Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
Government House,
May 13, 1998

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth) made a ministerial statement regarding the BC Unity Resolution.

Mr. *Plant* made a statement.

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

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the Province of British Columbia’s response to the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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.

Mr. *J. D. Wilson* presented a petition regarding medical services in Quesnel.

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 Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

(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. *A. Petter* moved—

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.53 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coleman*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Thorpe* presented a petition regarding Hepatitis C compensation.

Mr. *Campbell* presented a petition regarding Bill C-68.

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).

48 By leave, the Hon. *A. Petter* moved—

WHEREAS the B.C. Unity Panel of legislators and private citizens has consulted the people of British Columbia about the Calgary Framework for Discussion on Canadian Unity, which was agreed to by the federalist Premiers and Territorial Leaders of Canada on September 14, 1997, and about other issues pertaining to national unity;

AND WHEREAS British Columbians have affirmed their commitment to preserving a strong and united Canada that fosters the social and economic well being of all its citizens;

AND WHEREAS British Columbians have expressed their commitment to the equality of status for all provinces, while recognizing the unique character of Quebec;

AND WHEREAS the Calgary Framework in no way diminishes the rights enjoyed by Canadians;

AND WHEREAS the Calgary Framework does not imply agreement to constitutional change, and any future amendment to the Constitution of Canada must be approved by British Columbians in a referendum in accordance with the *Constitutional Amendment Approval Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 67.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Assembly endorse the principles of the Calgary Framework for Discussion on Canadian Unity as follows:

1. All Canadians are equal and have rights protected by law.
2. All provinces, while diverse in their characteristics, have equality of status.
3. Canada is graced by a diversity, tolerance, compassion and an equality of opportunity that is without rival in the world.
4. Canada's diversity includes Aboriginal peoples and cultures, the vitality of the English and French languages and a multicultural citizenry drawn from all parts of the world.
5. In Canada's federal system, where respect for diversity and equality underlies unity, the unique character of Quebec society, including its French speaking majority, its culture and its tradition of civil law, is fundamental to the well being of Canada. Consequently, the legislature and Government of Quebec have a role to protect and develop the unique character of Quebec society within Canada.
6. If any future constitutional amendment confers powers on one province, these powers must be available to all provinces.
7. Canada is a federal system where federal, provincial, and territorial governments work in partnership while respecting each other's jurisdictions. Canadians want their governments to work co-operatively and with flexibility to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the federation. Canadians want their governments to work together particularly in the delivery of their social programs. Provinces and territories renew their commitment to work in partnership with the Government of Canada to best serve the needs of Canadians.

And that, following upon the report of the B.C. Unity Panel, this Legislative Assembly endorse these further principles:

1. That British Columbia supports national standards for health care and believes that these standards are best set co-operatively by the federal government with the provinces;
2. That British Columbia supports the federal government's equalization program and believes that for other federal transfers for health, education, and social programs, provinces should receive the same level of federal funding per person;
3. That British Columbia believes that provinces should be able to assume greater responsibility in areas that are important to them, such as fisheries in the case of British Columbia.

The Speaker made a statement as follows:

Honourable Members:

Before debate proceeds on Motion 48 standing on the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, May 14th, 1998, I wish to make a brief observation.

Members will have noticed that the form of the Motion departs somewhat from the normal restrictions applicable to Motions outlined in the notes to Standing Order 50 in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition at page 117.

Debate will proceed on the Motion, as tendered, as it deals with matters arising out of the Calgary Framework on Canadian Unity, and the Chair has been previously advised that the form of the Motion has the approval of Government and Official Opposition.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

A debate arose.

By leave, Mr. *Campbell* tabled a copy of his presentation notes to the Rt. Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister and Federal Caucus.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Reitsma*, 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. *D. Zirnhelt* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 5.38 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thorpe*.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (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, Q.C.

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

May 13, 1998

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. 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. 23) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 13, 1998

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. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) 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. 21) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 15, 1998

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. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) presented a Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner Pursuant to Section 15 (1) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* in the Matter of an Application by Gordon Campbell, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Vancouver-Point Grey, and Leader of the Official Opposition with Respect to Alleged Contravention of Provisions of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* by the Honourable Paul Ramsey, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Prince George North.

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

SECOND REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
May 14, 1998

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on March 26, 1998 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, begs leave to report the following substitutions for the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries and the membership of the Special Committee on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment:

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES—Mr. *Goodacre*, substituted by Mr. *Hartley*, as the convener of the committee.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. *Robertson*, substituted by Ms. *Gillespie*, as a member of the committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INVESTMENT—Ms. *Smallwood* (Convener), Messrs. *Orcherton*, *Calendino*, Mmes. *Gillespie*, *Walsh*, Messrs. *Giesbrecht*, *Cashore*, Messrs. *Nebbeling*, *Hansen*, *Penner*, Ms. *Stephens* and Mr. *Krueger*.

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.”

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 48 with respect to the Calgary Framework and Recommendations of the B.C. Unity Panel.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—63

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Reitsma</i>
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$464,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,622,553,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Crown Corporations Secretariat, to 31st March, 1999.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,587,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Information, Science and Technology Agency, to 31st March, 1999.

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 5.52 p.m.

Thursday, May 21, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *de Jong*.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) tabled the Report of the 1998 Judicial Compensation Committee of British Columbia, and advised that pursuant to section 13 (12) of the *Provincial Court Act* unless the Report is rejected within 21 sitting days of the tabling of the Report, the Report is deemed accepted.

The Speaker advised that she would be making a statement at 2 o'clock p.m. today dealing with yesterday's proceedings.

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 Energy and Mines).

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

(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 11.50 a.m.

Thursday, May 21, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth) made a statement and an apology regarding question period yesterday.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made a statement and an apology with regard to unparliamentary remarks made during question period yesterday.

The Speaker thanked the Members for their remarks and stated that the matter was now concluded.

Order called for “Oral Questions.”

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 Energy and Mines).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$407,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Fisheries, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,533,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

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."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intitled *Statute Revision Correction and Miscellaneous Amendments Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

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

Bill (No. 14) intitled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998* 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)

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$380,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,897,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Resource Revenue Sharing Agreements, to 31st March, 1999.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

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 Energy and Mines) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Friday, May 22, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. C. Clark.

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. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
May 21, 1998*

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 Municipal Affairs).

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)

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 12.52 p.m.

Monday, May 25, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

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. 25) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 20, 1998

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 Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Northern Development) 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. 27) intituled *Northern Development Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 20, 1998

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, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the proceedings with respect to Vote No. 32 in Section A of Committee of Supply and the Report thereon be declared null and void and that the said Vote be referred back to Section A of Committee of Supply with respect to that portion of the Vote relating to the British Columbia Ferry Corporation.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills to meet while the House is in session 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 Energy and Mines with respect to Vote No. 32).

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Statute Revision Correction and Miscellaneous Amendments Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998* 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)

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,897,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

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 Transportation and Highways).

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.
 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.

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Stevenson*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 1998* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *de Jong* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege with respect to the Minister for Children and Families.

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 followed by the Estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

Proposed amendments by Mr. *Hansen* on the Order Paper to sections 115, 116, 117, 119, 120 and 121 contained within Section 15 of Bill (No. 14) were defeated, on division.

Sections 121, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134 and 135, as amended, contained within Section 15 of Bill (No. 14) passed, on division.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$414,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$470,278,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

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.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* 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 27, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following: Vancouver Stock Exchange Report to the Government of British Columbia, April 1998; Guarantees and Indemnities issued and authorized by Treasury Board or the Lieutenant Governor in Council, for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 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 Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

Sections 137 and 138, contained within Section 15 of Bill (No. 14) passed, on division.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Hansen* on the Order Paper to section 139 contained within Section 15 of Bill (No. 14) was defeated, on division.

In consideration of section 139 contained within Section 15 of Bill (No. 14) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—34

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

NAYS—26

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>		

Section 140, contained within Section 15 of Bill (No. 14) passed, on division.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

The Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—
That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.
A debate arose.

Motion agreed to, on division.

And then the House adjourned at 3.59 p.m.

Monday, June 1, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hogg*.

Mr. *de Jong* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the threatened closure of the Golden medical clinic.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* made representations.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

Mr. *Coell* made a statement.

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Fisheries) tabled the Fisheries Renewal BC Business Plan 1998/99.

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).

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

Section 152 contained within Section 15 of Bill (No. 14) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

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, June 2, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Neufeld*.

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).

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed and reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered 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 11.50 a.m.

Tuesday, June 2, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 1, 1998

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 402) intituled *Victoria Foundation Amendment Act, 1998* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) made a ministerial statement regarding National Transportation Week, Bike to Work Week and public involvement in transportation issues.

Mr. *Symons* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *G. F. Wilson* 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 Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

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

NAYS—31

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

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 23) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 24) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Northern Development Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Neufeld*, 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 Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On June 1, 1998, the Member for Matsqui sought to move adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order 35 to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance namely, the threatened closure of the medical clinic in Golden on June 19, 1998, some 19 days hence.

On a number of occasions, Speakers have ruled that the test of urgency relates to urgency of debate, not the subject matter of debate. In this case the Member has raised the question of a possible closing some 19 days away. The House is currently embarked on the estimates debates in the Committee of Supply and has yet to consider the estimates of the Ministry of Health during which the Member will have an ordinary parliamentary opportunity to raise and debate the issue at hand. Standing Order 35 does not apply where an ordinary parliamentary opportunity to consider the matter exists. See Third Edition, *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, pages 61 and 62.

I wish also to comment on two issues arising out of the presentation of the matter. I allowed the Member to raise the matter before Question Period. Applications under Standing Order 35 are to be made “after the ordinary daily routine business (Standing Order 25) has been concluded and before Orders of the Day are entered on.” Oral Question Period is one of the items of business provided for in Standing Order 25 and accordingly these applications should be made after Question Period and before “Orders of the Day” are called from the Table.

Secondly, while making his application the Member used the opportunity to make comments about other Members of the House. Such comments are inappropriate on an application under Standing Order 35.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Plant*.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Northern Development) 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. 32) intituled *Oil and Gas Commission Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 3, 1998

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 Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Northern Development Act*.

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.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1998* 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 5.53 p.m.

Thursday, June 4, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Symons*.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) tabled the Report of the 1995 Judicial Compensation Committee of British Columbia, together with a copy of the Court of Appeal decision between the Provincial Court Judges Association and the Attorney General, and advised that pursuant to section 13 (12) of the *Provincial Court Act* unless, within 21 sitting days from today, the Legislative Assembly resolves to reject one or more of the recommendations made in the Report as being unfair or unreasonable and sets the remuneration allowances or benefits that are to be substituted, the Report is deemed to have been accepted as submitted.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) presented a Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner pursuant to Section 19 (1) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* in the Matter of an Application by Michael de Jong, MLA (Matsqui) with Respect to the Alleged Contravention of Provisions of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* by the Honourable Cathy McGregor, MLA (Kamloops), the Honourable Corky Evans, MLA (Nelson-Creston), and the Honourable Glen Clark, MLA (Vancouver-Kingsway).

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).

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

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, June 4, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) 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. 31) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 3, 1998

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. *Stephens*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation 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. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) made a ministerial statement regarding Agriculture Day.

Mr. *Barisoff* made a statement.

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

By leave, Mr. *Weisgerber* 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 Small Business, Tourism and Culture followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs).

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

Section 32 contained within Section 12 of Bill (No. 21) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete with amendment and, by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998* 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)

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$373,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,601,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,794,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Royal British Columbia Museum, to 31st March, 1999.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

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 Small Business, Tourism and Culture) 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 5.57 p.m.

Friday, June 5, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Masi*.

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 and Food, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

Mr. *Stevenson* 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 4, 1998

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 *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 1998*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;

(2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Victoria Foundation Amendment Act, 1998*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. STEVENSON, *Chair*

By leave, the Report was read and received.

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

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.

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 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

And then the House adjourned at 11.47 a.m.

Monday, June 8, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

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).

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 5.31 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cashore*.

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).

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 11.53 a.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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 Municipal Affairs).

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.

On the motion that the House recess until 6.35 p.m. a debate arose.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7 (2) the House recessed for 15 minutes.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *de Jong* moved an amendment to the motion, namely, to replace all of the words after the word “that” with the words “the House do now adjourn”.

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order and referred Members to page 65 of *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, and stated that it is the prerogative of the Government House Leader to move a substantive motion to adjourn and that the amendment would have converted the motion to recess into a substantive motion to adjourn.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *de Jong* that the House do now adjourn, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

YEAS—14

<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hogg</i>		

NAYS—37

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, Government House Leader, it was *Ordered* that the House do now adjourn.

And then the House adjourned at 10.05 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. Evans*.

On the motion of Mr. *Weisgerber*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1998 (Northern Electoral Boundaries Protection Act)* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "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).

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)

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$341,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,147,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$191,003,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Local Government Grants, to 31st March, 1999.

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

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Municipal Affairs) 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 of Labour).

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.

The Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits pursuant to the *Unclaimed Money Act*, for the year ended March 31, 1998, was received by the Office of the Clerk on June 10, 1998.

And then the House adjourned at 7.56 p.m.

Thursday, June 11, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Gillespie*.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Tobacco Fee Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 3, 1998

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. Priddy* (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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Tobacco Damages Recovery Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 3, 1998

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, June 11, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Gingell* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Gingell* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the British Columbia Legislative Library 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 of Labour).

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 Labour).

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 8 p.m.

Friday, June 12, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

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 Labour).

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)

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$241,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,693,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

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.

The Speaker advised the House of the death of *Stanley John Squire*, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly, and stated that she would convey to the family the condolences of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

And then the House adjourned at 12.57 p.m.

Monday, June 15, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Hawkins*.

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Human Resources), on behalf of the Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 33) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 11, 1998

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 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)

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$436,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$258,334,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,865,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Suppression, to 31st March, 1999.

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 8.10 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Whitted*.

On the motion of Mr. *Randall*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Tobacco Sales Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998* 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. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled the Provincial Health Officer's 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 of Employment and Investment).

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

(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.

Tuesday, June 16, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) 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. 34) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 11, 1998

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 for Children and Families).

(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.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* 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 Employment and Investment).

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

(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 7.56 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Penner*.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) made a ministerial statement regarding the 40th Anniversary of the collapse of the Second Narrows Bridge.

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

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) 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. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

May 20, 1998

On the motion that Bill (No. 26) be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

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

Bill introduced and read a first time.

On the motion that Bill (No. 26) be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—31

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

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 for Children and Families).

(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 for Children and Families).

(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 7.56 p.m.

Thursday, June 18, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Gingell*.

By leave, the Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled a Report entitled *The Renewal of Trust in Residential Construction — Commission of Inquiry into the Quality of Condominium Construction in British Columbia*, Dave Barrett, 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 Employment and Investment).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Hansen*, 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 11.51 a.m.

Thursday, June 18, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth), on behalf of 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. 37) intituled *Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 17, 1998

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. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) made a ministerial statement regarding National Aboriginal Day.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* presented a petition regarding changes to the Labour Code.

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Orcherton*, 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 7 o'clock p.m.

FIVE MINUTES PAST SEVEN 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. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Randall*, 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 9.02 p.m.

Friday, June 19, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Reid*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 36) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 17, 1998

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.

Ms. *Chong* presented a petition regarding changes to the Labour Code.

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 Employment and Investment).

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

(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 12.23 p.m.

Monday, June 22, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

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. 38) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 19, 1998

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. Pullinger*, 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. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Sanders*, 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 7.55 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *M. Farnworth*.

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *McKinnon*, 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.

Tuesday, June 23, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Northern Development) tabled the BCR Group Annual Report, 1997.

Mr. *van Dongen* presented a petition regarding the preservation of the Chilliwack River and the Slesse Park clay bank problems.

Mr. *Nettleton* presented a petition regarding changes to the Labour Code.

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Stephens*, 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 Hon. *J. MacPhail* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

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. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

By leave, the Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) made a ministerial statement regarding an educational video to explain the court system and the court process in American Sign Language.

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

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$380,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1999.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$135,021,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 1999.

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.

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

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

A declaration by the Member for the Electoral District of Parksville-Qualicum (Mr. *Reitsma*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective June 23, 1998, was delivered to the Speaker.

And then the House adjourned at 8.04 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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. 40) intituled *Environment Management Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 23, 1998

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.

Ms. *McKinnon* presented a petition regarding changes to the Labour Code.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the BC Treaty Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements, 1998.

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 Finance and Corporate Relations).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

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.

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 Finance and Corporate Relations).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Krueger*, 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 7.55 p.m.

Thursday, June 25, 1998

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 Finance and Corporate Relations).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 33) read a second time, and by leave, was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

Mr. *Krueger* moved that the House do now adjourn.

The House adjourned at 11.32 a.m.

Thursday, June 25, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Education) 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. 39) intituled *Public Education Collective Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 24, 1998

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. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a point of order relating to Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*, namely, that the Bill became a dropped order but continued to appear on the Order Paper.

The Speaker ruled that the order is currently a dropped order as a result of the adjournment of the House during consideration of the adjourned debate on second reading of Bill (No. 26) this morning and appears on the Orders of the Day in italics. The order may be called again after passage of a motion on notice to restore it to the Orders of the Day.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) tabled the Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority Annual Report, 1997/1998.

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 Finance and Corporate Relations).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *Oil and Gas Commission Act*, a debate arose.

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.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Northern Development Act* was committed.

A proposed amendment in the name of Mr. *Neufeld* on the Order Paper, moved by Mr. *Jarvis*, to section 3 of Bill (No. 27) was defeated, on division.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 27) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$91,126,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,842,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Registries, to 31st March, 1999.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Pensions Administration, to 31st March, 1999.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Product Sales and Services, to 31st March, 1999.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$880,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 1999.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries), to 31st March, 1999.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$244,351,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Benefits, to 31st March, 1999.

67. *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 and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts, to 31st March, 1999.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,606,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Corporate Accounting System, to 31st March, 1999.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$837,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 1999.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,268,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Public Sector Employers' Council, to 31st March, 1999.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,082,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Public Service Employee Relations Commission, to 31st March, 1999.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.

