

Monday, April 6, 1981

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Roy Hawes*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Passarell* sought leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the matter of the Stikine Iskut Hydro Project.

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

The House proceeded to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Mr. *Strachan* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT NO. 1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 1, 1981

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

That the Standing Orders have been complied with relating to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act Respecting Montreal Trust Company and Montreal Trust Company of Canada*, except for late filing, but with respect thereto the petitioner has paid double fees in accordance with Standing Order 98 (3).

Your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the said Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. STRACHAN, *Chairman*

The report was read and received.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$186,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1982.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,426,275 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, General Administration, to 31st March 1982.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,080,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Grants, Contributions and Subsidies, to 31st March 1982.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$213,800,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Revenue Sharing Fund, to 31st March 1982.

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

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 156 be reduced by \$6,850, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Barber*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—21

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—28

<i>Mussalleem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 157 be reduced by \$34,446, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Barber*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—22

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—28

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

By leave, on the motion of Mr. *Ree*, Bill (No. PR 401) intituled *An Act Respecting Montreal Trust Company and Montreal Trust Company of Canada* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 1981

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$596,514 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Central Ministry Services, to 31st March 1982.

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

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 160 be reduced by \$76,262, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Barber*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—23

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>		
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—28

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 1981

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *Harry Hickson*.

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* rose on a point of order, namely, whether or not an honourable member having been ordered to withdraw from the House during Committee of Supply this morning ought also to be excluded from the sitting of the House commencing at 2 p.m. on the same day, in accordance with Standing Order 20, which provides in part:

"20. Mr. Speaker, or the Chairman, shall order members whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of that day's sitting."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Speaker stated that oral question period would be extended by an additional five minutes by reason of time devoted to interventions by the Chair.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

I did undertake without prejudice, and before we arrived at Orders of the Day, to take into consideration the point of order raised by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (Hon. *R. H. McClelland*) regarding the suspension of a member from Committee.

Standing Order 20 in our own Standing Orders says that a member whose conduct is grossly disorderly shall be ordered "to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of that day's sitting." It then further explains how that order shall be carried out. May, in his eighteenth edition, on page 429 says: "When . . . a member persists in disorderly conduct or conducts himself in a grossly disorderly manner the Speaker is enjoined . . ." — by a standing order — "forthwith to order him to withdraw from the House for the remainder of the sitting . . ." That in itself perhaps does not clarify the matter, but if you read just a little further it is clarified. It says: ". . . if he thinks" — this is the Speaker or the Chairman, by the way — "the authority and the dignity of the House would not be sufficiently vindicated by excluding the offender from the House for the remainder of the sitting . . ." then the remedy would be to name him. ³

So it appears to the Chair that when a member is excluded, if it is not thought sufficient that the remainder of the sitting would vindicate the House, then the second procedure should be engaged at that time.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Wednesday last, a point of order was raised by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition as to whether or not the period of time allotted for oral questions should be extended by virtue of points of order being raised after commencement, and before completion, of the question period.

The report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, dated February 27, 1973, which has since been adopted by the House as a Sessional Order, is silent on this point. I have noted, however, that on May 8 last, the Chair ruled that oral question period ought not to be infringed upon by the raising of a matter of privilege.

Honourable members will recall also that the Chair has recommended previously that lengthy answers to questions previously taken on notice would best be deferred until after question period so as to keep intact the time allotted.

It is the opinion of the Chair, in accordance with the practice adopted in other jurisdictions, that points of order generally should not be raised at all during question period, but would more properly be deferred until the question period has been completed. In view of the authority vested in the Chair by the Sessional Order, it is very difficult to conceive of a valid point of order being raised which would require any significant time to deal with unless, or course, there were any disposition to improperly engage in protracted discussion of points of order with the Chair.

It is my view that if the Chair itself has to interrupt question period for a significant period, any time so utilized ought to be restored, as determined by the Chair.

Should any honourable member insist upon raising a point of order during oral question period rather than deferring the matter, without prejudice, until after question period, any extension of time ought best be left to the discretion of the Chair, with leave of the House, according to the circumstances.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$92,675.151 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Transit Services, to 31st March 1982.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$504,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1982.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$143,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1982.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Barber*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division on Vote 161 (*nemine contradicente*) be recorded as follows:

YEAS—53

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Ree</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Levi</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Segarty</i>		

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 162 be reduced by \$156,000, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Barrett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—25

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—28

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 163 be reduced by \$94,750, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Barber*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—24

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—28

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Monday last, the Honourable Member for Atlin sought to move adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order 35 to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, a resolution of the Alaskan State Legislature in regard to the Stikine Iskut Hydro Project.

