Tuesday, September 25, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. J. Lunny.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* (Premier) made a statement relating to an oil spill which occurred today near the harbour of Vancouver.

Mr. D. A. Anderson rose on a matter of privilege, namely, the alleged release of the contents of a Bill outside of the House prior to introduction of the Bill in the House.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would take the matter under consideration upon receiving from the member particulars and evidence of the alleged facts.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. Smith, Bill (No. 26) intituled Supplementary Municipal Assistance Act.

On the motion of Mrs. Jordan, Bill (No. 27) intituled Senior Citizens Home Repair Assistance Act.

On the motion of Mr. Curtis, Bill (No. 28) intituled An Act to Amend the Municipalities' Aid Act.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom* (on behalf of Mr. *McGeer*), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *David Barrett* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled An Act to Amend the Corporation Capital Tax Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 25, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after today. The Hon. *David Barrett* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 25, 1973

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled An Act to Amend the Coloured Gasoline Tax Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 25, 1973

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

The Hon. *David Barrett* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled An Act to Amend the Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 25, 1973

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

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

12 Mr. Fraser asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

1. How many Provincial Judges are there in British Columbia?

2. How many are lay Judges and how many are legally trained Judges?

3. What are the salaries paid to legally trained Judges, when did they receive their last pay raise, and how much was the increase?

4. What are the salaries paid to lay Judges, when did they receive their last pay raise, and how much was the increase?

The Hon. A. B. Macdonald replied as follows:

"1. Number of Provincial Court Judges, 193.

"2. Number of lay Judges, 99; number of legally trained Judges (nine of whom are part-time), 94 (three appointments effective October 1973).

"3. Chief Judge, \$31,000 (\$27,000); district Judges, \$28,500 (\$23,420); full-time Judges, \$26,000 (\$22,220); salaries effective April 1, 1973, with former salary in brackets.

"4. Full-time lay Judges, three; same as in answer No. 3.

"NOTE—Part-time salaries range from \$50 to \$1,540 a month. From April 1, 1973, those under \$750 a month but over \$200 a month received a \$75 a month increase and those over \$750 a month received an increase of 10 per cent. (Nine part-time legally trained Judges also within these limits)."

54 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government hired one, C. Gowartney?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) was the appointment by Civil Service Commission examination, (b) what is the salary, if any, paid, and (c) what qualifications, if any, does the person have?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. See No. 1."

And then the House adjourned at 5.14 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Beaton.

On the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, Bill (No. 20) initialed Sessional Reports Suspension 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 of the House after today.

The Hon. A. B. Macdonald presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled An Act to Amend the Corrections Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 25, 1973

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."

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS-33

Lewis	D'Arcy	Barrett	Lauk
Webster	Sanford	Macdonald	Radford
Kelly	Brown	Hall	Young
Steves	Nunweiler	Gorst	Lea
Barnes	Calder	Lockstead	King
Anderson, G. H.	Hartley	Gabelmann	Cocke
Rolston	Nimsick	Skelly	Williams, R. A.
Dent	Strachan	Nicolson	Lorimer
Cummings			

NAYS-16

Curtis Gardom Bennett Schroeder Morrison McClelland Phillips Wallace Williams, L. A. Anderson, D. A. McGeer Fraser Smith Jordan Richter Chabot

PAIR:

Liden

Brousson

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

15 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government purchased London Omnibus Tours, Ltd., Victoria, B.C.?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total purchase price, (b) was the purchase price arrived at after independent appraisal, (c) what was the total revenue account of London Omnibus Tours, Ltd. for the calendar year 1972, and (d) what was the total expenditure incurred by London Omnibus Tours, Ltd. for the calendar year 1972?

The Hon. J. G. Lorimer replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$125,000, (b) yes, (c) \$81,562, and (d) \$46,938."

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Thursday, September 27, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. N. K. Archer.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. Gabelmann moved----

That this House acknowledges the value of a Public Information Bureau which (a) would provide information and assistance to British Columbia residents who encounter problems dealing with Government departments and agencies and (b) would utilize a toll-free telephone number so that the service is available to all residents.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS-37

Liden	Anderson, D. A.	Hartley	Skelly
Lewis	McGeer	Nimsick	Nicolson
Webster	Dent	Strachan	Young
Kelly	Cummings	Barrett	Lea
Gardom	D'Arcy	Macdonald	King
Steves	Sanford	Hall	Cocke
Barnes	Brown	Gorst	Williams, R. A.
Anderson, G. H.	Nunweiler	Lockstead	Lorimer
Rolston	Calder	Gabelmann	Levi
Williams, L. A.			
	Ν	AYS—12	
Curtis	Morrison	Wallace	Jordan
Bennett	McClelland	Fraser	Richter
Schroeder	Phillips	Smith	Chabot
		PAIR:	

Lauk

Brousson

Mr. Gorst moved---

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing to inquire into the effect of the imposition of Provincial social services tax on books, children's sports equipment, and publications of the Queen's Printer, such as Hansard and *The British Columbia Gazette*, and to report its findings and make recommendations, if any.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. McClelland, it was Ordered—

That the correspondence and document delivered by *Robert McClelland*, M.L.A., Langley, to the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, on September 19, 1973, relative to the report on health services in British Columbia, which was the subject of Committee hearings by the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education, be tabled in this House, and the contents of the document be entered upon the Journals of this House.