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).

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Northern Development Act* was again committed and 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. 22) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

On the motion that Section A rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—7

van Dongen
Coell

Abbott
Hawkins

Sanders
Coleman

Penner

NAYS—10

Gillespie
Kasper
Bowbrick

Goodacre
Sawicki
Ramsey

Giesbrecht
Calendino

McGregor
Conroy

Section A continued to sit.

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.

Friday, June 26, 1998

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Gillespie*.

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).

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

(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)

On the motion that Section A rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—11

Gillespie
Kasper
Giesbrecht

Farnworth
Striefel
Janssen

Sihota
Orcherton
McGregor

Conroy
Symons

NAYS—1

Coell

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, June 29, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 41) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 3), 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 25, 1998

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 following:

Draft Response of the Legislative Assembly to the 1995 Judicial Compensation Committee Report; Criminal Injury Compensation Program of British Columbia Report, 1997; and Report on Multiculturalism, 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 Finance and Corporate Relations with respect to Vote No. 41).

50 The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the order for the adjourned debate on Second Reading of Bill (No. 26), *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998* be reinstated to the Orders of the Day.

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

The procedure that the House is presently embarked upon is somewhat novel to this House, and a comment on the procedure may be of assistance to Honourable Members.

Members will be aware that our Standing Order No. 1 refers us to the practice of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain in the absence of express provision in our own Standing Orders or precedents from this Assembly. Accordingly, extensive reference has been made to Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*.

The House is dealing with the broad category of business generally known as "dropped orders" and the procedures to be followed arising from a dropped order are outlined in Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 22nd edition at page 321.

The authority quoted states, in part, as follows:

"A dropped Government order may be reinstated for the day following that on which the unexpected adjournment takes place by means of a motion to that effect appearing on that day's Order Paper in the name of a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business. The dropped order itself appears printed in italics either at the head of the list of orders of the day or at the place where the Government wishes it to be taken."

It is, therefore, the Chair's view that the procedures adopted consequent upon the dropped government order have been correct, in that notice of motion to reinstate has been given and appears on today's Orders as Notice on Motion No. 50.

The major question that remains unanswered is whether or not the government motion to reinstate Bill (No. 26) to its former position on Orders of the Day, is a debatable motion.

The Chair is of the view that the motion in question is debatable, but only within the confines of the scope of debate applicable to a "business" or "procedural" motion. Such motions relate to the business of the House and are described at page 315 of the 22nd edition of Erskine May.

The scope of debate on a business or procedural motion does not extend to permit an examination in detail of the subject matter of the motion, but rather directs itself as to the reasons, pro and con, for reinstatement of the order for the adjourned debate on second reading of the bill.

I further refer to Erskine May's 22nd edition at page 321, where discussing such motions it states:

"If debate occurs on such a motion, it must be strictly limited to the precise object of the motion."

I draw an analogy between this motion before the House and a motion to recommit a bill to a Committee of the Whole House, in part or in whole, after the bill has been reported to the House from a Committee of the Whole. In the circumstances, the Speaker under the United Kingdom practice permits a brief explanatory statement of the reasons for recommitment to the member who moves the motion, and from a member who opposes the motion, after which explanations the Speaker puts the question on the motion without further debate. This United Kingdom practice has now been codified in their Standing Orders and is discussed in the above referred edition of Erskine May at page 542.

In this House, the bill which the government seeks to restore to the Order Paper is presently at the stage of adjourned debate on second reading. The Chair notes that many Members have not yet exercised their right to speak on the motion for second reading, nor have any of the standard amendments to this motion been moved, thereby providing ample opportunity to speak to the substance of the bill in question.

It is, therefore, the Chair's view that the motion in question cannot be distinguished from any other procedural motion and is debatable only to the extent of the mechanics of reinstatement. The merit of the bill may be fully canvassed when, and if, the motion for reinstatement passes.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

By leave, Mr. *Farrell-Collins* tabled documents.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Plant*, 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.

On the motion that the House recess until 6.35 p.m. a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Symons* adjourned the debate.

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coleman*.

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 Finance and Corporate Relations with respect to Vote No. 41).

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 42) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 25, 1998

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$296,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, British Columbia Transit, to 31st March, 1999.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

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 Finance and Corporate Relations) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, June 30, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture Annual Reports 1996/97; 1997/98.

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. 42) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 1998*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 42) read a second time, on division.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, Bill (No. 42) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 42) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Northern Development Act* was 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.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

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

Bill (No. 17) *Waste Management Amendment Act, 1998*.

Bill (No. 20) *Statute Revision Correction and Miscellaneous Amendments Act, 1998*.

Bill (No. 23) *Park Amendment Act, 1998*.

Bill (No. 27) *Northern Development Act*.

Bill (No. 33) *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998*.

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

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

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

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

Bill (No. 42) *Supply Act (No. 2), 1998*.

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

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 Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4.09 p.m.

Monday, July 6, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. MacPhail*.

The Hon. *D. Miller* made a statement regarding the death of *Emery O. Barnes*, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, on July 1, 1998.

Mr. *Stevenson* made a statement.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

Mr. *Weisgerber* made a statement.

The Speaker stated that she would convey to the family of the late Mr. *Barnes*, the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Fisheries) made a ministerial statement regarding the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

Mr. *van Dongen* made a statement.

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 Environment, Lands and Parks).

52 The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* moved—

Be it resolved that, pursuant to section 13 (13) of the *Provincial Court Act*, the Legislative Assembly respond to the 1995 Judicial Compensation Report in the form tabled by the Attorney General on June 29th, 1998, and entitled *Response of the Legislative Assembly to the 1995 Judicial Compensation Committee Report*.

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 50:

That the order for the adjourned debate on Second Reading of Bill (No. 26), *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998* be reinstated to the Orders of the Day.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Reid*, 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 Environment, Lands and Parks).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 50:

That the order for the adjourned debate on Second Reading of Bill (No. 26), *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998* be reinstated to the Orders of the Day.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—28

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>

(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 8.57 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7, 1998

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 Environment, Lands and Parks).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Krueger* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading for Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*, be amended by deleting the word "now" and adding the words "on this day six months' hence".

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

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.

Tuesday, July 7, 1998

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 Environment, Lands and Parks).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. Lovick*, the debate on the amendment 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.

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 Environment, Lands and Parks followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Thorpe* that the debate on the amendment be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

YEAS—24

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>

NAYS—35

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

On a point of order being raised, the Chair quoted *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, at page 71 and stated “a Member cannot speak to the motion again if he or she unsuccessfully moves adjournment of the debate.” The Chair further stated that a Member may not, under these circumstances, reserve his or her right to speak again.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

On the motion of Ms. *Whittred*, that the debate on the amendment be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negated on the following division:

YEAS—7

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	

NAYS—35

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$403,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1999.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$151,032,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,679,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Assessment and Land Use Coordination, to 31st March, 1999.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,132,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Boards and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 1999.

On the motion that Section A rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

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

YEAS—17

<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>
<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Sawicki</i>			

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 at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks) 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 1.58 a.m.

Wednesday, July 8, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. McGregor*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 44) intituled *Regulatory Streamlining Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1998

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. *I. Waddell* (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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 43) intituled *Business Paper Reduction Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1998

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, 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.

On the motion that the House recess until 6.35 p.m. a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Mr. *G. F. Wilson* moved that the question be now put pursuant to Standing Order 46.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a point of order, namely, that only five Members had spoken to the motion and therefore the Speaker ought not to put the question.

The Speaker indicated that she would accept the motion pursuant to Standing Order 46 as the motion under debate was procedural rather than substantive and the hour referred to in the motion had passed.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

Evans
Zirnhelt
McGregor
Kwan
Boone
Pullinger
Lali
Orcherton
Stevenson
Calendino

Goodacre
Walsh
Randall
Gillespie
Robertson
Cashore
Conroy
Priddy
Petter

Miller
Dosanjh
MacPhail
Lovick
Ramsey
Farnworth
Waddell
Hartley
Sihota

Smallwood
Sawicki
Bowbrick
Kasper
Doyle
Giesbrecht
Janssen
G. F. Wilson
Weisgerber

NAYS—25

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Coell</i>			

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a point of order, namely, that the vote was not effective without a significant majority in favour and cited U.K. Standing Order No. 36.

The Speaker ruled that the practice in British Columbia has been to decide the question “that the question be now put” by a majority.

On the motion that the house recess until 6.35 p.m. the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—25

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Coell</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 Aboriginal Affairs).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—25

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Coell</i>			

NAYS—35

Evans
Zirnhelt
McGregor
Kwan
Boone
Pullinger
Lali
Orcherton
Stevenson

Calendino
Goodacre
Walsh
Randall
Gillespie
Robertson
Cashore
Conroy
Priddy

Petter
Miller
Dosanjh
MacPhail
Lovick
Ramsey
Farnworth
Waddell
Hartley

Sihota
Smallwood
Sawicki
Bowbrick
Kasper
Doyle
Giesbrecht
Janssen

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

Ms. *Chong* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*, be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

“Bill (No. 26) be not now read a second time, but that the subject matter be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Economic Development, Science, Labour, Training and Technology.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 2.29 a.m.

Thursday, July 9, 1998

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Thursday, July 9, 1998

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 Aboriginal Affairs).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Masi*, the debate on the amendment 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 Aboriginal Affairs).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—12

Farrell-Collins
de Jong
Abbott

Anderson
Nettleton
Weisbeck

Nebbeling
Hogg
Hawkins

Coleman
Symons
Krueger

NAYS—34

Evans
McGregor
Kwan
Hammell
Boone
Streifel
Pullinger
Lali
Orcherton

Stevenson
Calendino
Goodacre
Walsh
Randall
Gillespie
Robertson
Cashore
Conroy

Priddy
Petter
Dosanjh
MacPhail
Lovick
Farnworth
Waddell
Hartley

Sihota
Smallwood
Sawicki
Bowbrick
Kasper
Doyle
Giesbrecht
Janssen

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.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$334,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,157,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 2.04 a.m.

Friday, July 10, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Mr. *Barisoff* presented a petition on behalf of constituents from Rossland-Trail, Okanagan-Boundary and Shuswap.

Order called for Private Members' Statements.

And then the House adjourned at 11.09 a.m.

Monday, July 13, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coell*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *de Jong* moved the following amendment—

To delete all of the words after "that" and substitute therefore the following:

This House declines to give second reading to Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*, for the reason that the Bill, in principle, risks further damaging investor confidence and the provincial economy.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. Kwan*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned until later today.

The Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN,
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *Homeowner Protection Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 13, 1998

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. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs), on behalf of the Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 47) intituled *Strata Property Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 6, 1998

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 resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Abbott*, the debate on the amendment 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 amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

On the motion of Ms. *Sanders*, that the debate on the amendment be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

YEAS—7

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Symons</i>	

NAYS—35

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Symons* that the House do now adjourn, the House divided.

Motion negated on the following division:

YEAS—6

<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>		

NAYS—35

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—7

<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	

NAYS—35

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

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of Mr. *Dalton* that the House do now adjourn, the House divided.

Motion negated on the following division:

YEAS—8

<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>

NAYS—35

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Clark* that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

YEAS—12

<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>

NAYS—35

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

The debate on the main motion continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—28

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

Bill (No. 26) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting of the House after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *van Dongen*.

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 B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

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

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 B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$448,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry for Children and Families, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,426,919,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry for Children and Families, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

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 10.03 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nettleton*.

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 Report, 1997.

Ms. *Sanders* presented a petition regarding changes to the Labour Code.

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998* was committed.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report progress, the House divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—27

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

NAYS—34

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

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

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) made a ministerial statement regarding the Nisga'a Agreement.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

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

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

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

Mr. *Hansen* moved an amendment to the proposed section 55.1 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) which was defeated, on division.

Section 55.1 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 55.11 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 55.12 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Mr. *Hansen* moved an amendment to the proposed section 55.14 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—22

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>		

NAYS—34

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

Mr. *Hansen* moved an amendment to the proposed section 55.16 (2) contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) which was defeated, on division.

Mr. *Hansen* moved an amendment to the proposed section 55.16 (7) contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) which was defeated, on division.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.58 p.m.

Thursday, July 16, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McKinnon*.

Ms. *Hawkins* presented a petition regarding changes to the Labour Code.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

Mr. *Hansen* moved an amendment to the proposed section 55.18 (1) contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) which was defeated, on division.

Section 55.18 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 55.19 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, July 16, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister Responsible for Housing) 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. 45) intituled *Builders Lien Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 16, 1998

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) 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. 35) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 17, 1998

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 Finance and Corporate 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. 48) intituled *BC OnLine Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 6, 1998

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) tabled the Ministry of Women's Equality Annual Report, 1996/97, 1997/98.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

Section 55.2 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 55.21 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 55.22 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 55.23 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 55.24 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 55.25 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 55.26 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Section 2, as amended, of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 26) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 26) was reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered 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 Ministry of Health).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B 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 B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health).

(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.
 And then the House adjourned at 8.56 p.m.

Friday, July 17, 1998

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Chong*.

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. 50) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1998* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 16, 1998

Bill introduced and read a first time.
 Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(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.

And then the House adjourned at 12.54 p.m.

Monday, July 20, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) tabled the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission Annual Report, 1997-1998.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 1997/98.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B 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 B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health).

(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.

And then the House adjourned at 9.56 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21, 1998

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cashore*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Oil and Gas Commission Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Plant* on the Order Paper to section 12 of Bill (No. 24) was defeated, on division.

In consideration of section 12 of Bill (No. 24), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—35

Evans
Zirnhelt
McGregor
Kwan
Hammell
Boone
Streifel
Pullinger
Lali

Stevenson
Calendino
Goodacre
Walsh
Randall
Gillespie
Robertson
Cashore
Conroy

Priddy
Petter
Miller
G. Clark
Dosanjh
MacPhail
Lovick
Ramsey
Farnworth

Waddell
Smallwood
Sawicki
Bowbrick
Kasper
Doyle
Giesbrecht
Janssen

NAYS—30

Sanders
Farrell-Collins
de Jong
Plant
Abbott
Reid
Neufeld
Coell

Chong
Whittred
Jarvis
Anderson
Nettleton
Penner
G. F. Wilson
Weisbeck

Hogg
Hawkins
Coleman
Stephens
Hansen
Thorpe
Symons

van Dongen
Barisoff
Dalton
Masi
Krueger
McKinnon
J. D. Wilson

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

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

51 The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* moved—

That the proceedings relating to the third reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, be declared null and void and that the said Bill be re-committed forthwith with respect to section 8.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 19) was re-committed.

Bill (No. 19) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Tuesday, July 21, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

By leave, Mr. *Campbell* tabled documents relating to the Nisga’a Agreement.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Annual Report, 1996/1997.

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 B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Health).

(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.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—32

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

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 34) read a second time, and by leave, was committed.

Section 1 of Bill (No. 34) passed, on division.

Section 10 of Bill (No. 34) passed, on division.

Section 17 of Bill (No. 34) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 34) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 37) 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. 31) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

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. 39) intituled *Public Education Collective Agreement Act*, a debate arose.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

The debate continued.

Ms. *Sanders* moved the following amendment—

That this House decline to give second reading to Bill (No. 39), intituled *Public Education Collective Agreement Act*, for the reason that the government has underestimated and inadequately funded the total cost of:

- (a) the agreement in committee;
- (b) the existing collective agreements; and
- (c) the capital construction arising from the first two.

As a result, this will undermine British Columbians' confidence in the public school system.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 22, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Hammell*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the following: Environmental Assessment Office Annual Report, 1995–1997; and Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 1997/1998.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the BC Transit Annual Report, 1997-1998.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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; 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.

That the Special Committee of Selection be empowered to compile the list of Members for the said Committee.

Motion agreed to.

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

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills be 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.

Motion agreed to.

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

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend the appointment of an Ombudsman, pursuant to Section 2 (2) of the *Ombudsman Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 340), and that the said Committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition is empowered:

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

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative

Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

That the Special Committee of Selection be empowered to compile the list of Members for the said Committee.

Motion agreed to.

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.

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 B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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, 1999.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 p.m.

Thursday, July 23, 1998

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled *Strata Property Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 47) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Homeowner Protection Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, July 23, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *G. F. Wilson*, Bill (No. M 211) intituled *An Act to Amend the Medical Practitioner's 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. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Provincial Forest Land Commission Annual Report, 1997-1998.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries be appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to an "Agri-food" Policy for the new Millennium and beyond for British Columbia and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to consider:

1. the deliberations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food's agri-food policy consultations and
2. any other matters referred to the Committee by the Minister of Agriculture and Food.

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

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

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *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 adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- (c) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned and during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session;
- (d) to retain personnel to assist the Committee;

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

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 1998* 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 *Victoria Foundation Amendment Act, 1998* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(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.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *BC OnLine Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

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<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>

Bill (No. 48) read a second time, and by leave, was committed.

Section 1, as amended, of Bill (No. 48) passed, on division.

In consideration of the title of Bill (No. 48), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—34

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

NAYS—23

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	

Bill (No. 48) was reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 48), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

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<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	

By leave, Bill (No. 48) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Builders Lien Amendment Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 45) read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 3), 1998*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 41) read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Regulatory Streamlining Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 44) read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Business Paper Reduction Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 43) read a second time, and by leave, was committed.

Mr. *Thorpe* moved an amendment to section 19 (1) of Bill (No. 43) which was defeated, on division.

Mr. *Thorpe* moved an amendment to section 21 of Bill (No. 43) which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 43) was reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Public Education Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.03 a.m.

Friday, July 24, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *M. Farnworth*.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Education) tabled the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training Annual Report, 1996-1997.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(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.

And then the House adjourned at 12.58 p.m.

Monday, July 27, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Fisheries) tabled the Fisheries Renewal BC Annual Report, 1997-1998.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour), on behalf of the Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology), tabled the Report on Operations, Financial Statements and Report of the Auditor General for the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission, 1997/98.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(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.

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 amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Public Education Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—29

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

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

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—34

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

NAYS—29

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

Bill (No. 39) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting of the House after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—34

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

NAYS—26

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>		

Bill (No. 35) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting of the House after today.