Firstly, I would point out that the Standing Order requires that a statement of the matter be forwarded to the Speaker. The statement should not contain argument but be simply a statement of fact.

Secondly, I note that the House is currently involved in consideration of the Estimates in Committee of Supply. Accordingly, a normal legislative opportunity will occur shortly wherein the matter may be discussed.

For this reason, and because the statement on its face does not indicate that degree of urgency which would justify setting aside the business of the House, I find that the matter does not come within the guidelines for Standing Order 35.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

9 Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Environment the following question:

What is the total cost of the preparation, printing and distribution of the Cowichan Estuary Study?

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* replied as follows:

"The total cost of preparing, printing and distributing the Task Force report is estimated at \$204,750."

31 Mr. *Skelly* asked the Hon. the Minister of Environment the following question:

What pesticides and chemicals used in British Columbia were included on the list the Honourable Monique Begin provided to the British Columbia Ministry of Environment on August 7th last, registrations of which were supported by inadequate or, in some cases, "fraudulent" studies conducted by Industrial Biotest Laboratories, and any supplementary lists subsequently received from the Honourable Monique Begin?

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* replied as follows:

"This question is reminiscent of the questions raised in his letters to me of August 21, 1980, and December 11, 1980. In my answers of October 7, 1980, and January 13, 1981, I indicated that the chemical pesticides studied by Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories and contained in lists presented by the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada, Monique Begin, included several serious shortcomings. The lists included not only registered pesticides supported by 'pivotal' mammalian studies, but also pesticides supported by less important, non-mammalian studies and pesticides not even registered in Canada. I also mentioned that I was awaiting clarification and interpretation of these lists from Health and Welfare Canada before the significance of these lists could be properly assessed. Only then could we supply Mr. *Skelly* with a limited list of those IBT pesticides actually used in British Columbia.

"The latest IBT list from Monique Begin of February 4, 1981, indicated that now 23 compounds were no longer under the IBT 'cloud'. However, the other 89 compounds continue to pose perplexing problems because the significance of this list is still unexplainable to the public because of an apparent legalistic 'bind'. In other words we have requested the toxicological reasons for the occurrence of pesticides on the IBT list and Health and Welfare Canada says that they are legally unable to divulge these reasons to us.

"Since my Ministry cannot be certain as to the significance of these IBT studies, it would seem inappropriate to divulge the contents of this list to the citizens of this Province. The task of reviewing over 800 studies is a long and arduous one, but I am confident that the Federal Regulatory Authorities in Ottawa and Washington will be able to complete their reviews in short order."

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 1981

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Brig. *William Hosty*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

4 Ms. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

With reference to the cost-sharing formula between the Provincial Government and the municipalities—

1. What was the total amount paid by the Government for 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79, and 1979-80?

2. What was the total amount paid by the municipalities for 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79, and 1979-80?

The Hon. *G. M. McCarthy* replied as follows:

	Government Payments	Municipal Payments
	\$	\$
1976-77	253,221,879	36,723,816
1977-78	295,765,266	21,580,460
1978-79	289,754,752	24,411,649
1979-80	341,144,601	25,183,241

"The Government payments column includes the amount charged back to the municipalities."

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, April 9, 1981

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$186,530 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1982.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$972,158 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Administrative and Support Services, to 31st March 1982.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,456,854 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Operational Services, to 31st March 1982.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,249,814 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Marketing Services, to 31st March 1982.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$880,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1982.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Without the Committee rising, the Chairman reported that the Honourable Member for North Island had refused to withdraw an accusation of bias directed to the Chair and refused also to obey an order from the Chair. Upon being ordered by Mr. Speaker to withdraw the allegation reported by the Chairman, the Member for North Island failed to do so.

The Speaker then named *Colin Gabelmann*, the Member for North Island.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. H. McClelland* that Mr. *Gabelmann*, the Member for North Island, be suspended from the service of the House for three sitting days, the House divided.

Motion approved on the following division:

YEAS—27

Mussallem
Segarty
Strachan
Davis

Nielsen
Fraser
McGeer

Phillips
Curtis
Bennett

Williams
McCarthy
Wolfe

Davidson
Ree
Brummet
Ritchie
Vander Zalm
Jordan
Hewitt

Heinrich
Smith
Rogers
McClelland
Chabot
Hyndman
Waterland

NAYS—21

<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

Mr. *Howard* rose on a point of order, namely, that with respect to the putting of the question that the Member for North Island be suspended from the service of the House, Standing Order 50 had not been observed and that accordingly the proceeding in question was a nullity.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the matter.

