Monday, February 27th, 1956.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. L. Wicks presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 27th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Milk Industry," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 27th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act respecting the Milk Industry," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after to-day. 4-5 ELIZ. 2

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

220. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$18,756 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$237,682 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Administration, to 31st March, 1957.

222. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$14,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Board of Industrial Relations, to 31st March, 1957.

223. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$27,832 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1957.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,280 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,571 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$112,952 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Labour Relations Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

227. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$6,708 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Indian Inquiry Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1957.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1957.

288. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,460 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

289. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,684 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Administration, to 31st March, 1957.

290. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$421,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Homes for Elderly Citizens *re* Construction and to Children's Homes, to 31st March, 1957.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,861 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1957.

292. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Civil Service—Gratuities under Sec. 76 of "Civil Service Act," and other Government Employees, to 31st March, 1957.

293. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

294. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Retiring Allowances, to 31st March, 1957.

295 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1957.

296. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$64,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1957.

297. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Queen's Printer, to 31st March, 1957.

298. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,748 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1957.

299. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (the Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1957.

300. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Public Services Medical Plan, to 31st March, 1957.

301. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1957.

302. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Construction and other Grants to Charitable and other Associations, to 31st March, 1957.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to City of Victoria (Capital City Grant), to 31st March, 1957.

304. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,498 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1957.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Farms, to 31st March, 1957.

306. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$126,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1957.

307. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$236,776 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Preventive Services (including Child Guidance Clinics), to 31st March, 1957.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,615,928 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1957.

309. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,312 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Mental Health Centre, to 31st March, 1957.

310. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Mental Health Care (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1957.

311. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,131,362 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Homes for the Aged, to 31st March, 1957.

312. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$244,944 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, to 31st March, 1957.

313 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,732 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Provincial Elections Act," to 31st March, 1957.

314 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Inquiries Act," to 31st March, 1957.

315 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory Requirements pursuant to "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1957.

316. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Retiring Allowance— "Civil Service Act," Sec. 69, and other Government Employees, to 31st March, 1957.

317. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1957.

The Committee reported the Resolutions. 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. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.34 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. T. Haythorne.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day:—

On the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black—Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chilliwack Dyking District Act, 1949.'"

On the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black—Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. Howard—Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-unions Act.'"

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

282. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

283. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$53,856 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

284. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,948 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division, to 31st March, 1957.

285. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1957.

286. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Revision of Municipal Legislation, to 31st March, 1957.

287. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1957.

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

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gasoline Tax Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Housing Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children of Unmarried Parents Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 33) initialed "An Act to prevent Discrimination in regard to Employment and in regard to Membership in Trade-unions by Reason of Race, Religion, Colour, Nationality, Ancestry, or Place of Origin " a debate arose.

The House divided.

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The motion was agreed to on the following division:----

YEAS-43.

	Messieurs		
Brown	Strachan	Parker	Tomlinson
Segur	Harding	Corbett	Tisdalle
Eddie	Nimsick	Arsens, Mrs.	Richter
Squire	Moore	Williston	Newton
Calder	Winch	Sommers	Matthew
Gargrave	Webster	Bennett	Chant
Howard	Turner	Bonner	Chetwynd
Giovando	Bruch	Black	Kiernan
Gibbs	Shelford	Peterson	Gaglardi
Laing	Reid	Robinson	Wicks
Uphill	Price	Bate	

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Mr. Gregory

The Bill was Ordered to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gargrave*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to regulate the Use and Sale of Fireworks" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting to-morrow.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 69) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act respecting the Milk Industry" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Webster*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. Gregory asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:---

1. What is the average cost of maintaining one inmate at Oakalla Gaol for one month?

2. What was the average monthly cost in each of the following years: 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1954?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:-

"1. \$150.

"2. 1949, \$66; 1950, \$66.90; 1951, \$67.80; 1952, \$96; 1953, \$117.90; and 1954, \$138.90."

Mr. Brown asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:-

1. How many dining-lounge licences have been granted pursuant to section 34 (a) of the "Government Liquor Act, 1953," since the above-named Act became effective?