And then the House adjourned at 12.18 a.m.

Tuesday, July 28, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Whittred*.

On the motion of Mr. *Abbott*, Bill (No. M 212) intituled *An Act to Amend the Hospital District 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 House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Strata Property Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* was committed.

Section 937.5 contained within section 2 of Bill (No. 35) passed, on division.

In consideration of section 5, as amended, of Bill (No. 35), the Committee divided.

Section passed *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—64

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

Bill (No. 35) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 12.06 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28, 1998

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 Third 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 Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations Annual Report, 1996/97;

Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued by Treasury Board or the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1998; and

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits pursuant to the *Unclaimed Money Act* for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1998.

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

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

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

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.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$469,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1999.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,110,515,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 1999.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,219,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 1999.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,311,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 1999.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,051,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Legislation, to 31st March, 1999.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,923,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Auditor General, Auditor General, to 31st March, 1999.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,153,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Child, Youth and Family Advocate, Office of the Child, Youth and Family Advocate, to 31st March, 1999.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$189,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 1999.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,991,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Elections B.C., Elections B.C., to 31st March, 1999.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,460,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Information and Privacy Commissioner, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 1999.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,705,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ombudsman, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 1999.

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 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. 46) intituled *Homeowner Protection Act*.

Bill (No. 46) read a second time, on division.

By leave, Bill (No. 46) was committed.

In consideration of section 14 of Bill (No. 46) the Committee divided.

Section passed *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—59

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	

In consideration of section 22, as amended, of Bill (No. 46) the Committee divided.

Section passed *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—57

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Randall</i>			

Section 32 of Bill (No. 46) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 46) was reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 46) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

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<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Chong</i>			

By leave, Bill (No. 46) read a third time and passed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Krueger* moved the following amendment:

To delete all of the words after “that” and substitute therefor the following:

This House declines to give second reading to Bill (No. 50) for the reason that the Bill, in principle, attacks the democratic rights of British Columbians and would damage public confidence in government.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—26

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>		

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

The debate resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—26

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>		

Bill (No. 50) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved that the House at its rising stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. today.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 10.10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 29, 1998

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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 15, 1998.

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 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Education, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

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 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Finance, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

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 15, 1998.

And then the House adjourned at 12.36 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *G. F. Wilson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology) tabled the following:

BC Systems Corporation Annual Report, 1997-98;
Science Council of British Columbia Annual Review, 1997/98; and
British Columbia Buildings Corporation Annual Report 1998.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

British Columbia Educational Institutions Capital Financing Authority financial statements as at March 31, 1998; and

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (College) Act*, year ended August 31, 1997.

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

Third REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
July 28, 1998

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on March 26, 1998 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing and Special Committees of this House for the present Session, begs leave to report the following substitution for the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries and the membership of the Special Committee to Appoint an Ombudsman and the Special Committee on the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES—Mr. *Neufeld* be substituted by Mr. *Masi*.

OMBUDSMAN—Mr. *Calendino* (Convener), Messrs. *Stevenson*, *Orcherton*, *Kasper*, Mmes. *Smallwood*, *Walsh*, Mr. *Coleman*, Mmes. *Hawkins*, *Clark* and *McKinnon*.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT—Mr. *Janssen* (Convener), Mmes. *Sawicki*, *Walsh*, Messrs. *Bowbrick*, *Kasper*, *Sihota*, Messrs. *Plant*, *Abbott*, *Weisbeck* and Ms. *Whittred*.

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.

Mr. *Gingell* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Gingell* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Randall* presented petitions regarding changes to the Labour Code.

Mr. *Cashore* presented a petition regarding elimination of organochlorines from mills' effluent.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on April 21, 23, 28; May 4, 12, 20, 21, 25, 26; June 4, 10, 12, 15, 23, 25, 30; and July 7, 9, 14, 22, 28, 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, 284 million, 523 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 1998* and section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 1998* 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, 1999.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 49) intituled *Supply Act, 1998-99* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 16, 1998

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. 49) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, Bill (No. 49) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 49) intituled *Supply Act, 1998-99* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

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

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

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

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

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<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>

Bill (No. 36) read a second time, and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

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

Bill (No. 36) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

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

That the proceedings relating to the third reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 1998* be declared null and void and that the said Bill be re-committed forthwith with respect to an amendment to substitute the phrases “person with a mental disorder” or “persons with a mental disorder” for the phrases “mentally disordered person” and “mentally disordered persons” respectively.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 22) was re-committed.

Bill (No. 22) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—59

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Tobacco Fee Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

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<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>		

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. 30) intituled *Tobacco Damages Recovery Amendment Act, 1998*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—65

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

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—55

Evans	Randall	Sihota	Reid
Zirnhelt	Gillespie	Sawicki	Coell
McGregor	Robertson	Bowbrick	Chong
Kwan	Cashore	Kasper	Whittred
Hammell	Priddy	Doyle	Anderson
Boone	Petter	Giesbrecht	G. F. Wilson
Streifel	Miller	Janssen	Weisbeck
Pullinger	G. Clark	Sanders	Nebbeling
Lali	Dosanjh	C. Clark	Hogg
Orcherton	MacPhail	Campbell	Hawkins
Stevenson	Lovick	Farrell-Collins	Stephens
Calendino	Farnworth	de Jong	Symons
Goodacre	Waddell	Plant	McKinnon
Walsh	Hartley	Abbott	

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Neufeld	Coleman	Barisoff	Krueger
Jarvis	Thorpe	Dalton	J. D. Wilson
Penner	van Dongen	Masi	

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. 50) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1998* was committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 50), the Committee divided.

Section passed *nemine contradicente* as follows:

YEAS—65

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

Section 2 of Bill (No. 50) passed, on division.

Section 39 of Bill (No. 50) passed, on division.

Section 42 of Bill (No. 50) passed, on division.

Section 43 of Bill (No. 50) passed, on division.

Section 46 of Bill (No. 50) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 50) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time, on division, and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 2.24 a.m.

Thursday, July 30, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Stephens*.

On the motion of Mr. *Neufeld*, Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Rural Health Transportation 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 House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 1998* was committed.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 28) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 28) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Tobacco Fee Act* was committed.

Section 2 of Bill (No. 29) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, July 30, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 1997.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the British Columbia Heritage Trust Annual Report, 1997/1998 and Financial Statements as at March 31, 1998.

Mr. *Penner* presented a petition regarding mammography screening.

Mr. *Thorpe* presented a petition regarding Hepatitis C compensation.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors Annual Reports, 1995/96; 1996/97.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:
Statement of Crown Proceeding Payments for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1997; and
Statement of 1997/98 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Elections British Columbia Annual Report, 1997.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Tobacco Fee Act* was again committed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 29) complete with amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 29) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 30) intituled *Tobacco Damages Recovery Amendment Act, 1998* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Gingell* on the Order Paper to section 43 contained within section 12 of Bill (No. 21), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—23

<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>	

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

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Gingell* on the Order Paper to section 57 contained within section 12 of Bill (No. 21) was defeated, on division.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* was committed.

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

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1998* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998* was committed, and reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 38), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—54

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Plant</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Abbott</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Waddell</i>		

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<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>		

By leave, Bill (No. 38) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled *Public Education Collective Agreement Act* was committed.

Section 1 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

Section 2 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 39) complete without amendment passed, on division.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 39), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

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

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<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. D. Wilson</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	

Bill (No. 39) read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

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

Bill (No. 14) *Workers Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 19) *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 21) *Assessment Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 22) *Mental Health Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 24) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998.*

Bill (No. 25) *Family Relations Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 26) *Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 28) *Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 29) *Tobacco Fee Act.*

Bill (No. 30) *Tobacco Damages Recovery Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 31) *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 32) *Oil and Gas Commission Act.*

Bill (No. 34) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 35) *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.*

Bill (No. 36) *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Act*.

Bill (No. 37) *Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act*.

Bill (No. 38) *Pension Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1998*.

Bill (No. 39) *Public Education Collective Agreement Act*.

Bill (No. 41) *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 3), 1998*.

Bill (No. 43) *Business Paper Reduction Act*.

Bill (No. 44) *Regulatory Streamlining Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998*.

Bill (No. 45) *Builders Lien Amendment Act, 1998*.

Bill (No. 46) *Homeowner Protection Act*.

Bill (No. 47) *Strata Property Act*.

Bill (No. 48) *BC OnLine Act*.

Bill (No. 50) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1998*.

Bill (No. Pr 401) *Vancouver Foundation Amendment Act, 1998*.

Bill (No. Pr 402) *Victoria Foundation Amendment Act, 1998*.

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

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

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

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

Bill (No. 49) *Supply Act, 1998-99*.

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

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

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

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *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 Third Session of the Thirty-Sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that she 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 her stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 11.13 p.m.

Monday, November 30, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayer by local First Nations Elder Marianne Thomas.

Prayer by the Reverend Rod Robinson, Nisga'a Nation Ambassador.

The Speaker called for a moment of silence in memory of friends and family.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the negotiation of the Nisga'a Treaty.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

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

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

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

JOHN CALDWELL COWAN
Administrator

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 27, 1998

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 Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled a document entitled Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement.

And then the House adjourned at 3.05 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) made a ministerial statement regarding World AIDS Day and Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Day.

Mr. *Hansen* made a statement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga’a Final Agreement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Financial Statement of the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia for the year ended March 31, 1998;

Auditor General 1998/99: Report 1 — Follow-up of 1996 Performance Audits/Studies;

Auditor General 1998/99: Report 2 — Managing the Cost of Drug Therapies and Fostering Appropriate Drug Use — Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors: Pharmacare Branch;

Auditor General 1998/99: Report 3 — Collection of Overdue Accounts Receivable; and

Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, 1997-98.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a ministerial statement regarding the Vancouver Whistler 2010 Winter Olympic bid.

Mr. *Thorpe* made a statement.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

That the following Standing Orders be amended for the duration of the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament commencing on November 30, 1998:

Sittings

Daily sittings.

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

Monday: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Two distinct sittings:
10 a.m. to 12 noon
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Thursday: Two distinct sittings:
 10 a.m. to 12 noon
 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Hour of interruption.

3. If at the hour of 6 p.m. on any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, or 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the business of the day is not concluded and no other hour has been agreed on for the next sitting, the Speaker shall leave the Chair:

On Monday until 10 a.m. Tuesday
 On Tuesday until 2 p.m. Wednesday
 On Wednesday until 10 a.m. Thursday
 On Thursday until 2 p.m. Monday

Routine Business

Daily Routine.

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

Prayers (morning or afternoon sitting)

Introduction of Bills

Oral question period (15 minutes, afternoon sittings: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Presenting Petitions _____

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Presenting Reports by Committees

Motions on Notice _____

Written Questions on Notice

Proposed Amendments on Notice

Orders of the Day.

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

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

(Government Days)

Throne Speech Debate

Budget Debate including Committee of Supply

Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice

Private Bills

Public Bills in the hands of Private Members

Adjourned debate on other motions

Private Members' Statements (6 p.m. Wednesday)

Private Members' Statements

Statements.

25A. (1) Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. a Private Member may make a statement, notice of which has been tabled no later than 6 p.m. the preceding Monday.

(2) The order in which such statements are to be called shall be determined by lot by the Speaker, before appearing on the Orders of the Day.

(3) The time allocated on Wednesday for statements and discussion thereon shall not exceed one hour, and the time for each statement shall be limited to 15 minutes as follows:

Proponent: maximum of 7 minutes

Any other Members: maximum of 5 minutes

Proponent in reply: maximum of 3 minutes

(4) Private Members' statements shall not be subject to amendment, adjournment or vote.

(5) Statements and discussions under this Standing Order:

(a) shall be confined to one matter;

(b) shall not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same Session;

(c) shall not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration by the House, in respect of which a Notice of Motion has been previously given and not withdrawn;

(d) shall not raise a question of privilege.

Oral question period Friday.

47B. This Standing Order is suspended for the duration of the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament commencing on November 30, 1998.

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Abbott* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege with respect to comments made by the Minister of Forests.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

57 The Hon. *G. Clark* moved—

That Chief Gosnell of the Nisga'a Nation be permitted to address this Assembly from the Bar of the House.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Chief Gosnell was conducted to the Bar of the House and addressed the Legislature.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.40 p.m.

Thursday, December 3, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Electoral Boundaries Commission Report, 1998.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

It is very important in this House that we not reflect badly on this institution by the language that we use. Certain terminology has been used, and I just want to caution all Members that the debate that we are undertaking on Bill 51 indeed engenders considerable emotion. It seems to the Chair that opinions can be expressed by members without resorting to certain terminologies like implications of racism or personal attacks. The Chair wishes to encourage all Members to take that under advisement and to give more thought to the English language, which is indeed enormously rich and provides infinite scope for the expression of views in this Chamber.

And then the House adjourned at 12.04 p.m.

Thursday, December 3, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Women's Equality) made a ministerial statement regarding the recognition of December 6 as a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and tabled a copy of the Iqaluit Declaration.

Ms. *Stephens* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Human Resources) made a statement regarding International Volunteer Day.

Ms. *Whitred* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

Monday, December 7, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Masi*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Reid*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

By leave, Mr. *Janssen* was permitted to continue his speech beyond the time limit.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.37 a.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a ministerial statement regarding job growth in the tourism industry.

Mr. *Thorpe* made a statement.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today as the Member for Alberni was addressing the House on the second reading of Bill 51, the Member's time expired and upon being so advised, immediately took his seat.

The Member for Vancouver-Burrard then rose asking leave of the House to permit the Member for Alberni to continue his speech, thereby permitting him to speak beyond the allotted time. In effect, the Honourable Member was asking leave to suspend the Standing Orders without notice, presumably under the authority of Standing Order 49.

I quote from *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition at page 115:

"Decisions of our House relating to Standing Order 49 have made it clear that a private Member is not entitled to rise and ask leave to move a motion without notice unless the House is engaged in the business of "Motions on Notice" as designated under Standing Order 25."

The Chair advised the Member for Vancouver-Burrard that his request was out of order.

The Honourable Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, as House Leader, then rose to make a similar request, and, as stated in the authority above quoted:

“the House Leader has considerably more latitude as the Member responsible for the arrangement of the business of the House.”

In addition, the Member for Shuswap rose and indicated that the Official Opposition had no objection to the Member continuing.

It was clearly the will of the House, on an initiative taken by the Government House Leader, that the time limited under Standing Order 45A be, in this particular instance, suspended. Accordingly, the Member for Alberni was permitted to complete his remarks.

The above observations are made to clarify some uncertainty as to the procedures followed and, in conclusion, it should be noted that whenever the House proceeds by way of unanimous consent, that procedure does not constitute a precedent (*Can. Journals*, May 3, 1974, p. 161).

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga’a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.18 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9, 1998

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Barisoff*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report on Government Financial Accountability for the 1997/98 Fiscal Year — Part I, Report on the 1997/98 Public Accounts.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga’a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

Order for Private Members’ Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.46 p.m.

Thursday, December 10, 1998

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McKinnon*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Thursday, December 10, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier and Minister Responsible for Youth) made a ministerial statement regarding the 50th Anniversary of the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and read a statement from the Faith Leaders of British Columbia.

Mr. *Plant* made a statement.

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

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

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* requested that the Speaker convey the condolences of the Legislative Assembly to the family of Shaughnessy Cohen, MP, Liberal Member for Windsor, who died on December 9, 1998.

The Speaker advised that she would convey condolences on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Sihota* (Minister Responsible for the Public Service) made a ministerial statement regarding health care and education.

Ms. *C. Clark* made a statement.

Mr. *Thorpe* presented a petition regarding liquor licensing policy.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister Responsible for Housing) tabled the Ministry of Employment and Investment Annual Report, 1996/97.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.38 p.m.

Monday, December 14, 1998

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisgerber*.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a ministerial statement regarding the decision of the federal Minister of Finance to reject the proposed mergers of four of Canada's banks into two, and by leave, tabled the Report of the British Columbia Task Force on Bank Mergers.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) made a ministerial statement regarding Canada's farm safety net.

Mr. *Abbott* made a statement.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

By leave, the Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 1997-1998.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *U. Dosanjh*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* 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 Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that she 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 her stead for the purposes of this order.

And then the House adjourned at 5.42 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13, 1999

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

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., DECEMBER 24, 1998

“*The Honourable Gretchen Mann Brewin*

“*Speaker,*

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: By-election, Electoral District of Parksville-Qualicum, December 14, 1998.*

“HONOURABLE SPEAKER — The June 23, 1998 resignation of *Paul Reitsma*, the Member for the Electoral District of Parksville-Qualicum, created a vacancy in the membership of the Legislative Assembly.

“A Writ of Election was issued on November 16, 1998, requiring that a by-election be held to fill the vacancy. Accordingly, December 14, 1998, 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 *Judith Reid* as the Member to represent the Electoral District of Parksville-Qualicum 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.

Ms. *Judith Reid*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by Mr. *Campbell*, and took her seat.

The House observed a moment of silence for two provincial employees killed on the job by an avalanche and all those who have died while serving the people of British Columbia.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) made a ministerial statement regarding the dispute involving the Musqueam Indian Band.

Mr. *Hansen* made a statement.

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

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—33

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

Bill (No. 51) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House recessed until 6 p.m.

FOUR MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 7.05 p.m.

Thursday, January 14, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Symons.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was committed.

In Committee, the Chair made the following remarks:

Today we are embarking on the Committee Stage of Bill No. 51, a Bill to approve and give effect to the final agreement made between the Nisga'a, the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia. I wish to take this opportunity, in light of the unique form of the Bill, to comment on the process to be used in Committee debate.

The Bill would approve the final agreement which is attached as a Schedule and enacts ancillary legislation to conform with various aspects of the agreement. Similar types of bills have been passed at various times by the Canadian Parliament (the Canada-USA Free Trade Agreement 1988) and by the U.K. Parliament (the *Irish Free State Constitution Bill* 1922, the *Ottawa Agreements Bill* 1932, the *British North America Act* 1949, the *Canada Act* 1982). In all of these instances, the Committee Chair had to consider the appropriate format and process for amendments to the Bill.