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

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 183 be reduced by \$14,500, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—23

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 184 be reduced by \$36,650, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Hall*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—22

Passarell	Lockstead	Lorimer	
Mitchell		Hall	Lea
Hanson		Nicolson	King
Wallace		Cocke	Howard
Barber	Sanford	Dailly	Barrett
Brown	Levi	Stupich	Macdonald
Barnes	Leggatt		

NAYS—27

Mussallem	Phillips	Ree	Heinrich
Segarty	Curtis	Brummet	Smith
Strachan	Bennett	Ritchie	Rogers
Davis	Gardom	Vander Zalm	McClelland
	Williams	Jordan	Chabot
Nielsen	McCarthy	Hewitt	Hyndman
Fraser	Wolfe		Waterland
McGeer			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 185 be reduced by \$45,232, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—23

Passarell	Lockstead	Lorimer	Lauk
Mitchell		Hall	Lea
Hanson		Nicolson	King
Wallace		Cocke	Howard
Barber	Sanford	Dailly	Barrett
Brown	Levi	Stupich	Macdonald
Barnes	Leggatt		

NAYS—27

Mussallem	Phillips	Ree	Heinrich
Segarty	Curtis	Brummet	Smith
Strachan	Bennett	Ritchie	Rogers
Davis	Gardom	Vander Zalm	McClelland
	Williams	Jordan	Chabot
Nielsen	McCarthy	Hewitt	Hyndman
Fraser	Wolfe		Waterland
McGeer			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 186 be reduced by \$1,666,534, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. Hall, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—23

Passarell	Lockstead	Lorimer	Lauk
Mitchell		Hall	Lea
Hanson		Nicolson	King
Wallace		Cocke	Howard
Barber	Sanford	Dailly	Barrett
Brown	Levi	Stupich	Macdonald
Barnes	Leggatt		

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 187 be reduced by \$189,000, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Hall*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—23

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. today.

The Hon. *G. M. McCarthy* tabled the Annual Report for the year 1980 of the Ministry of Human Resources.

And then the House adjourned at 12.24 p.m.

Thursday, April 9, 1981

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gary Fricker*.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. H. Heinrich*, Bill (No. 18) intituled *Electrical Energy Inspection Amendment Act, 1981* 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. *W. N. Vander Zalm*, Bill (No. 20) intituled *Building Safety Standards 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 that Bill (No. 20) be introduced and read a first time now, Mr. *Lauk* rose on a point of order, namely, that the motion is debatable.

Mr. Speaker cited Standing Order 45 and ruled that the motion is not debatable.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. H. Heinrich*, Bill (No. 19) intituled *Gas Amendment Act, 1981* 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. H. Heinrich*, Bill (No. 17) intituled *Power Engineers and Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Howard* rose on a point of order with respect to lengthy answers given during question period to questions previously taken as notice.

Mr. Speaker stated that questions too lengthy for oral question period ought to be put on the Order Paper, and that answers which were too lengthy for the question period ought to be given subsequent to the oral question period, or filed as a return.

Mr. Speaker gave the following ruling:

Honourable Members:

Subsequent to the proceedings relating to the suspension of the Honourable Member from North Island from the service of the House, a point of order was raised, namely, whether or not, pursuant to Standing Order 50, the question was put from the Chair in the manner prescribed.

Standing Order 50 reads, in part, as follows: "All motions, except the motion to adjourn and the previous question, shall be in writing, and signed by the mover before being debated *or put* from the Chair."

It is to be noted that a motion for suspension of an honourable member from the service of the House is not a debatable motion. While I also note that many motions have, over a long period of time, been moved in the House without writing and without signature, in the present instance, the motion in question by the Honourable the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, was, in fact, in writing and was, in fact, signed by him as the Honourable Minister has stated.

Having made those preliminary observations, I wish to advise the House that I have reviewed the entire proceeding and am satisfied, *first*, that prior to the calling

of a voice vote, the question was put to the House in the same manner as has been the practice of the Chair over a long period of time. If objection was to be taken to the long-established manner of so putting the question, it should have been raised at the time.