2. Of the dining-lounge licences granted, how many of them have been granted covering premises not previously in business for at least one year and, if any, please give name and address of each such licence-holder?

3. How many dining-room licences have been granted pursuant to section 34 (c) of the "Government Liquor Act, 1953," since the above-named Act became effective?

4. Of the dining-room licences granted, how many of them have been granted covering premises not previously in business for at least one year and, if any, please give name and address of each such licence-holder?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:-

"1. 1954, 2; 1955, 1; and 1956, 1.

"2. None.

"3. 1954, 82; 1955, 100; and 1956, 96.

" 4. None."

Mr. Gregory asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:-

1. Is the transfer of the Motor-vehicle Branch from Victoria to the Mainland under consideration?

2. Is the Branch to be moved from Victoria?

3. If so, why?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:-

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by Nos. 1 and 2."

Mr. Harding asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:---

1. What was the total cost of maintaining Doukhobor guards in British Columbia for the year 1955?

2. What was the total cost of maintaining Doukhobor children in British Columbia for the year 1955?

3. What was the total cost of operating the institution at New Denver for Doukhobor children in 1955?

4. How many Doukhobor children were being kept at the New Denver project in December of 1955?

5. What was the total cost of operating the New Denver project, including guards, in December of 1955?

6. What was the total cost of the following items for the New Denver project for 1955: (a) Food, (b) clothing, (c) supervision, and (d) other costs?

7. What was the total cost of new construction for the New Denver project in 1955?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:---

"1. For the fiscal year 1954-55, \$172,203.46.

"2 and 3. See answer to No. 6.

"4. Eighty-three.

"5. \$16,416.46.

"6. For the fiscal year 1954-55: (a) Food, \$8,355.42; (b) clothing, \$2,944.01; (c) supervision, \$31,344.61 (includes all salaries); and (d) other costs, \$32,963.94.

"7. For the fiscal year 1954-55, \$43,498.55."

Mr. Laing asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:---

What sum of money was paid by the Crown to Alfred Bull, Q.C., for the two-day Lord Commission hearing on forest management licences?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:----

"The sum attributable to the two-day hearing is not distinguished in the total account of \$805.44 submitted for services and expenses as Commission counsel for the period February 17th, 21st, March 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1955."

Mr. Winch asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:---

What action, if any, (a) has been taken or (b) is being planned for early implementation relative to provision of gaol accommodation for women prisoners?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:---

"(a) and (b) It is expected that a start will be made on this undertaking during the fiscal year 1956-57."

Mr. Nimsick asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:---

1. What is the total number of students attending the University of British Columbia?

2. How many of these students are from outside the Province of British Columbia?

The Hon. R. G. Williston replied as follows:-

"1. Six thousand four hundred students.

"2. From centres in Canada outside British Columbia, 650 students; from other countries, 228 students; total, 878 students. In addition, extra sessional credit courses (evening classes), 500; correspondence credit courses, 550; and non-credit courses, 3,250."

Mr. Calder asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:----

1. How many commercial fishermen applied for workmen's compensation as independent operators during 1955?

2. How many commercial fishermen obtained workmen's compensation coverage as independent operators during each individual month in 1955?

3. What were the total number of months in 1955 where compensation coverage was provided to commercial fishermen under the independent operator plan?

4. What were the total payments paid by commercial fishermen to the Workmen's Compensation Board for coverage as independent operators during 1955?

5. How many claims were received from or on behalf of commercial fishermen who were covered under the independent operator type of plan during 1955 for (a) deaths, (b) temporary total disability, and (c) permanent total disability?

6. How many of the above claims were approved and how many of the above claims were rejected?

7. What was the total amount of money paid out by the Workmen's Compensation Board to commercial fishermen during 1955 under the independent operators' section of the Board's jurisdiction?

8. Were any of the claims by commercial fishermen under the independent operators' plan rejected solely on the grounds that the fishermen concerned had not paid a premium for the coverage?