It is a Crown prerogative to make agreements. The role of Parliament is to debate, accept, reject or amend the Bill but, subject to technical amendments, it cannot amend the Agreement.

On a proposed motion to amend the Agreement during the Free-Trade Agreement debate in the Canadian House of Commons in 1988, the Speaker ruled as follows:

"I wish to remind the Member that treaty-making power is within the prerogative of the Crown and, therefore, the Agreement itself cannot be amended."

In Beauchesne's, 5th edition, citation 778, it is stated:

"When a bill is introduced to give effect to an Agreement and the Agreement is scheduled to the bill as a completed document, amendments cannot be made to the schedule. An amendment to the clauses of the bill for the purpose of withholding legislative effect from the document contained in the schedule is in order; also as are amendments to those clauses which deal with matters not determined by the document contained in the schedule."

In the case at hand, the Chair will not accept amendments to the Schedule other than purely technical amendments to ensure the Schedule contains the correct text. The Chair will not accept amendments to sections of the Bill which have the effect of amending the Schedule, but will accept amendments to sections of the Bill that are relevant and otherwise in order.

It seems to the Chair that section 3 of the Bill embodies the operative portion of the Bill and accordingly, by way of example, amendments which would have the effect of withholding legislative effect might, if otherwise in order, be moved to that section.

It is to be remembered that the committee stage of a Bill does not provide an opportunity to recanvass all the arguments which were applicable at second reading where the principle of the Bill was under debate. During committee stage, debate must be strictly confined to the section which is before

the Committee, likewise, debate on proposed amendments must be strictly relevant to the amendment as proposed. The Agreement, while not amendable, except as provided above, will be open to debate when the Schedule is called, subject to the observations made with respect to section 3.

BILL HARTLEY, *Deputy Speaker*

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.49 a.m.

Thursday, January 14, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 51), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—23

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Symons</i>	

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Monday, January 18, 1999

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga’a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 51), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—32

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

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled a copy of a media analysis.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19, 1999

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga’a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, January 19, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Campbell* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the closure of the Highland Valley Copper Mine.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations.

Mr. *Krueger* made representations.

The Hon. *D. Miller* made representations.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled Public Report No. 37 — Fair First — An OmbudsAudit of the WCB Ombudsman.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Symons* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege with respect to the Minister Responsible for BC Ferries.

The Hon. *D. Zirnheld* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Ministry of Forests Annual Report, 1996/97.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) made a ministerial statement regarding Roberts Bank backup lands.

Mr. *Barisoff* made a statement.

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On January 19th, the Leader of the Official Opposition sought to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance under Standing Order 35, namely, the closing of the Highland Valley Copper Mine and the effect that it would have on the Kamloops and British Columbia economy.

Before dealing with the merits of the Honourable Member's application I wish to make one or two observations related to the procedures followed:

1. The appropriate time to make the application is after routine business has been concluded and before Orders of the Day are embarked upon, i.e. after Question Period. In this instance, the application was made before routine business had been concluded and, as such, will not be used as a precedent.

2. The Member making the application states the matter briefly and tenders to the Chair a Motion with a supporting statement. The Motion is not read or moved until the Chair has determined that it qualifies under Standing Order 35.

3. The Member making the application makes a brief submission and the Chair will allow a brief reply. Both the submission and the reply are intended to deal with the question of whether the issue qualifies under Standing Order 35, and not be a debate on the merits.

The Member for Kamloops–North Thompson sought the floor on what the Speaker assumed would be a technical submission relating to the application. The Honourable Member, however, launched into a debate on the matter.

From submissions made, the Chair is aware that an announcement has been made by Highland Valley Copper that the mine will be closed as of the 15th of May, 1999, some four months from now. The Deputy Premier, Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Northern Development advised the House that he had had discussions with representatives of the company with respect to the mine's situation and that the discussions were ongoing. On numerous occasions, Speakers of this House have ruled that an ongoing matter did not qualify under the test of urgency of debate required under Standing Order 35. It is evident to the Chair that while the issue at hand is a most serious issue with repercussions for the economy in the Kamloops area and throughout British Columbia, the test of urgency is not met under Standing Order 35.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.53 p.m.

Thursday, January 21, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Conroy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, January 21, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a ministerial statement regarding the Feature Film Advisory Committee Report and the British Columbia film industry.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made a statement.

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

By leave, Mr. *Gingell* made a statement with respect to a ministerial statement made yesterday regarding Roberts Bank backup lands.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

Monday, January 25, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coell*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Smallwood* presented the First Report of the Special Committee on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment.

The Report was taken as read and received.

Mr. *Campbell* presented a petition regarding a Nisga'a Treaty referendum.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to meet while the House is in session today.

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Tuesday, January 26, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thorpe*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, January 26, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) made a ministerial statement regarding the first draft agreement-in-principle with the Sechelt Indian Band.

Mr. *de Jong* made a statement.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *J. Reid*.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) made a ministerial statement regarding an explosion at the Solex Gas plant in Taylor, B.C.

Mr. *Neufeld* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a point of order regarding the possibility that a supplemental question be allowed the Opposition following the termination of Question Period.

The Speaker ruled that as time had been taken up dealing with a point of order raised during Question Period, she would allow a brief supplemental question.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

Thursday, January 28, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Abbott*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Thursday, January 28, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) made a ministerial statement regarding the retirement of George Garrett as a reporter with CKNW.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made a statement.

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) made a ministerial statement regarding the explosion at the Solex Gas plant in Taylor, B.C.

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

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a ministerial statement regarding the tourism industry in British Columbia and tabled the following documents:

Tourism British Columbia Annual Report, 1997/98;

Tourism British Columbia Business Plan Highlights 1998/99; and

By leave, a copy of a letter from Jean Anderson, Chair of Tourism British Columbia.

Mr. *Thorpe* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.

By leave, the Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following documents:

British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, year ended December 31, 1997; and

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Municipal) Act*, year ended December 31, 1997.

By leave, the Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled a copy of the existing water rights within boundaries of proposed Nisga'a Lands.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

Monday, February 1, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Randall*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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 Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that she 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 her stead for the purpose of this order.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—39

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

NAYS—32

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.50 p.m.

Monday, March 29, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Stephens*.

Mr. *Campbell* rose on a matter of privilege regarding the Member for Saanich South relative to the 1995/96 and 1996/97 budgets.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* reserved her right to make representations.

The Hon. *A. Petter* reserved his right to make representations.

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

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a matter of privilege regarding the 1996/97 estimates tabled by the former Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* reserved her right to make representations.

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

Ms. *Chong* rose on a matter of privilege regarding statements made by the Member for Saanich South concerning the budget of 1996/97.

The Hon. *A. Petter* reserved his right to make representations.

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

Mr. *Penner* rose on a matter of privilege regarding the budget planning process in 1996.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* reserved her right to make representations.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Campbell* sought leave to suspend the Standing Orders and move a Motion.

The Speaker ruled that a Private Member is not entitled to rise and ask leave to move a Motion without notice unless the House is engaged in the business of "Motions on Notice" as designated under Standing Order 25.

Mr. *Plant* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, recent statements by members of the Government and prominent members of the NDP.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made representations.

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

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

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 1998-99 Report 4 — A Review of the Estimates Process in British Columbia.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Penner*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented:

The Report of the Comptroller General (Interim Financial Statements for the Ten Month Period Ended January 31, 1999) in accordance with section 11 (3) of the *Financial Administration Act*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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:
Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2000; and
Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2000;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
March 29, 1999

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

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved, seconded by the Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture), "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. *Farrell-Collins*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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: Bills (Nos. 52 and 53) intituled:
Taxation Statutes Amendment Act, 1999;
Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1999
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 29, 1999

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 4.01 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Barisoff*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) made a ministerial statement regarding Cancer Month.

Mr. *Hansen* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

On the motion of Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 54) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 29, 1999*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 54) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1999*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 54) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1999*.

The debate continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

NAYS—29

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

Bill (No. 54) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, Bill (No. 54) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* moved an amendment to section 1 of Bill (No. 54) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>

NAYS—35

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

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

Bill to be considered later today.

The House recessed until 10.45 a.m.

Bill (No. 54) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1999* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 1.57 p.m.

Thursday, April 1, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *L. Reid*.

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Women's Equality) made a ministerial statement regarding the 3rd anniversary of the Vernon massacre.

Ms. *Stephens* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 54) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1999* was again committed and reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 54), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—24

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Gingell</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>

Bill (No. 54) was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered 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 title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 54) *Supply Act (No. 1), 1999*.

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

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 Act.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor made a statement regarding the creation of the Territory of Nunavut and the 50th anniversary of Newfoundland joining the Confederation of Canada.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* 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 4.58 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Ombudsman Annual Report, 1998; and

Auditor General 1998/99: Report 5 — Protecting Drinking Water Sources.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga’a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* tabled written representations with regard to the matters of privilege raised on March 29, 1999.

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Monday, March 29, 1999, the Honourable Member for Richmond-Steveston informed the House of his intention to move an adjournment motion under Standing Order 35 to debate a matter of urgent public importance, namely, that this House express its confidence in the independence, integrity and impartiality of the RCMP and the judiciary, having regard to certain recent statements by members of the Government and prominent members of the NDP concerning the RCMP.

The long established practice in this House is for the Member seeking leave to move an adjournment motion under Standing Order 35 to rise in his/her place, state the matter and hand the statement to the Speaker. However, in this instance, *Hansard* clearly shows that the Honourable Member rose and moved the motion to adjourn the House before making a statement, contrary to the express provisions of Standing Order 35.

On this ground alone, the motion appears to the Chair to be out of order, but in view of the seriousness of the allegations, further comment is warranted.

In dealing with applications under Standing Order 35, the Chair must take into account the wording of the standing order as well as other considerations established through practice.

Specifically, the matter must meet the test of urgency and public importance such that public interest would suffer if usual House business were not set aside to give the matter immediate attention. It has been stated many times that it is the urgency of debate that is paramount, not the urgency of the matter. The words urgent public importance in Standing Order 35 suggest a sudden and unexpected occurrence — hence, the presence of the essential element of suddenness.

The Chair is sensitive to the importance of the matter which the Member raises. Belief and full confidence in the independence, integrity and impartiality of the law enforcement agencies and the judiciary is of course one of the great traditions of the justice system within our democracy.

The Member submits that the statements in question raise the spectre of political intimidation of an on-going investigation. On this issue, I remind Members that the Attorney-General has stated in the House the Government’s position in this regard and I quote from *Hansard* of Monday, March 29 last: “. . . ministers of the Crown ought not and must not criticize the law enforcement agencies of the province. . .”

The Chair must also be satisfied that ordinary parliamentary opportunities will not occur shortly or in reasonable time to address the matter in the House. It is my opinion that there are other reasonable opportunities for debating the independence of law enforcement agencies and the judicial system. The estimates, including the Attorney-General estimates, having been referred to Committee of Supply provide a venue which traditionally affords Members an opportunity to address questions such as that raised by the Member. The debate on the motion “that the Speaker do now leave the Chair” provides another opportunity to canvass the matter.

I have also pointed out that during Oral Question Period on March 29, a very clear statement on this matter was made by the Attorney-General.

Therefore, on both technical and substantive grounds, the Member’s application cannot succeed.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. McGregor*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Sihota* (Minister Responsible for the Public Service) made a ministerial statement regarding a question asked of him during Oral Question Period.

Ms. *C. Clark* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose to reserve his right to raise a matter of privilege regarding comments made by the Member for Esquimalt-Metchosin.

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.56 p.m.

Thursday, April 8, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The Speaker made a statement as follows:

Honourable Members:

I have some observations to make relating to recent proceedings in the House. After reviewing the *Blues* from Oral Question Period during the last week of sittings, it seems to the Chair that Members need to be reminded about some basic rules applicable to Oral Question Period.

The Chair is making this statement well in advance of today's Oral Question Period so that both sides of the House will have ample notice of the Chair's view on this matter.

I have examined the statement made by the Speaker of this House on May 5, 1998, and feel it appropriate at this time to remind Honourable Members what was said at that time, and I quote, in part, as follows:

"The rules applicable to Oral Question Period are not complicated, and perhaps the best summary is outlined in our Standing Order 47A (b).

'Questions and answers shall be brief and precise and stated without argument or opinion.'

Any objective analysis of the current questions and answers leads to the conclusion that the quoted guidelines have been judiciously ignored by both sides of the House."

A slightly expanded guideline for questions and answers contained within the same decision, is as follows:

" 'The question must be brief. A preamble need not exceed one carefully drawn sentence. A long preamble on a long question takes an unfair share of time and provokes the same sort of reply. A supplementary question should need no preamble.'

'An answer should be confined to the points contained in the question, with such explanation only as renders the answer intelligible, though a certain latitude is permitted to Ministers of the Crown.' "

There is an increasing tendency to turn Oral Question Period into a vehicle for personal attack by both sides of the House which the Chair finds unacceptable. Having said that, it is generally the tone of the question which sets the stage for the answer. If it appears to the Chair that the phrasing of the question or answer offends the well established rules for Oral Question Period, the Chair will intervene, without explanation, and request the Member to rephrase the question or answer. If any Member wishes an explanation for the Chair's intervention, he or she may pursue the matter privately with the Speaker. Neither Question Period time nor House time, generally, will be used for any such explanations.

I wish to make further observations.

During the course of Question Period, several Members on both sides of the House are offering gratuitous advice from their seats relating to the conduct of Question Period. Their interjections varying between a call for "order", a call for "question", a call for "time". Such interventions show a lack of respect for the Chair and add nothing to the conduct of Question Period. If Members have a legitimate point of order they wish to raise, they may be aware that, on the conclusion of Question Period, they are entitled to rise on a point of order and state the matter, but it is unacceptable for these interjections to continue in their present form.

I request Honourable Members who are engaging in such interjections to desist.

The usual parliamentary practice is to avoid singling out Members of the House unless their behaviour is deemed to be inappropriate and a reprimand is felt to be necessary. In this particular instance, however, as the conduct of Question Period is currently under examination, I would commend to all Honourable Members the phrasing and delivery of questions used by the Honourable Member for Peace River South. It seems to the Chair that those questions are relatively concise, non-personal and conform with the best traditions of parliamentary practice. It is perhaps no accident that the answers the Honourable Member receives, are full, courteous and lacking in personal invective.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, April 8, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) made a ministerial statement regarding cancer survival rates in British Columbia.

Mr. *Hansen* made a statement.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 1998.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsman Public Report No. 38 — Righting the Wrong: The Confinement of the Sons of Freedom Doukhobor Children.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks Annual Report, 1998.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Education) tabled the Ministry of Education Annual Report, 1997/98.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Monday, April 12, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Chong*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism and Human Rights) tabled the *Criminal Injury Compensation Act* of British Columbia Annual Report 1998.

Mr. *Orcherton* presented a petition to end the Spring Bear Hunt.

Ms. *Chong* presented two petitions regarding aerial spraying with Foray 48B.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* made a statement regarding the government's intention to apply Standing Order 46 to debate on Bill 51 intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*, if it has not passed all stages by 6 p.m. on April 22.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nebbeling*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) made a ministerial statement recognizing April 13, 1999, as Holocaust Memorial Day.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

The House observed a moment of silence.

The Hon. *M. Sihota* (Minister Responsible for the Public Service) made a ministerial statement regarding the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Khalsa.

Ms. *Hawkins* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Workers' Compensation Board Annual Report, 1998.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) made a ministerial statement regarding planning and preparations for potential flooding.

Mr. *Coell* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.58 p.m.

Thursday, April 15, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *C. Clark*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, April 15, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Calendino* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint an Ombudsman.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, it was moved that the Rules be suspended and the report adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Calendino* moved—

That this House recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Mr. Howard Kushner as a statutory Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Ombudsman for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Ombudsman Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 340).

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a ministerial statement regarding B.C. Book Week.

Mr. *Thorpe* made a statement.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) rose, pursuant to Standing Order 17 to correct a statement.

The Speaker stated that the Honourable Member could correct a statement but not debate it, and reminded all Honourable Members that their statements and replies should not contain material of a controversial nature.

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

That Mr. *Jack Weisgerber*, MLA be substituted for the Honourable *Gordon Wilson*, MLA as a member on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Committee of Supply, Section A.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Monday, April 19, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Randall*.

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

ALAN MCFARLANE
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 55) intituled *Probate Fee Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 19, 1999

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 and Human Rights) tabled the Children's Commission Annual Report, 1998, and accompanying summary document entitled Recommendations and Responses.

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Women's Equality) made a ministerial statement regarding Prevention of Violence Against Women Week.

Ms. *Stephens* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

The Chair is now in a position to render a decision relating to the several matters of privilege raised on March 29, 1999.

Firstly, the Chair wishes to thank the Honourable Members raising the matters of privilege for their careful and well-researched presentations. In the same vein, the replies to the matters of privilege tabled by the Government House Leader have been of assistance to the Chair in arriving at its conclusions.

The Chair has examined carefully the important issues raised and, apart from the material tabled by both sides of the House, the Chair has carefully considered the Auditor General's Report of February, 1999, dealing with the review of the estimate process in British Columbia, and earlier decisions of the Speaker of the House delivered on July 15, 1996, and April 3, 1997.

The constituent elements of privilege have been described many times in this House, and for purposes of these decisions today, I refer Honourable Members to Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 22nd edition, at page 65, and *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, at page 47. It is important to remember that in this context the impropriety alleged must be established in the parliamentary sense, in that to establish a breach of privilege, it must be demonstrated that the person or persons named deliberately misled the House.

The decision of July 15, 1996, dealt with substantially the same matters of privilege we are dealing with today, and that decision examined the budgetary circumstances in detail and, based on the evidence presented at that time, concluded that the matter raised at that time did not fulfil the conditions of parliamentary privilege.

In the decision of the Chair on April 3, 1997, substantially the same matter was raised, firstly, by the Member for Delta South, and, secondly, by the Member for Matsqui. In both of these cases, the Members raising the matter of privilege stated that new material, which had recently become available, substantially affected the matter of privilege and, therefore, the matter could be raised anew. In those two decisions the new material was considered by the Chair in each case and the question was whether the new material, as tendered, supported the allegation that the Minister of the day, and the former Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations, had deliberately misled the House. In each case, at that time, the Chair ruled that the applications did not qualify, notwithstanding new evidence which was presented in each case.