Secondly, and in any event, upon the question again being put to the House, prior to division on the question, and having, in the meantime, heard some objection from some honourable members to the established practice, the question was put by the Chair reading the motion to the House, as is clearly shown by Hansard.

I am entirely satisfied that the question was clearly put by the Chair, both in accordance with the practice of the House, and also in strict accordance with Standing Order 50, and accordingly, I rule that the proceeding in question was in order.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

The Speaker's ruling was challenged.

The Speaker's ruling was sustained on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brunmet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

NAYS—23

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$258,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1982.

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

The Chairman further reported that on the motion "That the Chairman do now leave the Chair" the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Howard*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—22

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>			<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that the Committee rise and report progress the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Lea*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—23

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion "That the Chairman do now leave the Chair" the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Cocke*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—22

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brunmet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* made a statement relating to the damage caused by an electrical fire in a storage room within the parliamentary precincts and tabled a report from the Victoria Fire Department relating thereto.

Mr. *Hall* made a statement relating to the same matter.

The House proceeded to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Mr. *Strachan* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT NO. 2

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 8, 1981

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

That the preamble of Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *An Act Respecting Montreal Trust Company and Montreal Trust Company of Canada* has been proved and the Bill *Ordered* to be reported without amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. STRACHAN, *Chairman*

The report was read and received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Friday, April 10, 1981

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. W. R. Isles*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, it was *Resolved*—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 1981, or such earlier time as it may appear to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet. Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time; and

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 11) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1981* enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 9, 1981.*

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 1, by deleting the proposed paragraph (b) of the definition of "improvements" and substituting the following:

- "(b) in the case of a commercial or industrial undertaking, a business or a public utility enterprise also includes all fixtures, machinery, structures and equipment that have by any person, been erected, affixed or placed in, on, under or to the land or the improvements included in paragraph (a), unless the fixtures, machinery, structures or equipment are exempt by regulation, and for the purpose of this paragraph, 'placed' means brought on the land or the improvements whether or not the fixtures, machinery, structures or equipment
- (i) may be, have been or are intended to be moved, or
 - (ii) change or improve the quality of the land or any improvement on it; , and"

Section 2, in the proposed section 2 (3.1) by adding "ownership and" after "changed to show the".

Section 5, in the proposed section 14 (2) by deleting "he considers".

Section 7, by renumbering paragraph (b) as paragraph (c), by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (a) and adding the following paragraph:

- "(b) in subsection (10) by striking out 'subsection (1)' and substituting 'this section', and"

Section 8, by deleting section 8 and substituting the following:

- "8. Section 27 (1) is amended,
- (a) by striking out 'section 26 (2)' and substituting 'section 26', and
 - (b) in paragraph (b) by adding ', (c.1) and (c.2)' after 'section 16 (1) (c)'"

Section 9, by renumbering paragraphs (a) and (b) as paragraphs (b) and (c) and by adding the following paragraph:

- "(a) in subsection (3) by striking out 'section 26 (1)' and substituting 'section 26',"

The following is added after section 9:

"9.1. Section 29 is amended by striking out 'section 26 (1)' and substituting 'section 26'."

Section 14, by renumbering paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) as paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) and by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following:

- "(a) by repealing subsection (1) (b) and substituting the following:
- (b) to investigate the assessment roll and the various assessments in it and adjudicate on the assessments so that they shall be fair and equitable and fairly represent actual values within the municipality or rural area;
 - (b.1) subject to subsection (4), to adjudicate the complaints so that the assessments in the assessment roll shall be fair and equitable and fairly represent actual values within the municipality or rural area;
- "(b) in subsection (3) by striking out 'under subsection (1)' and substituting 'as a result of an adjudication under subsection (1) (b) and by adding 'or improvements' after 'land',"

By leave of the House, *Resolved*, That the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 11).

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 13) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 1981* enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 9, 1981.

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 47, by deleting section 47 and substituting the following:

“47. Section 208 is repealed and the following substituted:

“*Exemption of machinery
and equipment*

“208. (1) All improvements referred to in paragraph (b) of the *Assessment Act* definition of ‘improvements’ for purposes other than for general municipal and Provincial taxation purposes, are exempt from taxation to the extent that the tax levied in accordance with this Act shall be levied on the assessed value less an amount prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

“(2) Where a parcel is occupied by more than one commercial or industrial undertaking, business or public utility enterprise, the same exemption from taxation applies in respect of each of them.”

By leave of the House, *Resolved*, That the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 13).

The Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* tabled the Annual Report, 1979–80, of the Alcohol and Drug Commission.

The Hon. *P. S. Hyndman* tabled the Fifty-eighth Annual Report of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch.

And then the House adjourned at 12.29 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22, 1981

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Charles Joerin*.

Mr. *Lauk* rose on a point of order, namely, that Standing Order 8 required the attendance of all members in the House during Question Period.

Mr. Speaker observed that the practice of the House was for all members to be present at 2 o'clock p.m., although Standing Order 8 had been interpreted to mean within the precincts.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) tabled a document relating to the meeting of eight premiers in Ottawa on April 16, 1981.

Mr. *Lauk* rose, pursuant to Standing Order 35, and asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, increases in school property taxes.

Mr. Speaker stated he would take the matter into consideration.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

At the opening of today's sitting, the Honourable Member for Vancouver Centre sought to move adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order 35, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, increases in school property taxes.

Let me first observe that such a motion, to be found in order, must not contain matters of argument or debate (*Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, page 41; *House of Commons Debates*, 1971-72, page 826, chapter 1566, November 27, 1971).

In describing the increases in school property taxes, the Honourable Member uses the words "massive" and "unwarranted", and I am certain the Honourable

and Learned Member will agree with the Chair that such adjectives import argument (May, 16th Edition, page 370).

The Honourable Member, in the motion, has also referred to, and I quote, "the decline in provincial support for education."

While the Honourable Member's conclusion may be, in his opinion, supportable, he will, I am sure, concede that it is indeed *a conclusion as opposed to a statement of the matter, as contemplated by Standing Order 35, and interpreted by the authorities.*

On this ground alone, the motion appears to the Chair to be out of order.

I should further add that the long-established practice of this House is for the member seeking an adjournment under Standing Order 35 to rise in his place, state the matter and hand the statement to Mr. Speaker.

In this instance the Honourable Member rose, stating his intention and then, in my respectful opinion, entered into remarks that can only be described as debate.

Mr. Speaker Selwyn-Lloyd has observed, in the British House of Commons, that in making a submission under this Standing Order, the Member should not seek to make the type of speech which would be made if his submission were successful.

Thirdly, the matter raised must involve more than the ordinary administration of the law (May, 16th Edition, page 372).

The Honourable Member has stated in his remarks that under the *School Act*, the Minister of Universities, Science and Communications, under the authority of the *School Act*, sets the mill rate for provincial school property taxes. Assuming this to be the case, the exercise of a discretion under statutory powers involves no more than the ordinary administration of the law, and as such, clearly falls into the prohibition contemplated in May's 16th Edition at page 372.

For these reasons, it is my opinion that the matter raised does not pass the guidelines for a motion under Standing Order 35.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

Mr. Lauk challenged the opinion of the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker stated that his opinion, under Standing Order 35, was not subject to challenge.

The ruling of the Speaker was challenged.

The ruling of the Speaker was sustained on the following division:

YEAS—29

Mussallem	Phillips	Davidson	Heinrich
Segarty	Curtis	Ree	Smith
Strachan	Bennett	Brummet	Rogers
Davis	Gardom	Ritchie	McClelland
Kempf	Williams	Vander Zalm	Chabot
Nielsen	McCarthy	Jordan	Hyndman
Fraser	Wolfe	Hewitt	Waterland
McGeer			

NAYS—19

<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		<i>Lea</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	
<i>Barber</i>		<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	

Mr. Speaker advised the House that on behalf of all members, condolences had been expressed to the family of Felice Avoledo.

The Hon. *H. W. Schroeder* (Speaker) tabled Special Report No. 1 of the Ombudsman of British Columbia (The Garibaldi Case).

On the motion that the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow, a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker's attention having been drawn to the clock, he left the Chair without question put.

Thursday, April 23, 1981

NINE-THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. *Lauk* sought to move adjournment of the House under Standing Order 35 to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the increase in school property taxes.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion could not be made after entering upon Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. today.

16 Mr. *Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

1. Has British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority sold a parcel of land at Lougheed and Boundary Road, Burnaby, British Columbia, in particular Lot 1, District Lot 118, Group 1, Plan 58642, in 1980, and in particular on or about October 31, 1980?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the sale price; (b) who was the purchaser, and if a company, who were its principals; (c) were public tenders called, and if so, when and how many were received and in what amounts and who were the tenderers; and (d) were there any appraisals made prior to the sale relating to this parcel and if so, by whom and what were the amounts?