9. How many commercial fishermen suffered fatal industrial accidents during 1955?

10. How many of the commercial fishermen who suffered fatal industrial accidents during 1955 were covered by workmen's compensation under (a) the independent operator plan and (b) those sections of the Act which define certain categories of fishermen as workmen?

11. How many commercial fishermen who suffered fatal industrial accidents were not covered by workmen's compensation during 1955?

12. How many commercial fishermen in British Columbia suffered either (a) temporary total disability, (b) permanent partial disability or (c) permanent total disability during 1955, and (d) how many of them were covered by workmen's compensation either as workmen under the Act or as independent operators?

The Hon. L. Wicks replied as follows:---

"1. One thousand two hundred and eighty.

"2. April, 55; May, 463; June, 112; July, 555; August, 67; September, 13; October, 12; November, 3; total, 1,280.

"3. Five thousand six hundred and eighty-four and one-half months.

"4. \$33,942.33.

"5. (a) 4, (b) 45, (c) nil, (d) (medical aid only) 17, (e) (outstanding) 19, and total, 85.

"6. (a) Paid, 2; pending, 1; and rejected, 1. (b) Paid, 43; medical aid only, 17; pending, 17; and rejected, 4. (c) nil. Total, 85.

"7. \$49,891.34.

"8. Two.

"9. Ten fatal accidents were reported to the Board.

"10. (a) Two paid and one pending and (b) five paid and one pending.

"11. The Board has no record of those who were not within the Act and who did not file a claim with the Board.

"12. This information is not available as the Board does not record the number of employees covered and can account only for the number who have filed claims with the Board." Mr. Gregory asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:-

1. Have instructions been issued that permits in Form 42 (authorizing the carrying of pistols and (or) revolvers) are to be issued on a more restricted basis than previously?

2. Are these instructions intended to restrict the discretion conferred on the Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, by section 94 (1) (a) of the Criminal Code of Canada?

3. Do these instructions have the effect of denying such permits to (a) trappers in connection with their occupation, (b) fox breeders in connection with their occupation, (c) dog trainers in connection with their occupation (in respect of blank cartridges), and (d) starters in connection with athletic meets (in respect of blank cartridges)?

4. Has there been any case in British Columbia in the last twenty years where a person carrying a pistol or revolver under authority of a permit issued pursuant to the Criminal Code did any unlawful act with the firearm?

5. If so, in how many cases in 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1955?

6. Have any cases of abuse of such permits been brought to the attention of the Attorney-General?

7. If so, how many cases in 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1955?

8. What good is intended to be achieved by the instructions referred to above?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:---

"1. No.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.

- "4. Figures not available.
- " 5. See No. 4.
- "6. No.
- "7. See No. 6.

"8. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Calder asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:----

1. What is the proposed programme of the Provincial Indian Inquiry Committee during 1956?

2. What Indian problems will be dealt with?

3. Is it the intention of the Department of Labour to appoint a new secretary of the Provincial Indian Inquiry Committee during 1956?

The Hon. L. Wicks replied as follows:---

"1. As stated in subsection (5) of section 4 of the 'Indian Inquiry Act.'

"2. As stated in subsection (5) of section 4 of the 'Indian Inquiry Act.'

" 3. Yes."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28th, 1956.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Soil Conservation," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 28th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting Soil Conservation," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

On behalf of the Hon. W. D. Black, the Hon. R. W. Bonner presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Greater Vancoucer Sewerage and Drainage District," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 28th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading to-morrow. On behalf of the Hon. W. D. Black, the Hon. R. W. Bonner presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to control the Pollution of Waters of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 28th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to control the Pollution of Waters of the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, on behalf of the Hon. W. D. Black, the order for the second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chilliwack Dyking District Act, 1949,'" was discharged, and the Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On behalf of the Hon. W. D. Black, the Hon. R. W. Bonner presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chilliwack Dyking District Act, 1949,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 28th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chilliwack Dyking District Act, 1949,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading to-morrow. By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to Order of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended to-morrow.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gas Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 68) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate for the second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act respecting the Milk Industry."

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.49 p.m.

Wednesday, February 29th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. W. Parker.