So what is the new evidence or new factor the Honourable Members rely upon today to revitalize the matter of privilege and establish a *prima facie* case that the current Member for Saanich South, the former Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head, and the Premier (albeit on a slightly different ground) are guilty of a breach of the ancient privileges of Parliament, and in contempt of this House? It is clear that the Report from the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia of February, 1999, intitled "A Review of the Estimates Process in British Columbia" is the foundation document. This Report is hereinafter referred to as the "Morfitt Report".

The Chair has also examined the parliamentary authorities quoted in both the presentations on the matters of privilege, and the replies thereto. The paramount question which the Chair must focus on is whether or not the Morfitt Report provides sufficient evidence that one or more of the accused Members, deliberately misled the House by tabling documents which they knew to be "forged, falsified or fabricated with intent to deceive the House" (Erskine May, 21st edition, page 118).

I think it important here to provide Members with two material quotations from the Morfitt Report appearing at page 139 as follows:

"In our review, we have given consideration to circumstances that existed when Budget '96 was being developed. We believe no analysis of issues surrounding a budget is complete without a consideration of the important circumstances existing, because they could cause the government to act or make decisions, at least in part, on the basis of political imperatives. Such decisions may not necessarily be inappropriate, and many such decisions could simultaneously serve the public good and the political agenda of the government.

Although the circumstances referred to in this report could have led to decisions being made, in whole or in part, on the basis of political imperatives, we have not attempted to determine motivation, or intent, regarding any budget decisions. We believe such determination is outside the scope of our review."

Further, on the same page (139) the Auditor General states:

“In our opinion, information provided by government when these budgets were presented did not make full and fair disclosure of the extent of the business risk being assumed and the government’s plan to address it. In that sense, crucial information was missing, and consequently the prudence and appropriateness of budget decisions could not be properly examined by the Legislative Assembly and the public.”

Later on the same page, the Auditor General examines whether the actions taken and decisions made with respect to Budget ’96 conformed with existing legislation governing the estimate process. At page 140, the Auditor General notes that the interim financial statements were not tabled in the House when the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations presented the *Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1997*, and expresses the view that the legislation in this regard is unclear as to whether the statements had to be provided. He goes on to conclude at page 141 as follows:

“The government appears to have acted in reliance on legal advice suggesting it was not necessary to do so. Consequently, information on revenue and expenditure of the government from the beginning of the 1995/96 fiscal year ‘to the most recent date practicable’ was not made available when the Estimates were tabled on June 26, 1996.”

Dealing with the concept which is sometimes referred to as “due diligence”, the Morfitt Report states at page 140 “. . . we found no action taken or decision made by senior people in government, elected or appointed, that was not permitted by such legislation and other authorities.”

The Chair does not intend to examine the broad question of budgetary forecasting as this was fully canvassed in the decision of July 15, 1996, and further examined in the decisions of April 3, 1997. Based on those decisions, the Chair concluded that the process is an inexact science which present multiple options, described in the Morfitt Report as a range including three scenarios, namely, “optimistic”, “most likely” and “conservative”. The Auditor General in his exhaustive Report points out hazards of this process and states at page 152:

“The uncertainties inherent in estimating revenue are many. That is why it is necessary to build into the forecasting process as many checks and balances as possible, and to subject the outcome of each state of the process to rigorous challenges. It is important to note that the final outcome each year is what the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations ultimately considers to be reasonable based on existing information.”

Bearing in mind these general remarks, I now turn to the specifics of the matters of privilege raised.

The Leader of the Official Opposition bases his matter of privilege on two alleged improprieties:

1. That the Minister did not provide the House with a statement of revenue and expenditures required by section 11 of the *Financial Administration Act*.

In response, the Minister states that the obligation under the Act only arises where the statement referred to is prepared and submitted to the Minister, which was not the case here. It is further argued that the decision of the Comptroller General not to prepare such a statement, was based on legal advice obtained by finance staff, and this appears to be confirmed by the findings of the Morfitt Report at page 141.

2. The Leader of the Official Opposition states that the Minister “misled this House with respect to the results of the 1995/96 fiscal year, and with respect to the estimates of the 1996/97 fiscal year”.

The Morfitt report in this regard, states at page 143:

“The recommendation made to the Minister by his Deputy Minister to re-introduce the April budget was based on the Deputy’s conclusion that the revenue forecast was still ‘plausible and attainable.’”

Dealing with this same point, the Minister states:

“It is important to recall that a budget is a plan, based on forecast revenues and projected expenditures. In deciding to re-table the April 1996 budget, I was satisfied that the plan was both plausible and attainable, and had I not believed that to be the case, I would not have proceeded with its reintroduction.”

While subsequent events confirm that the projections were “overly optimistic”, the Chair notes that immediately upon the Minister receiving a detailed review of the Public Accounts indicating that a surplus was no longer possible, the Minister immediately tabled the revised forecast in the House. (*See* Morfitt Report at pages 122, 161 and 172.)

While the Morfitt Report makes the point that insufficient information was provided by Government when the budgets were presented, (in particular, in relation to the business risks being assumed), the Minister says (and Morfitt confirms) the extent of the disclosure was consistent with the statutory requirements practised in British Columbia and other Canadian jurisdictions. It is one thing to urge statutory reforms surrounding the budget process, but quite another to suggest that budgetary documents filed in accordance with existing statutory requirements can be characterized as a deliberately misleading document or a document which can be described as “forged, falsified or fabricated.” This, of course, the Morfitt Report does not pretend to do.

Turning again to the passage in Maingot’s book which the Leader of the Official Opposition relies upon in his presentation, on examining that authority at page 233 and 234, the Chair finds the Federal 1978 case referred to is distinguishable from the matter before this House today. Indeed Maingot, in commenting on the case, states that before the Speaker could find a *prima facie* case and permit a motion to be moved, there must be an admission by someone in authority that a Member of the House of Commons was intentionally misled or an admission of facts that leads naturally to the conclusion that a Member was intentionally misled. No such admissions can be found in the material filed or, in the Chair’s opinion, can be extrapolated from the Morfitt Report.

There is another long established rule which binds not only the Chair, but binds all Members of this House, and that is the rule that requires all of us, in the absence of incontrovertible evidence, to accept the word of another Honourable Member. While it would clearly not be the sole determining factor in this matter, the Chair notes that the Minister states in his reply to the matters raised:

“In deciding to re-table the April 1996 budget, I was satisfied that the plan was both plausible and attainable, and had I not believed that to be the case, I would not have proceeded with its reintroduction.”

The Chair has carefully considered the decisions of this House of July 15, 1996, and April 3, 1997, the submission made by the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition and the reply thereto, together with the Morfitt Report and the parliamentary authorities applicable. I have also had the opportunity to discuss with Mr. Joseph Maingot, Q.C., his text on *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*.

In conclusion, it is the Chair’s view that a *prima facie* case has not been established to permit the Member to move the tendered motion. In coming to this conclusion, the Chair is fully respectful of the overall conclusions of the Morfitt Report and its recommendation for statutory enactments to overcome the deficiencies in the budgetary process.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

I now wish to deal with the statement of privilege presented by the Opposition House Leader relating to the former Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head in her capacity as Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations. I note that the Honourable Member in his submission suggested that the budget in question was delivered to the House on April 28, 1996. The *Journals* of the House indicate the budget was delivered on April 30, 1996, and in subsequent references I have used that date.

In this matter of privilege, as in the previous one, I have carefully considered the submission by the Honourable Member and the reply as submitted by the Government House Leader. I have also examined the decisions of 1996 and 1997 relating to the same incident, together with the Morfitt Report, the parliamentary authorities as quoted, as well as other parliamentary authorities.

While the budget document presented by the then Minister Cull on April 30, 1996, was identical to the one presented by Minister Petter, one must examine the circumstances surrounding the tabling at that time.

The matter of privilege raised on March 25, 1997, by the Honourable Member for Matsqui, and the decision of April 3, 1997, examined those circumstances and, at that time, the Chair ruled that a *prima facie* case of privilege had not been established. What new circumstances intervened between then and now requiring the Chair to re-examine the matter? The answer seems to be the Morfitt Report which the Opposition House Leader urges contains evidence that the former Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head

had, on April 30, 1996, breached the privileges of the House. Bearing in mind the general tenor of the Report and its conceded aims and limitations, the Chair again must attempt to determine what new evidence, if any, can be found in the Report to warrant the conclusion that the former Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations deliberately misled the House. In this case, as in the previous case, the Chair must direct its attention to evidence of an impropriety in the parliamentary sense — that is — a deliberate attempt to mislead the House.

It should be noted that Parliament retains the right to punish offences which may have occurred in an earlier Parliament. (Erskine May, 19th edition, page 161. *See also* House of Commons *Journals*, November 9, 1978 and B.C. *Journals*, March 1, 1987, page 191.)

In support of the Honourable Member's submission, he quotes from page 140 of the Morfitt Report, as follows:

"If either the optimistic or most-likely projections had been used for both revenue and expenditure, and if further revenue had not been included and expenditure not reduced, the result would have been a projected deficit of up to \$256 million.

Considering the information available to her, Minister Cull's decision to include in the revised forecast a revenue projection that was \$156 million over and above the Secretariat's optimistic forecast seems inappropriate."

The Chair notes that the Morfitt Report makes a further comment on this transaction, as follows:

"The Revised Forecast for 1995/96 reflected the Treasury Board Secretariat's 'optimistic' projection of revenue, plus a further \$156 million over and above the optimistic revenue forecast by the Secretariat, **an inclusion that was within the Minister's prerogative.**"

Summarizing the above quotes, it would appear that the Auditor General characterized the projection of an additional \$156 million as "inappropriate, but within the Minister's prerogative". Such a characterization hardly qualifies as "forged, falsified or fabricated" as described in Erskine May and quoted by Maingot.

With regard to Minister Cull's budget, as well as Minister Petter's budget, the Chair notes the overall conclusion in the Morfitt Report " . . . we found no action taken or decision made by senior people in government, elected or appointed, that was not permitted by such legislation and other authorities."

In this case, as in the Petter case, the Chair finds that the 1978 case involving a Federal Minister of the Crown is distinguishable from the case under consideration. In the 1978 case admittedly misleading information was given to the Minister and that information found its way into the House. No such parallel admission exists in the present case.

Speaking again in general terms in relation to the Morfitt Report, while certain actions are described as "inappropriate" and that the information provided did not make full and fair disclosure of the extent of business risk being assumed, this must be read in the context of the overall conclusion at page 140 of the Morfitt Report which states as follows:

"We believe serious inadequacies in the governance of the Estimates process, as explained in Chapter 2 of this report — specifically relating to the attributes of accountability and openness — has permitted Budget '96 to be presented with crucial information missing. This clearly demonstrates the need for the reform we are recommending in Chapter 2 of this report."

While the need for reform is emphasized, compliance with existing law is also conceded.

It is, therefore, the Chair's conclusion that the Honourable House Leader's statement on the matter of privilege contains a complaint, but falls short of meeting the standards as outlined in the authorities which describe a deliberate misleading of the House with documents that may have been "forged, falsified or fabricated". Consequently, this matter of privilege cannot succeed.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

I now wish to examine the matter of privilege raised by the Honourable Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head. In the Member's statement of the matter as filed, she alleges that the Member for Saanich

South stated that the former Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations chose an intermediate path in relation to estimating forestry revenues and, further, in response to a question from the Member for Vancouver Little-Mountain along the same vein, stated “I don’t have that information precisely, but my information is that the Minister chose a mid-range option.”

The Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head suggests the Morfitt Report contradicts this statement and concludes the Member for Saanich South has deliberately misled the House.

In his reply to this allegation, the Minister states that in his view the quotations from *Hansard* of the particular day deals with forecasts of forest revenue, and not total revenues. The Minister states he did not have any direct knowledge of Ms. Cull’s decisions, but was in effect “conveying my understanding of her decisions based on the information provided to me by ministry officials who accompanied me in the Assembly”.

From the documents tabled, and the understanding of the Member for Saanich South at the time in question, it would appear that the advice he received from Ministry officials indicated that, indeed, Minister Cull (as she then was) did pick a mid-range option in forecasting forest revenues. I refer all Honourable Members to the document described as “Table 4 — Comparison of Actual Forests”.

Based on the material before me, it seems that the Honourable Member for Oak Bay-Gordon Head was relying on quotes from the Morfitt Report relating to total revenues whereas the remarks attributed to the Honourable Member for Saanich South related to forest revenues only. This is clearly a disagreement as to facts.

Under these circumstances, and in light of the documentation filed, the Honourable Member’s matter of privilege is based on a misconception and cannot succeed.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

I now wish to deal with the statement of privilege raised in the House by the Honourable Member for Chilliwack. The exchange to which the Member refers appears in the *Hansard* debates of the Legislative Assembly of August 13, 1996, at page 1923.

I think it important in this matter to quote here the question and answer which form the foundation for the Member’s matter of privilege:

“The question is: would Mr. Gunton have ever been authorized by the Premier to go to officials in the Ministry of Finance and have them change revenue projections in the budget planning process?”

Hon. G. Clark: Of course not. The Minister of Finance makes the appropriate determination as to the various revenues that go in the budget — the forecasts — and that information, which the Minister of Finance makes, is based on a range of forecasts prepared by various arms of government. The minister makes a judgment, puts it in the budget and is then held accountable in this chamber.”

The Chair must now consider the context of the Morfitt Report as it bears on this question. It appears that in February, 1996, a small and informal working group was formed which was named the “Fiscal Budget Steering Committee” composed of the Deputy Minister to the Premier, Mr. McArthur, Deputy Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations, Ms. Eaton, and the Deputy Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks, Mr. Gunton. It further appears that a briefing note was prepared in late February by the Treasury Board Secretariat, calculating the impact that various large commodity price increases would have on provincial revenues. According to the Report, these calculations did not take into consideration the potential changes, if any, in volume of exports occurring as a result of price increases.

Quoting from page 174 of the Morfitt Report:

“Ms. Eaton was then asked by Mr. Gunton to have staff prepare additional revenue estimates, based on the view that discussion then taking place around the U.S. countervail duty would result in substantially higher lumber prices.”

Again, at page 182 of the Report, Mr. Morfitt notes:

“Mr. Gunton requested that Ms. Eaton also have her staff prepare additional revenue estimates based on greater commodity price impacts than had been incorporated into these four earlier scenarios.”

The Auditor General at page 182 comments as follows:

“These analyses were performed by Ms. Eaton’s staff as requested. According to Ms. Eaton, both Mr. McArthur and Mr. Gunton were much closer to events relating to the commodity price for lumber than she was.”

Further, at page 182, the Auditor General makes comment on this process:

“Developing scenarios to examine various ‘what-if’ questions is a normal, acceptable procedure used by budget forecasters, though the expectation is that the basic assumptions used in each scenario will fall within a range of possibilities. In the analyses that Ms. Eaton was asked to prepare, many assumptions were used. The main ones, however — those relating to the GDP and commodity prices — were discussed often between the two active members of the Fiscal Budget Steering Committee, Ms. Eaton and Mr. Gunton, both of whom are economists and had similar involvement in the Treasury Board Secretariat and budget preparation, at different times.”

The overall conclusion that can be reasonably drawn is that Mr. Gunton, as one of three members of the Fiscal Budget Steering Committee, requested one or more additional revenue estimates be prepared by staff based on differing expectations of commodity prices, and this is certainly confirmed in the Morfitt Report. The question then arises: was this process being done by Mr. Gunton on his own initiative, or was it being done at the request of the Premier?

The Morfitt Report does not suggest at any point that Mr. Gunton was, in the words of the Member for Chilliwack, “acting under the authorization of the Premier to go to officials in the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations and have them change revenue projections.”

In another part of his statement, the Honourable Member states as follows: “Mr. Gunton was involved, yet the Member says he wasn’t.”

If that were the full case of the Honourable Member, suggesting that the Premier denied Mr. Gunton’s involvement, he would indeed have a strong case — for Mr. Gunton was very much involved in the process. However, the Member goes much further and is taking exception to the Premier’s denial that he (the Premier) authorized Mr. Gunton to “change revenue projections in the budget planning process”. Nothing in the Morfitt Report contravenes the Premier’s denial.

The Chair cannot find that the question and answer contained in the ably presented statement of privilege qualifies as a *prima facie* case.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *D. Streifel*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga’a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Pullinger* (Minister of Human Resources) made a ministerial statement regarding National Volunteer Week.

Ms. *Whittred* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.04 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

62 The Hon. *G. Clark* moved—

Be it resolved that further to the oral notice given by the Government House Leader on April 12, 1999, pursuant to Practice Recommendation No. 3, the following provisions shall, unless otherwise ordered, apply to the proceedings on Bill 51 intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*:

1. Proceedings in Committee of the Whole shall be brought to a conclusion by twelve o'clock noon on April 22, 1999 without any question being put save on the motion to report the Bill complete to the House, upon adoption of which all sections, schedules, amendments in the name of the Minister, preambles and title of the Bill shall be deemed to have been adopted in Committee of the Whole;

2. For the purposes of Bill 51, the House shall proceed forthwith to Report Stage and Third Reading of Bill 51 as its first order of business for the afternoon sitting on April 22, 1999, immediately following Oral Questions;

3. Proceedings on Report Stage and Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion by 6:00 p.m., April 22, 1999, and every question necessary for the disposal of Report Stage and Third Reading of Bill 51 then under consideration shall be put forthwith by the Speaker without further debate or amendment.

4. Save as provided herein, proceedings pursuant to this order shall not be subject to provisions of Standing Orders relating to times and days of sittings of the House.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *G. Clark* moved the following amendment—

That the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “Act” in line 3 and by substituting therefor the following:

1. At 10:00 a.m., April 22, 1999, during proceedings on Bill 51, the Chair of Committee of the Whole shall forthwith put the questions, *seriatim*, on sections 3 to 10 of the bill, and thereafter put a single question to complete the committee stage, to dispose of all remaining sections, schedules, amendments in the name of the Minister, the preamble, the title and the motion to report the Bill complete, such questions to be decided without amendment or debate.