Mr. Lockstead moved-

Be it Resolved, That this Government consider the advisability of implementing legislation to provide equalization grants to students living in the remote areas of the Province for the purpose of attaining a higher education not now available to them.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order under Standing Order 66 and stated that, by virtue of the terms of the B.N.A. Act, the motion required more than the casual approval of the Crown and must be introduced by Message.

On the motion of Mr. G. H. Anderson, it was Ordered-

That this House urge the Federal Government to make, without delay, sweeping changes to the *Small Loans Act* (Canada) to provide consumer protection by increasing the variety and size of loans covered by the Act, by prescribing fair and tolerable interest and bonus ceilings, and by allowing for the repayment of loans by debtors without excessive penalty.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled Crown Proceedings Act a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member and stated that the Bill interfered with Crown prerogatives, quoting Speakers' Decisions, vol. 3, pages 17 and 19.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled British Columbia Ombudsman Act a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as involving the expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled British Columbia Auditor General a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Gardom, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Public Scrutiny* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Guaranteed* Minimum Income Plan a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as involving the expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67, and quoted *Journals of the Legislative Assembly*, 1973, at page 218.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Guaranteed Income Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as involving the expenditure of public funds contrary to Standing Order 67.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as it interfered with the revenues of the Crown.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, the House reverted to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The Hon. D. G. Cocke moved—

That this House endorse the principle of providing up to \$2,250,000 for the purpose of implementing the unanimously supported resolution of the House on February 14, 1973, regarding the building, staffing, and maintaining of medical facilities for the rehabilitation, care, and development of Vietnamese children and that the required sum, and other moneys that may be forthcoming from individuals and groups, be utilized for this purpose and for the provision of personnel and (or) material as indicated by the policy developed by a Special Committee of British Columbia Legislators and representatives of interested groups such as the Red Cross, Save the Children Fund, and such other groups as designated by the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance.

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

Mr. Wallace moved-

That the Hon. Minister of Transport and Communications table with the Legislature the full details and guidelines of a proposal made by British Columbia Ferry Authority to the Seattle firm of Nikum Spalding in seeking the design for a new ferry.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 2) initialed An Act to Amend the Medical Grant Act was read a second time and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled An Act Respecting Medical Services a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

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Lewis	McGeer	Strachan	Nicolson
Webster	Dent	Barrett	Young
Kelly	Cummings	Macdonald	Lea
Gardom	D'Arcy	Hall	King
Steves	Sanford	Gorst	Cocke
Anderson, G. H.	Brown	Lockstead	Williams, R. A.
Rolston	Nunweiler	Gabelmann	Lorimer
Williams, L. A.	Hartley	Skelly	Levi
Anderson, D. A.	Nimsick		
	1	NAYS—11	
Curtis	McClelland	Fraser	Richter
Bennett	Phillips	Smith	Chabot
Morrison	Wallace	Jordan	
		PAIRS:	
	Barnes	Brousson	
	Lauk	Schroeder	

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Friday, September 28, 1973

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Capt. J. Foley.

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett the House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 24) intituled An Act to Amend the Corrections Act was read a second time and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the House reverted to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

Bill (No. 33) intituled The Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Act, 1973.
Bill (No. 34) intituled An Act to Amend the Assessment Equalization Act.
Bill (No. 35) intituled An Act to Amend the Hospital Insurance Act.
Bill (No. 36) intituled An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

Bill (No. 37) intituled Public Officials' Disclosure Act.

Bill (No. 38) intituled An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act.

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

63 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following question:

What amount of Vote 172 of the 1973/74 Budget has been expended to date and in what particular manner?

The Hon. L. T. Nimsick replied as follows:

"\$6,927.75, maintenance on Fort Nelson River bridge and approaches."

64 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following question:

What amount of Vote 171 of the 1973/74 Budget has been expended to date and in what particular manner?