By leave of the House, the Hon. R. W. Bonner (Attorney-General) presented the report of Reginald Hibbert Tupper, Q.C., dated February 17th, 1956, appointed a sole Commissioner under the provisions of the "Public Inquiries Act" by Order in Council No. 1618, approved by His Honour the Administrator in Council on June 24th, 1955, to inquire into matters set forth in the said Minute of Council, relative to the administration of the Police Department of the City of Vancouver, etc."

Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had suspended, from the service of the House, Commander E. A. Jamieson as Sergeant-at-Arms, and that his reasons for such action would be communicated to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black, Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act respecting the District Municipality of North Cowichan" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Without the Committee rising, the Chairman reported to the House that during debate he had ruled that "Guests of the House on the floor of the House, who are there by courtesy of the House, should not write notes in the House and pass them to the members." His ruling was appealed from.

Upon the question being put, the ruling of the Chairman was sustained on the following division:— YEAS—24

		1 LAS-27.	
		Messieurs	
Bruch Shelford Shantz Reid Price Parker	Corbett Arsens, Mrs. Williston Bennett Bonner Black	Peterson Robinson Bate Tomlinson Tisdalle Richter	Newton Chant Chetwynd Kiernan Gaglardi Wicks
		NAYS—19. Messieurs	

Gregory Brown Haggen Segur Eddie Squire Calder Gargrave Howard Giovando

Messieurs Gibbs Laing Strachan Harding Nimsick

Moore Winch Webster Turner

PAIR:

Messieurs Martin

Uphill

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

318. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,008 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Public Utilities Act," to 31st March, 1957.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Laing on February 22nd, as follows:—

That in the opinion of this House the Government should give consideration to making available, by way of a low-rental housing plan for senior citizens, an amount equal to the very considerable annual savings to the Province arising out of the favourable agreement with the Federal Government which became effective January 1st, 1952.

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Laing on February 22nd, as follows:----

That in the opinion of the House the Government should give consideration to the request of small-fruit growers and nurserymen for extended loans to re-establish their plantings following the devastating November frosts or consider underwriting loans granted such persons by the chartered banks.

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to.

By leave of the House, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Laing on February 22nd, as follows:-----

That in the opinion of this House the deadlock that appears to exist through the refusal of the United States section of the International Joint Commission to accept the principle of down-stream benefits on rivers common to both countries would appear to be delaying unduly the development of potential water power in British Columbia, and since this House feels that discussion at the level of Government of the two nations is an urgent prerequisite to desired action, this Legislature therefore petitions the Federal Government to make the necessary representations to the Government of the United States.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived on the following division:-

YEAS-18.

Messieurs

Laing

Strachan

Harding

Nimsick

Gregory Squire Calder Brown Gargrave Haggen Segur Howard Eddie Gibbs NAYS-24.

Bruch Shelford Shantz Reid Price Parker

Corbett Arsens. Mrs. Williston **Bennett** Bonner Black

Messieurs Peterson Robinson Bate Tomlinson Tisdalle Richter

Newton Matthew Chant Chetwynd Kiernan Wicks

Moore

Winch

Turner

Webster

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Gaglardi Martin

Giovando Uphill

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Harding on February 22nd, as follows:-

That all correspondence with the Minister of Municipalities relating in any way to the Order in Council setting up the Nakusp Regulated Area and to a later Order in Council rescinding the same be tabled with this House.

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Gregory moved, seconded by Mr. Brown,---

Whereas the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia on April 7th, 1954, unanimously Resolved "That this House is of the opinion that the Government should give consideration to the advisability of establishing a system of verbatim reporting":

And whereas in this, the 1956 Session of the Legislative Assembly, no system of verbatim reporting has yet been instituted:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government make a full report of its efforts to institute verbatim reporting and table all correspondence concerning the same.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. Howard moved, seconded by Mr. Gargrave,-

That all communications between any branch of Government and any other person or organization, and all papers and documents, relative to the appointment of Mr. J. E. Brown, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, to inquire into and investigate the housing situation in Kitimat, and Mr. J. E. Brown's resulting report, be filed with this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. Nimsick moved, seconded by Mr. Calder,-

That this Assembly urges the Government of Canada to intensify its efforts to achieve world disarmament by international agreement through the United Nations Organization; this Assembly also urges, by international agreement, the abolition of the use, possession, and manufacture of nuclear weapons and also all other weapons of mass destruction to the end that the forces of science and technology be made available to man to be used for human welfare, international goodwill, and co-operation.