2. The House shall proceed to Report Stage and Third Reading of Bill 51 forthwith upon receipt of a report from the Committee of the Whole that the bill is complete.

3. Proceedings on Report Stage and Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion by 5:45 p.m., April 22, 1999, and every question necessary for the disposal of Report Stage and Third Reading of Bill 51 then under consideration shall be put forthwith by the Speaker without further debate or amendment.

4. In proceedings on Bill 51 where a division is called, the Chair or the Speaker as the case may be shall put the question two minutes after the division has been called.

5. Save as otherwise provided, proceedings pursuant to this order shall not be subject to provisions of the Standing Orders relating to times and days of sittings of the House.

A debate arose.

The House recessed until 3.05 p.m.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Stephens*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned until later today.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved that the question be now put.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* rose on a point of order.

The Speaker advised that she was not prepared to put the question at this time.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the House recess until 7.15 p.m. and thereafter sit until adjournment.

Motion agreed to.

FIFTEEN MINUTES PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to Motion 62.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. F. Wilson* that the question be now put, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—29

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>			

The amendment to Motion 62 was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—29

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>			

The House divided on the main motion, as amended.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—30

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

The motion, as amended, reads as follows:

Be it resolved that further to the oral notice given by the Government House Leader on April 12, 1999, pursuant to Practice Recommendation No. 3, the following provisions shall, unless otherwise ordered, apply to the proceedings on Bill 51 intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*:

1. At 10:00 a.m., April 22, 1999, during proceedings on Bill 51, the Chair of Committee of the Whole shall forthwith put the questions, *seriatim*, on sections 3 to 10 of the bill, and thereafter put a single question to complete the committee stage, to dispose of all remaining sections, schedules, amendments in the name of the Minister, the preamble, the title and the motion to report the Bill complete, such questions to be decided without amendment or debate.

2. The House shall proceed to Report Stage and Third Reading of Bill 51 forthwith upon receipt of a report from the Committee of the Whole that the bill is complete.

3. Proceedings on Report Stage and Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion by 5:45 p.m., April 22, 1999, and every question necessary for the disposal of Report Stage and Third Reading of Bill 51 then under consideration shall be put forthwith by the Speaker without further debate or amendment.

4. In proceedings on Bill 51 where a division is called, the Chair or the Speaker as the case may be shall put the question two minutes after the division has been called.

5. Save as otherwise provided, proceedings pursuant to this order shall not be subject to provisions of the Standing Orders relating to times and days of sittings of the House.

Mr. *Farrell-Collins* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

And then the House adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *M. Farnworth*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* was again committed.

In consideration of section 3 of Bill (No. 51) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—31

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

In consideration of section 4 of Bill (No. 51) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—32

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

In consideration of section 5 of Bill (No. 51) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—32

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

In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 51) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—32

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

In consideration of section 7 of Bill (No. 51) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—32

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

In consideration of section 8 of Bill (No. 51) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—32

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

In consideration of section 9 of Bill (No. 51) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—32

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

In consideration of section 10 of Bill (No. 51) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—32

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

In consideration of the motion that section 11 through section 70, the amendments standing in the Minister's name, the Schedule, the Preamble and the Title to Bill (No. 51) pass and the Chairman report the Bill complete with amendment, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

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

NAYS—32

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

The Committee rose and reported the Bill complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, April 22, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

Mr. *Coell* made a statement.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) made a ministerial statement regarding Organ Donor Discussion Day.

Ms. *Hawkins* made a statement.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Environmental Assessment Office Annual Report, 1997-1998.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—39

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

NAYS—32

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

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Nisga'a Final Agreement Act* read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nettleton*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. F. Wilson* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Responsible for British Columbia Ferries) tabled the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Annual Report, 1997/1998.

Mr. *Kasper* presented a petition from residents of the Malahat-Juan de Fuca area regarding the aerial spraying of Foray 48B.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator 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. 51) *Nisga'a Final Agreement 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 Administrator doth assent to this Act."

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

The Speaker made a statement as follows:

Honourable Members:

On reviewing yesterday's Question Period *Blues*, I noticed that the Honourable Minister of Employment and Investment concluded his answer to a question with an inappropriate reference to members of the Official Opposition, and I regret that I did not correct the Member at that time. Such language invokes a response in kind and is not acceptable in this House. I ask all Honourable Members to use restraint in their characterization of the motives or actions of other Honourable Members.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *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 the Hon. *I. Waddell*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 1998.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled the Provincial Health Officer's Annual Report, 1998.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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 an Information and Privacy Commissioner, pursuant to Section 37 (1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 165) 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 any 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 the resumption of the sitting of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

That the Special Committee be comprised of members of the Special Committee to Review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* established this session.

Motion agreed to.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker made a statement as follows:

Honourable Members:

I have some observations to make relating to ministerial statements in the House. A review of Hansard over recent weeks shows that we need to remind ourselves of practices in this House applicable to ministerial statements.

While these statements are not provided for and regulated through our Standing Orders, there are basic rules and guidelines that this Assembly has accepted through custom and usage.

The purpose of ministerial statements is to enable a Minister to convey to the House, briefly and factually, information of interest and urgency on government policy or ministry administration when no other proceeding offers a suitable opportunity.

Ministerial Statements are generally made in the House immediately before the calling of Orders of the Day. Leave of the House is not required unless the statement interrupts another proceeding. The courtesy of advance notice to the Chair has been the practice. It is also established practice that the critic in the Official Opposition is entitled to make a few remarks in reply. Other Members may also respond, by leave of the House.

Ministerial Statements must be brief, factual and specific as should be the responses, which must be confined to the points raised by the Minister. This is not a proceeding intended for partisan debate or argument.

I refer the House to past statements by Speakers of the Assembly on the contents, scope and practices relating to ministerial statements, specifically April 26, 1978, and March 20, 1987, from which I quote:

“Under the practices of this House, and in accordance with Speakers’ rulings previously made, ministerial statements should generally be brief, be factual and be specific. General arguments or observations beyond the fair bounds of explanation, or too distinct a reference to previous debate, are out of order and will result in appropriate intervention by the Chair. There are, of course, similar limits to replies made to ministerial statements.”

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, SPEAKER

And then the House adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coleman*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Employment and Investment and Minister Responsible for Housing) tabled the following:

BC Housing Annual Report, 1997-1998;
Job Protection Commission Annual Report 1997;
BC Hydro Annual Report 1998.

The Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Annual Report 1997/98.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) made a ministerial statement recognizing April 28, 1999, as a national day of mourning for workers killed or injured on the job in British Columbia.

Mr. *Krueger* made a statement.

The House observed a minute of silence.

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.

63 Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Plant*—

Be it resolved that the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply, be amended by adding the following: "But the House regrets that the government has presided over successive downgrades to BC's credit rating; the government has not balanced the budget in eight years; the government has brought BC Ferries to the brink of bankruptcy with its fast ferry program; the government has wasted billions of dollars on the Skeena Cellulose bailout, Nisga'a propaganda, inoperable minibuses, assorted union sweetheart deals, and numerous other boondoggles; the government has committed millions of dollars of taxpayers' money to the Vancouver Convention Centre, without knowing what the project will cost or how taxpayers will pay for it; the government has failed to keep its promise to create jobs under the Jobs and Timber Accord and has threatened the survival of forest-dependent communities around the province; the government has constantly broken its legislative commitment to homeowners, renters and small businesses by arbitrarily cutting municipal grants by almost \$800 million in seven years; the government has signed Skytrain contracts which have been kept secret from taxpayers and will add billions of dollars in unnecessary costs to the project; the government has allowed surgical wait lists to grow and health care to deteriorate, particularly in rural regions; the government has failed to adequately protect children and implement the recommendations of the Gove Commission; the government has failed to protect Burns Bog, while giving a \$25 million loan to a private company for the development of a theme park in that fragile ecosystem; the government's economic mismanagement has made BC the only province to suffer a drop in private sector

investment from 1992 to 1999, and has caused an unprecedented exodus of people, jobs and companies from BC; the government has increased taxpayer-supported debt by 133% since 1991 and that this government is in a state of disarray and utterly incapable of restoring confidence in our economy and governing generally.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.56 p.m.

Thursday, April 29, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hansen*.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, April 29, 1999

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 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—19

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	

NAYS—37

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

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.37 p.m.

Monday, May 3, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Conroy*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Coell* presented two petitions protesting aerial spraying with Foray 48B.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That this House recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Mr. Brent Parfitt as Acting Ombudsman as a statutory officer of the Legislature, pursuant to section 6 (3) of the *Ombudsman Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 340), to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Ombudsman for the province of British Columbia.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Robertson*.

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—39

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

NAYS—33

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 1998.

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).

61 Mr. *Hartley* moved—

Be it resolved that this Assembly deplores the continuing violations of human rights in Burma, including extrajudicial and arbitrary executions, rape, torture, inhuman treatment, mass arrests, forced labour, forced relocation and denial of freedom of expression, assembly, association and movement, as reported by the UN Human Rights Special Rapporteur;

Be it further resolved that in the opinion of this Assembly these human rights abuses in Burma are the result of policy at the highest level and that the regime's officials bear political and legal responsibility for them;

Be it further resolved that this Assembly urges the military regime in Burma to:

- (a) immediately and unconditionally release all detained political leaders and all political prisoners, to ensure their physical integrity and to permit them to participate in the process of national reconciliation;
- (b) repeal all regressive laws;
- (c) stop all the violations of human rights and in particular the unlawful coercion against the National League for Democracy (NLD) members leading to surrendering of their membership and the closure of NLD offices; and
- (d) immediately initiate a substantive political dialogue with the Committee Representing the People's parliament before there is further violent upheaval in Burma.

Be it further resolved that the Legislature condemns the State Peace and Development Council (formerly named the State Law and Order Restoration Council) for:

- (a) openly encouraging the production, trade and export of opium and heroin into North America; and
- (b) racially-motivated genocide against the ethnic peoples in Burma, especially those in Karen, Karenni and Shan States;

Be it further resolved that the Legislature urges the Government of Canada to:

- (a) recognise as the legitimate instrument of the will of the Burmese people the Committee Representing the People's Parliament formed by the National League for Democracy on 16 September 1998 as acquiring the legal authority of 251 MP's and support of the four non-Burman ethnic political parties;
- (b) take all necessary action to achieve coordinated international action in support of the restoration of human rights in Burma;

- (c) direct the federal drug enforcement agency to increase counter narcotics efforts specific to the flow of heroin into Vancouver from Burma; and
- (d) appeal to the UN Secretary-General to send a special envoy to Burma to continue discussions with the leaders of the military regime as well as with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and other leaders in order to make significant advances towards the democratization of Burma.

A debate arose.

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

YEAS—66

Evans	Conroy	Giesbrecht	Weisgerber
Zirnhelt	Priddy	Whittred	Goodacre
McGregor	Petter	C. Clark	Weisbeck
Kwan	Miller	Campbell	Nebbeling
G. F. Wilson	G. Clark	Farrell-Collins	Hogg
Hammell	Dosanjh	de Jong	Coleman
Boone	MacPhail	Plant	Stephens
Streifel	Sihota	Abbott	Hansen
Pullinger	Lovick	L. Reid	Thorpe
Lali	Ramsey	Neufeld	Symons
Orcherton	Farnworth	Coell	van Dongen
Calendino	Waddell	Chong	Barisoff
Walsh	Hartley	Sanders	Dalton
Randall	Smallwood	Jarvis	J. Reid
Gillespie	Bowbrick	Nettleton	J. Wilson
Robertson	Kasper	Penner	Janssen
Cashore	Doyle		

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 53) 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. 55) intituled *Probate Fee Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—38

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

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Whittred	Abbott	Penner	Stephens
C. Clark	L. Reid	Weisbeck	Symons
Campbell	Neufeld	Nebbeling	van Dongen
Farrell-Collins	Coell	Hogg	Barisoff
de Jong	Sanders	Hawkins	Dalton
Plant	Jarvis	Coleman	J. Wilson

Bill (No. 55) 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 6.04 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Gillespie*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Hartley* presented a petition from Victoria-Beacon Hill residents regarding aerial spraying with Foray 48B.

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. 53) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1999* was committed.

Section 5 of Bill (No. 53) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 53) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled *Probate Fee Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(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.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.55 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

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 Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration).

(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 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, May 6, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister for Children and Families) made a ministerial statement regarding Youth Week.

Ms. *L. Reid* 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 Environment, Lands and Parks).

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

(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)

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$161,006,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Assessment and Land Use Coordination, to 31st March, 2000.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,995,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Boards and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 2000.

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 at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Monday, May 10, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

The Hon. *G. Clark* (Premier), on behalf of the Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and Minister of 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. 59) intituled *Tuition Fee Freeze Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 10, 1999

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 B 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 Energy and Mines and Ministry Responsible for Northern Development).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$803,358,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,875,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Statutory Services, to 31st March, 2000.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,961,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2000.

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.

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 11, 1999

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Thorpe*.

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 and Food).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry Responsible for Northern Development).

(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 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) 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. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 6, 1999

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. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) made a ministerial statement regarding National Nursing Week.

Mr. *Hansen* made a statement.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* presented a petition regarding aerial spraying with Foray 48B.

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 and Food followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Fisheries).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry Responsible for Northern Development).

(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)

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,638,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,666,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2000.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$895,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, British Columbia Marketing Board, to 31st March, 2000.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority, to 31st March, 2000.

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

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

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Agriculture and Food) 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 declared a short recess.

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

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

Bill (No. 53) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 55) *Probate Fee Act*.

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

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

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisbeck*.

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 57) intituled *Range Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 12, 1999

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 61) intituled *Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 12, 1999

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. *Orcherton* presented a petition regarding aerial spraying with Foray 48B.

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 Fisheries).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry Responsible for Northern Development).

(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. *D. Miller* moved—

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

Monday, May 17, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

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 Fisheries).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry Responsible for Northern Development followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,483,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Resource Revenue Sharing Agreements, to 31st March, 2000.

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.

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)

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,332,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Fisheries.

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 Fisheries) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Hammell*.

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 Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

(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 11.51 a.m.

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) 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. 60) intituled *Fire Services Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 12, 1999

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. *Stevenson* presented two petitions regarding proposed changes to the liquor licensing regulations.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) made a ministerial statement regarding agricultural issues.

Mr. *Barisoff* 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 Women’s Equality).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 59) intituled *Tuition Fee Freeze Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—64

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

Bill (No. 59) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal 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 Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

(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)

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,055,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Women's Equality, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Women's Equality.

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 Women's Equality) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Randall*.

The Hon. A. *Petter* advised the House of the death of Mr. *John Tisdalle*, former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker stated that she would convey to the family of the late Mr. Tisdalle the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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. 62) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 18, 1999

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. *Hansen*, Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Community Health Assets Protection Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 1998.

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 Advanced Education, Training and Technology).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,717,327,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Crown Corporations Secretariat, to 31st March, 2000.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Information, Science and Technology Agency, to 31st March, 2000.

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)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,554,005,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution 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.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

The Hon. *D. Streifel* moved—

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

And then the House adjourned at 7.03 p.m.

Thursday, May 20, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *M. Farnworth*.

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. 63) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 18, 1999

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 Finance and Corporate 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. 64) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 18, 1999

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. Sihota* (Minister Responsible for the Public Service) tabled the Public Service Employee Relations Commission Annual Report, 1996/97, 1997/98.

The Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 1998.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled Recommendations for the Response of the Province of British Columbia to "The Road to Success: The Report of the Federal Feature Film Advisory Committee" by the Working Group on Film & Television.

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).

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

(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. *D. Lovick* 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 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.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 Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN,
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 66) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 20, 1999

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. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN,
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 65) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 20, 1999

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 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. 70) intituled *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 24, 1999

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. *L. Boone* (Minister for Children and Families) made a ministerial statement regarding Missing Children's Day.

Ms. *L. Reid* made a statement.

The Hon. *A. Petter* presented a petition regarding aerial spraying with Foray 48B.

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).

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

(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 Municipal Affairs).

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

(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)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,529,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$92,725,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Local Government Grants, to 31st March, 2000.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *J. Reid*.

The Hon. *P. Ramsey* (Minister of Education) 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. 69) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 25, 1999

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. *G. Wilson* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) made a ministerial statement regarding a negotiated agreement between Canada, B.C. and the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

Mr. *Plant* made a statement.

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

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 1 on 1999 Follow-up of Performance Audits/Reviews.

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 and Ministry Responsible for BC Ferries).

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

(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 6.40 p.m.

FORTY MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

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 and Ministry Responsible for BC Ferries).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—14

<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Symons</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>		

NAYS—36

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

Section B continued to sit.

(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 9.27 p.m.

Thursday, May 27, 1999

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *J. D. Wilson*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Annual Report of the Appeal Division of the Workers’ Compensation Board of British Columbia, 1998.

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 and Ministry Responsible for BC Ferries).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Labour followed by the estimates of the Ministry Responsible for the Public Service).

(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.

Mr. *Robertson*, on behalf of the Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests), tabled the Forest Renewal BC 1999/2000 Business Plan.

The Hon. *M. Sihota* (Minister Responsible for the Public Service) tabled a document referred to during estimates.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, May 27, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 67) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 20, 1999

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. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) 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. 68) intituled *Forest Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 24, 1999

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 and Ministry Responsible for BC Ferries).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,045,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000, on division.

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

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 5.47 p.m.

Monday, May 31, 1999

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. MacPhail*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) presented the following:

Report Ombudsman (Public) No. 39 — The Silver Creek Fire Review, and

Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner in the Matter of an Application by the Member for Port Moody-Burnaby Mountain with Respect to the Alleged Contravention of Provisions of the Act by the Honourable Member for Esquimalt-Metchosin.

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 and Ministry Responsible for BC Ferries).

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry Responsible for the Public Service followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,891,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Public Service Employee Relations Commission, to 31st March, 2000.