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* replied as follows:

"1. B.C. Hydro sold Lougheed and Boundary Road property in Burnaby, Lot 1, District Lot 118, Group 1, Plan 58624 (not Plan 58642 as noted). Date agreement entered into was June 27, 1979. Date of conveyance and adjustments was February 26, 1980 (delay caused by subdivision approval).

"2. (a) Sale price, \$1,100,000; interest and compensation for servicing, \$24,515.15; total amount received on sale, \$1,124,515.15.

(b) Intercom Management Ltd., president, Lester Baker.

(c) Offers, not public tenders, were received from the following:

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|------------------------|-----------|--|
| (1) October 13, 1978 | \$945,000 | Consulich Investments Ltd. |
| (2) September 25, 1978 | 727,000 | Rivtow Straits. |
| (3) June 20, 1979 | 1,030,500 | Highfield Development Co. Ltd. |
| (4) June 22-26, 1979 | 1,100,000 | Charterhouse Properties Ltd.
Sale did not complete. |
| (5) June 26-27, 1979 | 1,100,000 | Intercom Management Ltd.
Accepted June 27, 1979. |

(d) The subject property was appraised by Grover Elliott & Company Limited in October 1978 at a value of \$1,000,000."

And then the House adjourned at 12.08 p.m.

Thursday, April 23, 1981

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Lancaster*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Lauk* sought to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the impact of the recently announced provincial mill rate for school purposes and increased taxation on homeowners.

Mr. Speaker stated that the matter did not come within the scope of Standing Order 35 and cited the reasons given in relation to the earlier request of April 22, 1981.

Mr. *Lauk* asked leave to move a motion.

Leave was not granted.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1981* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 22, 1981.

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Attorney General) made a ministerial statement relating to a survey of night-time drivers.

5 Ms. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following question:

With reference to the number of social assistance recipients, what is the breakdown for the following categories: single males, single females, family heads, children, handicapped, and GAIN for people ages 60 to 64, for the years December 1978-79, 1979-80, and to date in 1980?

The Hon. *G. M. McCarthy* replied as follows:

“NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS ON INCOME ASSISTANCE FOR
1978–79, 1979–80, 1980–81

Fiscal Year 1978–79

	Single Males	Single Females	Family Heads	Children*	Handicapped	GAIN (age 60–64)
April.....	15,908	9,627	30,248	51,972	11,614	10,492
May.....	16,135	9,963	29,742	51,351	11,552	10,378
June.....	15,632	9,684	29,702	51,171	11,584	10,185
July.....	15,347	9,360	29,645	50,408	11,655	9,947
August.....	15,118	8,932	29,591	50,020	11,705	9,722
September.....	14,528	8,748	29,654	50,319	11,860	9,624
October.....	14,283	8,754	29,085	48,616	11,974	9,425
November.....	15,103	8,998	29,636	49,561	12,049	9,261
December.....	15,680	9,057	30,057	50,130	12,162	9,125
January.....	16,438	9,027	31,531	53,465	12,245	8,952
February.....	16,462	9,070	31,475	53,018	12,388	8,787
March.....	16,142	8,935	31,183	52,349	12,526	8,617

Fiscal Year 1979–80

April.....	16,208	9,215	31,181	51,998	12,586	8,264
May.....	15,977	9,129	30,411	50,236	12,661	7,688
June.....	15,500	9,061	30,126	50,169	12,801	7,350
July.....	14,906	8,837	29,611	49,589	12,876	7,115
August.....	14,636	8,864	29,957	49,617	12,935	6,837
September.....	14,386	8,748	30,061	49,486	12,987	6,645
October.....	14,781	9,154	29,873	49,312	13,071	6,468
November.....	15,380	9,428	30,089	49,879	13,170	6,301
December.....	16,852	9,931	31,140	51,197	13,269	6,193
January.....	18,203	10,154	31,873	53,156	13,311	6,057
February.....	18,784	10,495	32,040	53,198	13,406	5,889
March.....	18,726	10,609	31,804	52,706	13,469	5,716

Fiscal Year 1980–81

April.....	18,462	10,525	31,922	52,706	13,564	5,571
May.....	17,679	10,450	31,439	51,804	13,607	5,406
June.....	17,555	10,402	31,264	51,469	13,544	5,192
July.....	17,093	9,903	31,544	52,007	13,792	5,859
August.....	16,713	9,684	31,393	51,746	13,944	5,801
September.....	16,783	9,800	31,605	52,177	14,059	5,758
October.....	16,456	9,736	30,782	50,502	13,972	5,686
November.....	16,852	9,800	30,758	50,351	13,764	5,617
December.....	18,390	10,157	31,850	51,934	13,661	5,604
January.....	18,793	10,098	32,106	52,222	13,658	5,553
February.....	19,206	10,279	32,015	52,151	13,687	5,450
March.....	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Figures estimated prior to May 1980.”