The Hon. R. W. Bonner moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. W. D. Black,---

That Motion No. 29, reading as follows: "That this Assembly urges the Government of Canada to intensify its efforts to achieve world disarmament by international agreement through the United Nations Organization; this Assembly also urges, by international agreement, the abolition of the use, possession, and manufacture of nuclear weapons and also all other weapons of mass destruction to the end that the forces of science and technology be made available to man to be used for human welfare, international goodwill, and co-operation " be amended by deleting all words after " Organization " in the third line thereof.

The amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Strachan moved, seconded by Mr. Harding,-

Whereas the Canadian Government has so far failed to sign or ratify the United Nations Convention on the Political Rights of Women:

And whereas one of the reasons given by the Prime Minister of Canada for this failure was his desire to have concurrence of the Provincial Governments of Canada:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government of British Columbia should notify the Federal Government of Canada that the United Nations Convention on the Political Rights of Women should be ratified by Canada on behalf of the Provinces.

A debate arose, and, on the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. Richter moved, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson,-

That this House fully supports the stand taken by the Provincial Government in opposing, through counsel, the grain freight-rate increase as proposed by the Federal Board of Transport Commissioners:

Further, since such proposed increase would work a direct and unwarranted hardship on British Columbia farmers and ranchers, that no effort be spared to not only resist the proposed increases but to continue to advocate a reduction in the existing rates.

Mr. Laing moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Brown,-

That Motion 35 be amended by deleting all words after "increase" in the first paragraph, and substituting therefor the words "as filed by the railway companies."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. Matthew moved, seconded by Mr. Price,---

Whereas the Government of Canada is responsible for establishment of the basic rate of pensions for the old-age assistance and old-age security pensioners:

And whereas the Government of Canada has made no increase in the basic allowance for the past seven years:

And whereas the constantly spiralling cost of living has forced upon recipients of old-age assistance and old-age security a life of deprivation and hardship:

Therefore, the members of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, do hereby urge the Government of Canada to raise the basic pension at the present Session of Parliament.

A debate arose.

Mr. Price moved that the question be now put.

Motion agreed to.

Upon the previous question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Hon W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,' " and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 29th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,' " a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Equalization Act, 1953,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 29th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Equalization Act, 1953,' " a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to prevent the Spread of Contagious Diseases among Animals," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 29th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to prevent the Spread of Contagious Diseases among Animals," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett (Premier) presented the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission under the "Public Utilities Act" for the year ended December 31st, 1955.

The Hon. R. G. Williston (Minister of Education) presented the Report of the Public Library Commission for the year ended December 31st, 1955.

The Hon. R. G. Williston (Minister of Lands and Forests) presented the Annual Report of the Forest Service, Department of Lands and Forests, for the calendar year 1955.

The Hon. R. G. Williston (Minister of Lands and Forests), pursuant to Order, presented photostatic copies of all correspondence between the Minister of Lands and Forests and any or all Federal departments and with the Garibaldi Park Committee of the Squamish Board of Trade dealing with the proposed development of Garibaldi Park.

The Hon. L. Wicks (Minister of Labour), pursuant to Order, presented correspondence relating to the resignation of Thomas Reginald Kelly as Secretary of the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan (Minister of Mines) presented the Annual Report of the Mining Industry of the Province for the year 1955.

Mr. Shantz presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

Report No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 29th, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:-

Your Committee heard representations from the Humane Slaughter Society, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Canadian Association of Packers with regard to the merits of humane slaughtering of food-animals and the difficulties arising from such methods.