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

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 Aboriginal Affairs and Ministry Responsible for BC Ferries).

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

(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 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Robertson*.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Child, Youth & Family Advocate Annual Report, 1998.

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 and Ministry Responsible for BC Ferries).

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

(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)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,651,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Ministry Responsible for BC Ferries.

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 and Ministry Responsible for BC Ferries) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1, 1999

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 Finance and Corporate Relations).

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$462,849,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution.
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 Finance and Corporate Relations).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled *Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 61) 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. 62) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 62) 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. 66) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 66) 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. 69) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 69) 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. 65) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 65) 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. 60) intituled *Fire Services Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 60) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Fisheries, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

Section A of Committee of Supply having reported the last vote of the Estimates of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, debate on those Estimates was summarized, pursuant to Sessional Order of April 15, 1998.

(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 9.01 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

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 Finance and Corporate Relations).

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—69

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

Bill (No. 70) 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. 69) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled *Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* 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 later today.
Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

FORTY MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Bill (No. 60) intituled *Fire Services Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was committed.

Section 10 of Bill (No. 62) passed, on division.

Section 11 of Bill (No. 62) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,696,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,634,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Registries, to 31st March, 2000.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Pensions Administration, to 31st March, 2000.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, Product Sales and Services, to 31st March, 2000.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$170,540,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, British Columbia Transit, to 31st March, 2000.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$940,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 2000.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$222,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of BC Benefits, BC Benefits, to 31st March, 2000.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs, to 31st March, 2000.

49. *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 and Allowance for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2000.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,161,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Public Sector Employers' Council, to 31st March, 2000.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

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 Finance and Corporate Relations) 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 9.01 p.m.

Thursday, June 3, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Conroy*.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled Amendments to the December 3, 1998 Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

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).

Bill (No. 62) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was again committed.

In consideration of section 5 of Bill (No. 62) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—35

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

NAYS—28

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>

Section 12 of Bill (No. 62) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 62) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 1999* 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 12.01 p.m.

Thursday, June 3, 1999

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) tabled the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Annual Report, 1996/97, 1997/98.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) made a ministerial statement regarding the Pacific Estuary Conservation Program.

Mr. *Coell* made a statement.

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) made a ministerial statement regarding Trucker Appreciation Week.

Mr. *Symons* 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 Small Business, Tourism and Culture).

Bill (No. 59) intituled *Tuition Fee Freeze Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Stevenson*, 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 5.42 p.m.

Monday, June 7, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Penner*.

Mr. *J. D. Wilson* advised the House of the death of Mr. *William Speare*, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker stated that she would convey to the family of the late Mr. *Speare*, the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines) tabled the Ministry of Energy and Mines Annual Report, 1997/98.

Ms. *Chong* presented a petition regarding aerial spraying with Foray 48B.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

I have had an opportunity to review the *Blues* from the second reading debate on Bill No. 58 during last Thursday afternoon's sitting.

The debate generated considerable heat and emotion with, at times, unparliamentary language from both sides of the House.

The exchanges included personal attacks by both sides of the House, culminating in inappropriate remarks on a ruling of the Chair by the Member for Kamloops-North Thompson with respect to relevance in debate.

The Standing Orders and the practice of this House are clear that no debate should be permitted on any decisions of the Chair nor adverse comments thereon. The House must be protected from reflections on the Chair.

It is the Speaker's duty to maintain an orderly conduct of debate and to intervene when necessary. The Chair cannot allow unparliamentary language and behaviour from both sides of the House as was witnessed last Thursday.

I ask all Members from both sides of the House to refrain from using personal allusions and to use restraint in characterizing the nature and actions of the Members.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Neufeld* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 58), *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999*, be amended by deleting the word “now” and substituting therefor the words “six months hence”.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—27

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	

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

The debate resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of Ms. *Chong*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,380,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,770,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Royal British Columbia Museum, to 31st March, 2000.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) 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).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

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

NAYS—28

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>

Bill (No. 58) 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. 70) intituled *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 1999* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 57) intituled *Range Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 57) 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. 68) intituled *Forest Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 68) 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. 63) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 63) 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. 64) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 64) 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. 67) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 67) 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 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Neufeld*.

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. 57) intituled *Range Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled *Forest Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 1999* 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 12.01 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 71) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 2, 1999

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. 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. 72) intituled *Water Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

June 2, 1999

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. Sihota* (Minister Responsible for the Public Service) tabled the Twenty-Second Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act* for the year ended March 31, 1998.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) made a ministerial statement regarding Agriculture Day.

Mr. *Barisoff* made a statement.

By leave, Mr. *Weisgerber* 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 for Children and Families).

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 1999* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled *Strata Property Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete without amendment, 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 Ministry of Education).

(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 for Children and Families).

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

(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 8.53 p.m.

Wednesday, June 9, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coell*.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) 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. 56) intituled *Forest Land Reserve Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 6, 1999

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 for Children and Families).

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

(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.

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

And then the House adjourned at 6.55 p.m.

Thursday, June 10, 1999

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hogg*.

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. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999* was committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Plant* on the Order Paper to section 1 of Bill (No. 58), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—29

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

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<i>Evans</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Waddell</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>
<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Kasper</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Farnworth</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 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, June 10, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

Mr. *Coell* made a statement.

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

Mr. *Symons* made a statement.

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Fisheries) tabled the Fisheries Renewal BC Business Plan, 1999/2000.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the British Columbia Legislative Library Annual Report, 1998.

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 followed by the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Investment).

Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999* was again committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 58) the Committee divided, as follows:

YEAS—53

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>de Jong</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Chong</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Randall</i>			

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<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,481,539,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry for Children and Families, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the Estimates of the Ministry for Children and Families.

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 for Children and Families) 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 5.32 p.m.

Monday, June 14, 1999

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Janssen*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture 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. 79) intituled *Land Reserve Commission Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 11, 1999

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.”

65 The Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

Be it resolved that in accordance with s. 14 of the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 107, the Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission tabled in the Legislative Assembly on the 3rd of June, 1999, be approved.

A debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 80) intituled *Liquor Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 11, 1999

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 resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 65.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—60

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Penner</i>
<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Coleman</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Calendino</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Janssen</i>

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<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Dalton</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 Employment and Investment).

Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999* was again 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 of Employment and Investment).

Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999* was again committed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.56 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15, 1999

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 Employment and Investment).

Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999* was again committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Hansen* on the Order Paper to section 48 (c) of Bill (No. 58), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—32

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

NAYS—35

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Calendino</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kasper</i>
<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Randall</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Waddell</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 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, June 15, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. A. *Petter* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and Minister of 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. 73) intituled *Private Post-Secondary Education Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 2, 1999

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 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. 77) intituled *Agri-Food Choice and Quality Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 8, 1999

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).

Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999* was again committed.

In consideration of section 48, as amended, of Bill (No. 58) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—35

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

NAYS—25

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Sanders</i>			

Sections 50 and 51 of Bill (No. 58) passed, on division.

Section 57 of Bill (No. 58) passed, on division.

Section 64 of Bill (No. 58) passed, on division.

Section 70 of Bill (No. 58) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 58) complete, with amendment, passed, on division.

Bill (No. 58) was reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered 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 Ministry of Education).

(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 Education).

(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 8.59 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Walsh*.

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 78) intituled *Motor Vehicle Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 11, 1999*

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 Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

Vancouver Stock Exchange Report to the Government of British Columbia, April 1999;

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1998; and

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act*, Part 2, year ended March 31, 1998.

The Hon. *U. Dosanjh* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Immigration) tabled the following:

Ministry of Attorney General Annual Report, 1996/97;

Legal Services Society Annual Report, 1997-1998; and

Report on Multiculturalism, 1997-1998.

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 Education).

(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 Private Members’ Statements called.

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 Education).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,348,722,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution.
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 8.59 p.m.

Thursday, June 17, 1999

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, June 17, 1999

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 74) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 2, 1999

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 75) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 4, 1999

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. *Farrell-Collins* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Fisheries) made a ministerial statement regarding the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

Mr. *Plant* 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 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.

And then the House adjourned at 4.49 p.m.

Monday, June 21, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (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. 76) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 8, 1999

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 82) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 18, 1999

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."

By leave, the Hon. *D. Streifel* (Minister of Fisheries) tabled documents referred to during a previous ministerial statement.

The Hon. *G. F. Wilson* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) made a ministerial statement regarding National Aboriginal Day.

Mr. *de Jong* 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 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)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,668,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Investment, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 2000.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.54 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22, 1999

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 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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, June 22, 1999

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister for Children and Families) 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. 84) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 18, 1999

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. 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. 86) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 21, 1999

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. *Orcherton*, Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Poulos Investments Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 1999* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the BC Transportation Financing Authority Annual Report, 1997/1998.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nebbeling*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 81) intituled *Regulatory Impact Statement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 15, 1999

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 Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the Regulatory Impact Statement Policy and Procedures.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Northern Development) tabled the BCR Group Annual Report, 1998.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) tabled the Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority Annual Report, 1998/1999.

The Hon. *M. Sihota* (Minister Responsible for the Public Service) tabled the British Columbia Buildings Corporation Annual Report, 1999.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) made a ministerial statement regarding the growth of the film and television industry in British Columbia.

Mr. *Thorpe* 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 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.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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

Order for Private Members' Statements called.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 9.01 p.m.

Thursday, June 24, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Dalton*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, June 24, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 85) intituled *Company Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

June 23, 1999

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 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. 83) intituled *Food Safety Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 18, 1999*

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. *G. F. Wilson* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs) tabled the BC Treaty Commission Report, 1999, together with Financial Statements as at March 31, 1999.

The Hon. *I. Waddell* (Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture) tabled the following:
Economic Impacts of the Leonardo da Vinci Exhibit for the Southern Vancouver Island Region,
and
Royal BC Museum Visitor Study of the Leonardo da Vinci Exhibit.

Mr. *Stevenson* 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 23, 1999

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report that the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Poulos Investments Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 1999*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. STEVENSON, *Chair*

By leave, the Report was read and received.

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bill Pr 403 to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) made a ministerial statement regarding the 200th anniversary of the birth of David Douglas, British Columbia's pioneer botanist, and tabled a Proclamation.

Mr. *Abbott* 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 B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Ministry of Forests).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$282,402,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$77,845,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Suppression, to 31st March, 2000.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,220,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2000.

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."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled *Regulatory Impact Statement Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 81) 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. 71) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 71) 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. 76) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 76) 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. 72) intituled *Water Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 72) 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. 86) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 86) 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. 73) intituled *Private Post-Secondary Education Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 73) 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. 79) intituled *Land Reserve Commission Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 79) 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. 56) intituled *Forest Land Reserve Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 56) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Speaker made a statement as follows:

Honourable Members:

At the close of Question Period today, the Honourable Member for Matsqui rose in his place and directed a question to the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee.

While questions may be directed to the Chairperson of certain Committees of the House, there are strict limitations on the nature of those questions and the answers that may be given. See Erskine May, 21st edition at page 286 and especially at page 287, Beauchesne's *Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, 6th edition at page 119, and *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition at page 108. See also the Speaker's comments in this House earlier today.

The cumulative effect of these authorities indicates that questions may not be addressed to a Committee Chairman to elicit detail of voting, motions, or other internal Committee proceedings, nor may questions be directed, nor answered, which would have the tendency to interfere in the proceedings of the Committee. In addition, neither questions nor answers should "suggest a particular subject for inquiry nor could the question deal with evidence before the Committee prior to such Committee reporting it to the House." (*Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, page 108.)

The answer given by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee in this House today clearly does not conform to the guidelines. The answer quite improperly dealt with one or more motions which were alleged to have been made in the Committee, how particular Members voted on those motions, and the result of that voting.

I would ask all Members to consider carefully these strict limitations applicable to questions to and answers by a Private Member.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

Monday, June 28, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Stevenson*.

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. 93) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 28, 1999

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. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) made a ministerial statement regarding Paramedic Appreciation Week, and the 25th Anniversary of the BC Ambulance Service.

Mr. *Hansen* made a statement.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the following:

Elections BC 1998 Annual Report; and

Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner Pursuant to Section 19 (1) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* in the Matter of an Application by *Helmut Giesbrecht*, MLA (Skeena) with Respect to the Alleged Contravention of Provisions of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* by *Michael de Jong*, MLA (Matsqui).

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

Be it Resolved that the Resolution of this House dated April 15, 1998, dealing with Sections A and B of Committee of Supply be amended by adding to the said Resolution Section 9.1 as follows:

9.1 Section A is hereby authorized to consider Bills referred to Committee after second reading thereof, and the Standing Orders applicable to Bills in Committee of the Whole shall be applicable to such Bills during consideration thereof in Section A, and for all purposes Section A shall be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole. Such referrals to Section A shall be made upon motion, without notice, by the Government House Leader, and such motion shall be decided without amendment or debate. The consent of the Official Opposition will be necessary for such referrals.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

I move that the following Bills at Committee Stage be considered in Section A of the Committee of the Whole, namely:

Bill (No. 56) intituled *Forest Land Reserve Amendment Act, 1999*;

Bill (No. 71) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*;

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Water Amendment Act, 1999*;

Bill (No. 73) intituled *Private Post-Secondary Education Amendment Act, 1999*;

Bill (No. 76) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*;

Bill (No. 79) intituled *Land Reserve Commission Act*;

Bill (No. 81) intituled *Regulatory Impact Statement Act*; and

Bill (No. 86) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1999*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That Ms. *Erda Walsh*, MLA, be substituted for the Honourable *Moe Sihota*, MLA, and Mr. *Gary Farrell-Collins*, MLA, be substituted for Mr. *Fred Gingell*, MLA, as members of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole to consider the following Bills:

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Water Amendment Act, 1999*;

Bill (No. 86) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1999*; and

Bill (No. 79) intituled *Land Reserve Commission Act*.

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 the Whole reported the following Bills complete:

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Water Amendment Act, 1999*, with amendment;

Bill (No. 86) intituled *Park Amendment Act, 1999*, without amendment; and

Bill (No. 79) intituled *Land Reserve Commission Act*, without amendment.

Bill (No. 72) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 86) and Bill (No. 79) read a third time and passed.

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 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.

And then the House adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

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 the Whole to consider the following Bills:

Bill (No. 56) intituled *Forest Land Reserve Amendment Act, 1999*; and

Bill (No. 73) intituled *Private Post-Secondary Education Amendment Act, 1999*.

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 the Whole reported the following Bills complete:

Bill (No. 56) intituled *Forest Land Reserve Amendment Act, 1999*, without amendment.

Bill (No. 73) intituled *Private Post-Secondary Education Amendment Act, 1999*, without amendment.

Bill (No. 56) and Bill (No. 73) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.48 a.m.

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) 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. 88) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 25, 1999

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 92) intituled *Adult Guardianship Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 28, 1999

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 Finance and Corporate 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. 91) intituled *Unclaimed Property Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 28, 1999*

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. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) tabled the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the Statement of Votes of the Parksville-Qualicum by-election held on December 14, 1998, pursuant to section 13 of the *Election Act*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole to consider the following Bills:

Bill (No. 76) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*;

Bill (No. 71) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*; and

Bill (No. 81) intituled *Regulatory Impact Statement Act*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 90) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 25, 1999*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 90) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 90) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, Bill (No. 90) was referred to a Committee of the Whole to be considered forthwith.

In consideration of the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 90) complete without amendment, the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—38

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

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<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>McKinnon</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>		

Bill (No. 90) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *G. F. Wilson* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Responsible for BC Ferries) tabled the British Columbia Ferry Corporation Annual Report, 1998/99.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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 the Whole reported the following Bills complete:
Bill (No. 76) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, without amendment.
Bill (No. 71) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, with amendment.
Bill (No. 81) intituled *Regulatory Impact Statement Act*, without amendment.
Bill (No. 71) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 76) and Bill (No. 81) 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, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 56) *Forest Land Reserve Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 57) *Range Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 59) *Tuition Fee Freeze Act*.

Bill (No. 60) *Fire Services Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 61) *Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 62) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 63) *Wildlife Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 64) *Securities Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 65) *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 66) *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 67) *Strata Property Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 68) *Forest Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 69) *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 70) *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 73) *Private Post-Secondary Education Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 76) *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

Bill (No. 79) *Land Reserve Commission Act*.

Bill (No. 81) *Regulatory Impact Statement Act*.

Bill (No. 86) *Park Amendment Act, 1999*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian D. Izard*, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

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

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 90) *Supply Act (No. 2), 1999*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian D. Izard*, Esq., 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 Act.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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 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.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

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

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 8.47 p.m.

Monday, July 5, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *L. Reid*.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 89) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 24, 1999

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 Finance and Corporate 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. 95) intituled *Public Sector Pension Plans Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 5, 1999

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) 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. 87) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 24, 1999

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. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Motor Carrier Commission Annual Reports for 1997/98; 1998/99.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Poulos Investments Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 1999* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

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 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.

And then the House adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

Tuesday, July 6, 1999

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Weisbeck*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, July 6, 1999

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Mann Brewin* (Speaker) advised the House of the death of Mr. *Fred Gingell*, Member for Delta South, earlier today.

Mr. *Campbell* made a statement.

The Hon. *G. Clark* made a statement.

Mr. *Weisgerber* made a statement.

The House observed a minute of silence.

Mr. *Campbell* moved that the House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.18 p.m.

Wednesday, July 7, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nettleton*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. Miller* (Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Northern Development) tabled the Oil and Gas Commission First Annual Report, October 23, 1998 – March 31, 1999.

Mr. *Thorpe* presented the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Thorpe* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

The Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (College) Act*, year ended August 31, 1998;

The Auditor General Annual Report, 1998/99; and

Unclaimed Money Deposit Report, 1998/99.

The Hon. *J. Kwan* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the Homeowner Protection Office Annual Report, 1998/99.

By leave, Ms. *Walsh* tabled copies of letters regarding the hunting of Rocky Mountain elk.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,569,524,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2000.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,060,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 2000.

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 9.31 p.m.