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Friday, April 24, 1981

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Father *Walter J. Donald*.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, Bill (No. 21) intituled *Petroleum and Natural Gas Amendment Act, 1981* 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 for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,971 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1982.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,091,714 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Deputy Minister's Office, to 31st March 1982.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,736,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Finance and Administration, to 31st March 1982.

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

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 12 be reduced by \$65,000, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Howard*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—20

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>			
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—26

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
		<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

The Hon. *P. S. Hyndman* (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) made a ministerial statement relating to the Office of the Rentalsman.

25 Mr. *Skelly* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Parks and Housing the following questions:

1. What has been the estimated budget of the ecological reserves unit for each year from 1971-72 to 1981-82?
2. What has been the amount expended from the budget for the ecological reserves unit for each year from 1971-72 to 1980-81 (to date)?
3. How many ecological reserves have been created in each calendar year, and what area of reserves was added in each calendar year 1971 to 1981?

The Hon. *J. R. Chabot* replied as follows:

"1. Budgets for the years 1971-72 to 1975-76 were part of the Policy and Planning Division in the former Land Management Branch and can only be estimated between \$30,000 and \$48,000 annually. The Ecological Reserves Unit was established in 1974. Available information on past budgets is as follows: 1976-77, \$122,507; 1977-78, \$122,856; 1978-79, \$57,000; 1979-80, \$75,756; 1980-81, \$127,225.

"2. All budgets close to fully spent.

"3. New reserves:

Year	Number Estimated	Hectares
1971.....	28	13,925.9
1972.....	15	6,195.8
1973.....	10	16,640.9 ¹
1974.....	3	2,329.6
1975.....	18	59,650.6
1976.....	1	36.8
1977.....	8	2,393.1
1978.....	10	2,275.6
1979.....	3	624.0 ²
1980.....	4	297.0 ²

¹ > 1/2 subtidal.

² Mostly subtidal."

26 The Hon. *Jack Davis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services the following questions:

For each of the fiscal year ends March 31, 1976 and March 31, 1981—

1. How many people were employed, full-time, in the various Provincial ministries?

2. How many people were employed, full-time, in all Provincial Crown corporations?

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* replied as follows:

“1 and 2. The number of people employed full-time in various Provincial ministries and in all Provincial Crown corporations is as follows: March 31, 1976, 39,139; March 31, 1981, 39,863; and March 31, 1976, 17,966; March 31, 1981, 21,787.”

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) tabled the 1980 Annual Report of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

Monday, April 27, 1981

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *D. Lehane*.

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Environment Management Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 27, 1981.

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Gabelmann* rose, pursuant to Standing Order 35, and asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance relating to an impending decision of the Environment and Land Use Committee, in regard to a proposed coal mine near Campbell River.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,809,073 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Field Operations, to 31st March 1982.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,348,293 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Economics and Marketing Services, to 31st March 1982.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,458,103 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Financial Assistance Program, to 31st March 1982.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$258,097 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Information Services, to 31st March 1982.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$267,160 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Milk Board, to 31st March 1982.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,661,067 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March 1982.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,130,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, ICBC—Senior Citizens' Grant, to 31st March 1982.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,840,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1982.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$421,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1982.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again later today.

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 15 be reduced by \$867,965, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Howard*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—21

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>		<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>		<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
		<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 16 be reduced by \$5,600, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mrs. *Wallace*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—20

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
	<i>Skelly</i>		<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>		<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
		<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 20 be reduced by \$762,000, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mrs. *Wallace*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—24

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>		<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 21 be reduced by \$60,000, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Barrett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—24

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>		<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

On the motion of the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Senior Citizen Automobile Insurance Grant Act*.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Estate Administration Amendment Act, 1981*.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Company Amendment Act, 1981*.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Credit Union Amendment Act, 1981*.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28, 1981

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. Speaker advised the House of receipt of a communication from the office of the Consulate General of the United States of America conveying a message from the President of the United States.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

I have fully considered the proposal of the Honourable Member for North Island, made yesterday, for an emergency debate under Standing Order 35.