After due consideration, your Committee recommends as follows:-

The Committee expresses sympathy with the ideas expressed by the Humane Slaughter Society and strongly recommends that the Federal and Provincial Departments

of Agriculture make a thorough study of all aspects dealing with this question with the object of putting into effect the most humane methods possible in the killing of food-animals.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. SHANTZ, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Turner*, question standing under his name on the Order Paper as No. 157 was withdrawn.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, February 29th, 1956.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—Earlier in this sitting, on the Order being called for Committee of Supply, the Hon. the Premier moved to proceed to the order of business "Private Bills."

The honourable member for Mackenzie raised the point of order that leave of the House had not been obtained to move, without notice, a motion which in effect amounted to a departure from Standing Order 27 (1), which requires that:—

"All items standing on the Orders of the Day (except Government orders) shall be taken up accordingly to the precedence assigned to each on the Order Paper."

At that time I sustained the point of order as being properly taken. The Hon. the Premier, standing in his place, then called the order of business "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions" and the particular motion to be considered. The honourable member for Skeena took the point of order that the order of business in the House should be called by Mr. Speaker and asked a ruling of the Chair thereon which I undertook to give.

Standing Order 25 of this House prescribes the order of business and carefully divides it into "Routine Business," with an invariable order of events, and "Day by Day Business," in which the order of dealing with various items therein contained varies with the day of the week.

It is the prerogative of Mr. Speaker, either personally or by direction to the Clerk of the House, to call the order of Routine Business in the House, and it is the further privilege of the Chair to call the order of business in Day by Day Business, with the following exception, which constitutes subsection (2) of Order 27:---

"Whenever Government business has precedence, Government Orders may be called in such sequence as the Government may think fit, and the right is reserved to the Administration of placing Government orders at the head of the list on every day except Wednesday and Thursday." From the foregoing, you will appreciate that any departure from the order of business set out in Standing Order 25, previously mentioned, can only take place on a motion to suspend the appropriate Standing Order, and such motion, being a substantive motion, requires due notice or the unanimous consent of the House before it can be made without notice.

The rigidity of this rule is relaxed by Standing Order 48, under which a motion to proceed to Orders of the Day (as opposed to Routine Proceedings) may be made without notice.

T. J. IRWIN, Speaker.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power Act,' " and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 29th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Capital Improvement District Commission," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 29th, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act respecting the Capital Improvement District Commission," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported. Report adopted. Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

319. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$238,336 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Motor Carrier Act," to 31st March, 1957.

The Committee reported the Resolution. 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 the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to Orders of the Day, "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 45) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Labour Relations Act.'"

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived on the following division:----

YEAS-17.

Messieurs

Gregory	Calder	Laing	Moore
Brown	Gargrave	Strachan	Winch
Segur	Howard	Harding	Webster
Eddie	Gibbs	Nimsick	Turner
Squire			
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		Messieurs	
Bruch	Corbett	Peterson	Newton
Shelford	Arsens, Mrs.	Robinson	Matthew
Shantz	Williston	Bate	Chant
Reid	Bennett	Tomlinson	Chetwynd
Price	Bonner	Tisdalle	Kiernan
Parker	Black	Richter	Wicks
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PAIRS:

Messieurs

Gaglardi Martin Sommers Giovando Uphill Haggen Bill (No. 47), intituled "An Act to incorporate St. Mark's College" was read a second time, and Ordered to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act respecting the British Columbia and Northwestern States Command and Branches of The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League" was read a second time, and Ordered to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act,' " a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-unions Act,' " a debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:-

YEAS-13.

Messieurs

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Segur	Gargrave	Harding	Winch
Eddie	Howard	Nimsick	Webster
Squire	Strachan	Moore	Turner
Calder			

NAYS-27.

Messieurs

Bruch Shelford Shantz Reid Price Parker Corbett Arsens, Mrs. Williston Bennett Bonner Black Peterson Bate

Tomlinson Tisdalle Richter Newton Matthew Chant Chetwynd Kiernan Wicks Gregory Brown Gibbs Laing

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Gaglardi	Giovando	
Martin	Uphill	
Sommers	Haggen	

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House reverted to Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act respecting the Milk Industry."

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 p.m.