Thursday, July 8, 1999

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coleman*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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 at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, July 8, 1999

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 97) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 8, 1999

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 96) intituled *Electoral Districts Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 6, 1999

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, Q.C.
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 100) intituled *Definition of Spouse Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 8, 1999

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 Finance and Corporate 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. 94) intituled *Fee Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 5, 1999

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. Pullinger* (Minister of Human Resources) 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. 98) intituled *Cooperative Association Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1999

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 Employment and Investment) tabled the following:
Ministry of Employment and Investment Annual Report, 1997/98; and
British Columbia Utilities Commission, Annual Report, 1998.

Mr. *Thorpe* presented the Fifth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Thorpe* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply (estimates of the Office of the Premier).

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Mr. *Campbell* moved that the sum provided for in Vote 9 be reduced to the amount of \$1.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—25

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>			

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

In consideration of Vote 9, the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—37

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

NAYS—25

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Neufeld</i>			

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,130,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2000.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,593,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Legislation, to 31st March, 2000.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,923,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2000.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,353,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Office of the Child, Youth and Family Advocate, to 31st March, 2000.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$204,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2000.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,935,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections B.C., to 31st March, 2000.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,329,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2000.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,655,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 2000.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$837,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaints Commissioner, to 31st March, 2000.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

Monday, July 12, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Doyle*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Thorpe* presented the Sixth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Thorpe* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Practices Board Annual Report, 1998.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 74) 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. 75) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 75) read a second time and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 92) intituled *Adult Guardianship Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 92) 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. 93) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 93) read a second time and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled *Company Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 85) read a second time and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 91) intituled *Unclaimed Property Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 91) read a second time and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 80) intituled *Liquor Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 80) read a second time and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 82) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 82) read a second time and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

Bill (No. 71) intituled *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Water Amendment Act, 1999*, was read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 87) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Ms. *Chong*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

FORTY MINUTES PAST SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

That the following Bills at Committee Stage be considered in Section A of the Committee of the Whole, namely:

- Bill (No. 91) intituled *Unclaimed Property Act*;
- Bill (No. 80) intituled *Liquor Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*; and
- Bill (No. 82) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole to consider the following Bills:

- Bill (No. 91) intituled *Unclaimed Property Act*; and
- Bill (No. 80) intituled *Liquor Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

NAYS—28

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

Bill (No. 58) was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

By leave, Bill (No. 92) intituled *Adult Guardianship Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999* was committed.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 74) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported the following Bills complete:

Bill (No. 91) intituled *Unclaimed Property Act*, without amendment; and

Bill (No. 80) intituled *Liquor Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, with amendment.

By leave, Bill (No. 80) read a third time and passed.

By leave, Bill (No. 91) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 9.02 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. Evans*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *D. Streifel* moved—

That the following Bills at committee stage be considered in Section A of the Committee of the Whole, namely:

Bill (No. 93) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 1999*;

Bill (No. 74) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999*;

Bill (No. 85) intituled *Company Act*; and

Bill (No. 82) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole to consider the following Bills:

Bill (No. 93) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 1999*; and

Bill (No. 85) intituled *Company Act*.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 88) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 88) read a second time and, by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 84) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 84) read a second time, and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 98) intituled *Cooperative Association Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 98) read a second time, and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported the following Bills complete:

Bill (No. 93) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 1999*, without amendment; and

Bill (No. 85) intituled *Company Act*, without amendment.

Bill (No. 93) and Bill (No. 85) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13, 1999

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Thorpe* presented the Seventh Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Thorpe* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *H. Lali* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Ministry of Transportation and Highways Annual Report, 1997/98.

Mr. *Weisbeck* tabled a petition regarding criteria for funding to School Districts for student transportation.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole to consider the following Bills:

Bill (No. 74) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999*;

Bill (No. 82) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*; and

By consent, Bill (No. 87) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999*.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 78) intituled *Motor Vehicle Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 78) 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. 96) intituled *Electoral Districts Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—60

Evans	Robertson	Bowbrick	Anderson
Zirnhelt	Conroy	Kasper	Nettleton
McGregor	Priddy	Doyle	Penner
G. F. Wilson	Petter	Giesbrecht	Weisgerber
Hammell	Miller	C. Clark	Goodacre
Boone	Dosanjh	Campbell	Nebbeling
Streifel	MacPhail	Farrell-Collins	Hogg
Pullinger	Sihota	de Jong	Coleman
Lali	Lovick	Plant	Stephens
Orcherton	Ramsey	Abbott	Hansen
Stevenson	Farnworth	L. Reid	Krueger
Calendino	Waddell	Coell	Thorpe
Walsh	Hartley	Chong	Symons
Randall	Smallwood	Sanders	van Dongen
Gillespie	Sawicki	Jarvis	McKinnon

NAYS—7

Neufeld
Weisbeck

Hawkins
Barisoff

Dalton
J. Reid

J. Wilson

Bill (No. 96) 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. 100) intituled *Definition of Spouse Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—57

Evans
Zirnhelt
McGregor
G. F. Wilson
Hammell
Boone
Streifel
Pullinger
Lali
Orcherton
Stevenson
Calendino
Walsh
Randall
Gillespie

Robertson
Conroy
Priddy
Petter
Miller
Dosanjh
MacPhail
Sihota
Lovick
Ramsey
Farnworth
Waddell
Hartley
Smallwood

Sawicki
Bowbrick
Kasper
Doyle
Giesbrecht
Whittred
C. Clark
Campbell
Farrell-Collins
de Jong
Plant
Abbott
L. Reid
Neufeld

Coell
Chong
Sanders
Jarvis
Weisgerber
Goodacre
Weisbeck
Nebbeling
Hogg
Hawkins
Stephens
Hansen
Symons
McKinnon

NAYS—9

Penner
Coleman
Krueger

Thorpe
van Dongen

Barisoff
Dalton

J. Reid
J. Wilson

Bill (No. 100) 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. 97) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 97) 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. 94) intituled *Fee Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 94) read a second time, on division, and by leave, *Ordered* for committal later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 52) intituled *Taxation Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 52) 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. 89) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, a debate arose.

Mr. *Krueger* advised the Speaker that pursuant to section 10 (1) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, he would withdraw from the debate on Bill (No. 89).

On the motion of Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported the following Bills complete:

Bill (No. 74) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999*, without amendment;

Bill (No. 82) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, with amendment; and

Bill (No. 87) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999*, with amendment.

Bill (No. 74) read a third time and passed.

By leave, Bill (No. 82) and Bill (No. 87) read a third time and passed.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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

The Hon. *D. Lovick* moved—

By consent of the Official Opposition, the following Bills at committee stage be considered in Section A of the Committee of the Whole, namely:

By leave, Bill (No. 96) intituled *Electoral Districts Act*;

Bill (No. 88) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*; and

Bill (No. 94) intituled *Fee Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole to consider the following Bill:

Bill (No. 88) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

The debate continued.

Ms. *Chong* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, be amended by deleting the word “now” and substituting therefor the words “six months hence.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Ms. *C. Clark*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported the following Bill complete:

Bill (No. 88) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, with amendment.

By leave, Bill (No. 88) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 8.59 p.m.

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *C. McGregor*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *L. Boone* (Minister for Children and Families) tabled the Ministry for Children and Families Annual Report for 1996/97, 1997/98.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

By consent of the Official Opposition, Bill (No. 98) intituled *Cooperative Association Act* at committee stage to be considered in Section A of the Committee of the Whole.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole to consider the following Bills:

Bill (No. 98) intituled *Cooperative Association Act*; and

Bill (No. 94) intituled *Fee Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—32

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

NAYS—37

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

Bill (No. 89) read a second time, on division, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting of the House after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled *Public Sector Pension Plans Act*, a debate arose.

Ms. *Chong* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled *Public Sector Pension Plans Act*, be amended by deleting the word “now” and substituting therefor the words “six months hence.”

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>		

NAYS—36

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

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

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

NAYS—30

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>		

Bill (No. 95) 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. 84) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 1999* was committed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *L. Reid* on the Order Paper to section 34 (a) (1) (c) of Bill (No. 84) was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 84) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled *Definition of Spouse Amendment Act, 1999* was committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Mr. *Plant* on the Order Paper to section 4 of Bill (No. 100), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—31

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

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

Section 4 of Bill (No. 100) passed on the following division:

YEAS—59

<i>Evans</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Bowbrick</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>
<i>Zirnhelt</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Kasper</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>McGregor</i>	<i>Priddy</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Petter</i>	<i>Giesbrecht</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>G. F. Wilson</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Goodacre</i>
<i>Hammell</i>	<i>G. Clark</i>	<i>C. Clark</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>
<i>Boone</i>	<i>Dosanjh</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>
<i>Streifel</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Farrell-Collins</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Orcherton</i>	<i>Ramsey</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Symons</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Waddell</i>	<i>Coell</i>	<i>J. Wilson</i>
<i>Randall</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Janssen</i>
<i>Gillespie</i>	<i>Sawicki</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	

NAYS—8

<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>

Bill (No. 100) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled *Electoral Districts Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled *Motor Vehicle Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was committed.

Section 25 of Bill (No. 78) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Ms. *Whittred* moved an amendment to section 110 (1) (c) of Bill (No. 98) which was defeated, on division.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported the following Bills complete:

Bill (No. 98) intituled *Cooperative Association Act*, with amendment; and

Bill (No. 94) intituled *Fee Statutes Amendment Act, 1999*, without amendment.

By leave, Bill (No. 98) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) read a third time and passed.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

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 8, 1998.

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 8, 1998.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on May 6, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 25, 27, 31; June 1, 2, 7, 10, 16, 21, 24, and July 7, 8, 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, 811 million, 511 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 1999* and section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 1999*, 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, 2000.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 1 billion, 563 million, 6 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 1999* and is granted by Her Majesty towards defraying the capital, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate 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. 101) intituled *Supply Act, 1999-2000* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
July 13, 1999*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

Bill (No. 101) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. MacPhail*, Bill (No. 101) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 101) intituled *Supply Act, 1999-2000* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled *Motor Vehicle Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Symons* on the Order Paper to section 237 contained within section 31 of Bill (No. 78) was defeated, on division.

Section 31 of Bill (No. 78) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 78) complete with amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 78) was reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 52) intituled *Taxation Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 97) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1999* was committed.

Sections 6 and 7 of Bill (No. 97) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.01 p.m.

Thursday, July 15, 1999

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Conroy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 97) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1999* was again committed.

In consideration of section 13 of Bill (No. 97) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—35

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

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

Section 34 of Bill (No. 97) passed, on division.

Section 78 of Bill (No. 97) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 97) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Thursday, July 15, 1999

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Employment and Investment) tabled the British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 1997/98.

The Hon. *A. Petter* (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology) tabled the following:

Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1999; and

Science Council of British Columbia Annual Review, 98/99.

The Hon. *C. Evans* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) tabled the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission Annual Report, 1998-1999.

The Hon. *P. Priddy* (Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors) tabled the Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors Annual Report, 1997/98.

The Hon. *D. Zirnhelt* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Land Commission Annual Report, 1998/99.

The Hon. *S. Hammell* (Minister of Women's Equality) tabled the Ministry of Women's Equality Annual Report, 1998/99.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Ministry of Labour Annual Report, 1997/1998.

The Hon. *J. MacPhail* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:
British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999;
Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued by Treasury Board or the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1999;

Statement of 1998/99 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A, Schedule B, and Schedule C;

Statement of Crown Proceeding Payments for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1998; and
Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations Annual Report, 1997/98.

Ms. *Smallwood* presented the Second Report of the Special Committee on Multilateral Agreement on Investment for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

Mr. *Thorpe* presented the Eighth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Thorpe* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Kasper* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Kasper* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Kasper* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint an Information and Privacy Commissioner for the Third Session of the Thirty-sixth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Kasper* moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Kasper* moved—

That this House recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Mr. David Loukidelis as a statutory Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Information and Privacy Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 165)

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. McGregor* (Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks) tabled the Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 1998/1999.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

67 The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to:

1. the protection of personal information in private sector transactions and
2. the impact of electronic documents on privacy and freedom of information for British Columbians;

and without limiting the generality of the foregoing to consider reports referred to the Committee by the Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

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.

That the Special Committee is to be composed of Messrs. *Kasper* (Convener), *Calendino*, *Janssen* and *Orcherton*, and Mmes. *Smallwood* and *Walsh* and Messrs. *Weisbeck*, *Plant* and *Abbott* and Ms. *Whittred*.

Motion agreed to.

68 The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That a special committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the appointment of an Auditor General, pursuant to the *Auditor General Act* (RSBC 1996 c.23 5.2), 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 any 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 of the House, 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 the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

That the Special Committee be comprised of members of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts established this session.

Motion agreed to.

66 The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That a Special Committee on International Trade and Investment Agreements be appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO), the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) Agreement and other international trade and investment agreements of relevance to the citizens of British Columbia. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Special Committee shall:

1. Examine evidence on the key international trade and investment issues currently under negotiation and issues likely to be subject to negotiation in the near future;
2. Investigate the application of key issues arising out of these international negotiations to British Columbia;
3. Explore the implications of elements of these negotiations or proposed agreements for British Columbia. This shall include, but not be limited to, special consideration being given to:
 - environmental protection, including the control, conservation and protection of British Columbia's bulk fresh water;
 - British Columbia's agri-food sector;
 - British Columbia's public health, education and social services sectors;
 - enhanced market access abroad for British Columbia industries, investors and service providers; and
 - the jurisdictional authority of British Columbia's local, regional and provincial government;
4. Solicit submissions, presentations and expressions of views from experts, individuals, organizations and groups from British Columbia and elsewhere;
5. Disseminate appropriate information to enhance the levels of awareness and knowledge of British Columbians concerning the issues involved;
6. Consider the most effective and appropriate means for representing the views and interests of British Columbians on matters relating to the negotiations or proposed agreements.

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

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

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

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, and;

That the Special Committee of Selection be empowered to compile the list of Members for the said Committee.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to, on division.

69 The Hon. *J. MacPhail* moved—

That in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Special Committee of Selection the committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered to sit during any period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House; and to determine the membership of any select standing or special committee of the House.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 89) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 95) intituled *Public Sector Pension Plans Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled *Motor Vehicle Statutes Amendment Act, 1999* was read a third time and passed.

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

That the proceedings relating to the third reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled *Public Sector Pension Plans Act* be discharged and that the said Bill be re-committed forthwith.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 95) was re-committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

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

Bill (No. 52) *Taxation Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 58) *Pension Benefits Standards Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 71) *Finance and Corporate Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 72) *Water Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 74) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999.*

Bill (No. 75) *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 78) *Motor Vehicle Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 80) *Liquor Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 82) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 84) *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 85) *Company Act.*

Bill (No. 87) *Education Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1999.*

Bill (No. 88) *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 89) *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 91) *Unclaimed Property Act.*

Bill (No. 92) *Adult Guardianship Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 93) *Land Title Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 94) *Fee Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. 95) *Public Sector Pension Plans Act.*

Bill (No. 96) *Electoral Districts Act.*

Bill (No. 97) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1999.*

Bill (No. 98) *Cooperative Association Act.*

Bill (No. 100) *Definition of Spouse Amendment Act, 1999.*

Bill (No. Pr 403) *Poulos Investments Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 1999.*

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

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

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

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

Bill (No. 101) *Supply Act, 1999-2000.*

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

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 Third Session of

the Thirty-Sixth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that she 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 her stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 4.34 p.m.

GRETCHEN MANN BREWIN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 15, 2000

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

A ballot was held regarding the Election of Speaker.

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, having declared *Bill Hartley*, Member for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Electoral District, duly elected, he was then taken out of his place, by the Hon. *D. Lovick* and Mr. *Farrell-Collins* and conducted to the Chair and made a statement expressing his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by electing him to be their Speaker.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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. *A. Petter* (Attorney General) 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., DECEMBER 22, 1999

“*The Honourable Gretchen Mann Brewin*

“*Speaker,*

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: By-election, Electoral District of Delta South, December 7, 1999.*

“HONOURABLE SPEAKER — On July 12, 1999 this office received the Speaker’s Warrant advising of the vacancy in the membership of the Legislative Assembly resulting from the death of *Fred Gingell*, MLA for Delta South.

“A Writ of Election was issued by me on November 9, 1999, requiring that a by-election be held to fill the vacancy. Accordingly, December 7, 1999 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 *Val Roddick* as the Member to represent the electoral district of Delta South in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours very truly,

“ROBERT A. PATTERSON,
“*Chief Electoral Officer*”

On the motion of the Hon. *A. Petter* (Attorney General), 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.

Ms. *Valerie Roddick*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by Mr. *Farrell-Collins*, and took her seat.

Mr. *Stevenson* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Thorpe* presented a Report of the Special Committee to Appoint an Auditor General.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Thorpe* moved—

That this House recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Mr. Wayne Strelloff as a statutory Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Auditor General for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Auditor General Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 23).

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *W. Hartley* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Financial Statement of the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia for the year ended March 31, 1999;

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 1998/99;

Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner pursuant to section 19 (1) in the Matter of an Application by Michael de Jong, MLA with respect to alleged contraventions of provisions of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* by the Honourable Gordon Wilson, M.L.A.;

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 2 — Report on Government Financial Accountability for the 1997/98 Fiscal Year;

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 3 on Maintaining Human Capital in the British Columbia Public Service: the Role of Training and Development;

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 4 on Managing the Woodlot Licence Program;

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 5 — A Review of the Fast Ferry Project: Governance and Risk Management;

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 6 — Forest Renewal BC: Planning and Accountability in the Corporation — The Silviculture Programs;

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 7 — Report on the Preparedness of the Government of British Columbia in Dealing with the Year 2000 Problem;

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 8 — Social Housing: The Governance of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission and the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation — The Management of Social Housing Subsidies;

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 9 — Compliance Audits;

Auditor General 1999/2000: Report 10 — Report on Government Financial Accountability for the 1998/99 Fiscal Year — Parts I and II.

The Hon. *D. Lovick* made a statement with regard to the death of Chief Joe Mathias. The House observed a minute of silence.

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 third session of the thirty-sixth Parliament of British Columbia I wish to 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. Honourable Members, on behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your legislative duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. A. *Petter* (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 12.20 p.m.

BILL HARTLEY, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

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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 fifteenth day of March, two thousand at 11:00 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 second day of March, two thousand and in the forty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command.