I point out that May, in 16th edition, sets out all the rules with regard to such debate which have been consistently applied in this House.

Among those rules are included a clear prohibition against importing debate in stating the matter and that the matter shall have been raised without delay. May further states at page 370 that, "The fact that new information has been received regarding a matter that has been continuing for some time does not in itself make that matter one of urgency."

The statement of the matter offered by the Honourable Member clearly imports argument in paragraphs 2 and 3, and also states that the proposal sought to be debated on an emergency basis is in a "stage two" category of consideration. This indicates the matter is not of recent occurrence within the meaning of the rules.

Consequently, I am bound to give my opinion that the matter does not fall within the scope of Standing Order 35, and may not be proceeded further without the usual notice.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Tuesday, April 28, 1981

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *C. Lewery*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Chairman further reported that, on the motion that the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Howard*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—23

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>		<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29, 1981

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House proceeded to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Mr. *Strachan* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT NO. 3

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 29, 1981

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

That the Standing Orders have been complied with relating to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *West Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited, Act, 1897, Amendment Act, 1981*, except for late filing, but with respect thereto the petitioner has paid double fees in accordance with Standing Order 98 (3).

Your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the said Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. STRACHAN, *Chairman*

The report was read and received.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Lauk* sought to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, a request of the Vancouver City Council that the Provincial Government refund school property tax revenues to city homeowners.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would reserve his opinion.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again later today.

The Chairman further reported that, on the motion that the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Lea*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—47

<i>Passarell</i>		<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Ree</i>
	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>			<i>Rogers</i>
	<i>King</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Segarty</i>		

NAYS—2

Mitchell *Lea*

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Mr. *Nicolson* rose on a point of order, namely, that leave was required for the House to proceed from Committee of Supply to Public Bills and Orders, where Private Bills had been assigned priority to Public Bills on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker ruled that while leave would be required to pass over Private Bills, it was not required where the member sponsoring the only Private Bill on the Order Paper had indicated to the Chair that it was not his intention to move second reading of the Bill today, and that he would be doing so at a later date.

The ruling of the Chair was challenged and sustained on the following division:

YEAS—26

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>		<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

NAYS—22

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 2) *Estate Administration Amendment Act, 1981.*

Bill (No. 3) *Company Amendment Act, 1981.*

Bill (No. 4) *Credit Union Amendment Act, 1981.*

Bill (No. 9) *Senior Citizen Automobile Insurance Grant Act* was committed and reported complete without amendment.

The Chairman reported further that on the amendment to section 1, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mrs. *Wallace*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—22

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
		<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that the Committee rise and report the Bill complete without amendment, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Nicolson*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—49

<i>Passarell</i>		<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Ree</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>		<i>Rogers</i>
	<i>King</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Segarty</i>		

Mr. *Howard* rose on a point of order in regard to the calling of items of business on the Order Paper and the effect of Standing Order 25.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his decision.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 9), *Senior Citizen Automobile Insurance Grant Act*, the House divided.

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

YEAS—50

<i>Passarell</i>		<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Ree</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>		<i>Rogers</i>
	<i>King</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Segarty</i>		

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Chairman further reported that, on the motion that Vote 164 be reduced to \$4.50, the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mrs. *Dailly* the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—18

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>			
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Strachan</i>		<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>McGeer</i>			

On the motion, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow, a debate arose.

Mr. *Howard* moved that the motion be amended by deleting the words "10 o'clock a.m." and substituting therefor the words "2 o'clock p.m."

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—19

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—28

Mussallem
Segarty
Strachan
Davis
Kempf
Nielsen
Fraser
McGeer

Phillips
Curtis

Gardom
Williams
McCarthy
Wolfe

Davidson
Ree
Brummet
Ritchie
Vander Zalm
Jordan
Hewitt

Heinrich
Smith
Rogers
McClelland
Chabot
Hyndman
Waterland

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Thursday, April 30, 1981

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Thursday, April 30, 1981

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Kenneth Strom.

On the motion of Mr. *Ree*, Bill (No. Pr. 402) intituled *West Kootenay Power and Light Company, Limited, Act, 1897, Amendment Act, 1981* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Chairman further reported that, on the motion that the Chairman leave the Chair, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. King, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—20

<i>Passarell</i>		<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—27

<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) tabled the British Columbia Marketing Board 1980 Annual Report.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled documents referred to in Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.