The Hon. L. T. Nimsick replied as follows:

"Omineca Road, maintenance, \$154,304.85, construction, \$121,239.36; Gun Creek Road, maintenance, \$3,000; Black Lake Road, construction, \$3,237.50; Callaghan Creek Road, construction, \$4,000; total, maintenance, \$157,304.85, construction, \$128,476.86."

65 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources any information as to any operations or exploration programmes having been discontinued since January 1, 1973?

2. If so, how many such operations or exploration programmes have been shut down?

3. How many people, if any, have lost employment?

4. Have any reasons been given for any shut-downs and, if so, what?

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The Hon. L. T. Nimsick replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Five operations closed, this does not include placer operations which are of a seasonal nature; (b) exploration programme, no list available because they may be suspended for the following reasons: (i) Annual budget spent, (ii) seasonal operation, (iii) no mineral occurrence of any significance disclosed.

"3. 315.

"4. Yes; lack of ore and metallurgical problems. Discontinued operations: (a) Mount Copeland mine, King Resources Company, Revelstoke; (b) Invincible mine, Canadian Exploration Ltd., Salmo; (c) Silver Queen mine (Nadina), Bralorne Can-Fer Resources Limited, Houston; (d) Mayflower mine, Standonray Mines Limited, Rossland; and (e) Valley Granite Products Limited, Popkum."

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. D. G. Cocke (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance) presented the correspondence and document delivered to him by Mr. *McClelland* on September 19, 1973, relative to the report on health services in British Columbia, which was the subject of Committee hearings by the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, September 18, 1973

Honourable Dennis G. Cocke, Minister of Health Services, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Minister:

Since there is no procedure available for a member to attach a minority opinion to a report filed by a Select Standing Committee of the House I wish to advise you that I intend to publish a formal dissent to the final report of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education, dealing with the delivery of home health care and related services.

The substance of my dissent is attached.

Sincerely,

R. H. McClelland, M.L.A. Langley

MINORITY REPORT

I am in full and complete support of the recommendations contained in this report which call for provisions to "plug the gaps" in the levels of health care available to British Columbians.

Regretfully, however, I must dissent in connection with two of the basic recommendations contained in the report.

The report says: "Hospital care facilities should not be operated for private financial gain."

I consider that statement to be basically philosophical in content and too general and all encompassing to be able to give approval to it. In addition, its consequences are overwhelming.

There are approximately 5,000 to 6,000 private nursing-home units in the Province at the present time. Based on current estimations, it costs between \$14,000

and \$15,000 per bed to construct a modern nursing home. The cost of converting the present inventory to Government-owned facilities would represent a minimum initial outlay by the people of British Columbia of \$100 million.

The previous Government had a basic position of the orderly withdrawal of the private sector from the hospital field, but with full Government compensation.

Further, there is some question in my mind about the scope of the statement. Does it mean, for instance, that no care facilities shall be operated for private financial gain by private societies which have traditionally maintained a very real presence in the field? These societies are not necessarily "nonprofit," they use profits to expand facilities, but under the terms of the statement in question, these facilities, many of them operated by ethnic or religious organizations, may be in jeopardy. It is my personal opinion that we can, under a very high degree of supervision and inspection, and with upgraded, community-based licensing procedures utilize private intermediate care facilities and nursing homes to extremely good advantage.

The second issue with which I wish to disagree, is the recommendation that "the *per diem* coverage of all patients in acute care, extended care, or intermediate care (regardless of whether they are in an institution or at home) should be equitable."

I believe that the word "equitable" should be replaced with the word "equal."

People must be allowed to move from one level of health care to another without suffering any financial penalty. We must have a single level of charges, applicable to all levels of care.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. MCCLELLAND

The Hon. G. H. Dowding (Speaker) presented the Second Report pursuant to the Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act.

And then the House adjourned at 12.43 p.m.

Monday, October 1, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. Pendray.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Votes and Proceedings of September 27 contained typographical errors with respect to divisions on the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled An Act to Amend the Medical Grant Act and Bill (No. 10) intituled An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Medical Services, which would be corrected in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, the Hon. Norman Levi (Minister of Human Resources) made a statement relating to the retirement of Mr. E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Human Resources.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

OCTOBER 1

The House proceeded to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

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

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled Labour Code of British Columbia Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 1, 1973

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

On the motion of the Hon. W. S. King, Bill (No. 40) intituled An Act to Amend the Payment of Wages 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 of the House after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*, Bill (No. 41) intituled *Cyril Morley Shelford Compensation 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 of the House after today.

The House proceeded to the Order "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. 3) intituled An Act to Amend the Veterinary Medical Act.

Bill (No. 5) intituled An Act to Amend the Agricultural Land Development Act.

Bill (No. 7) intituled An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act.

Bill (No. 8) intituled An Act to Amend the Oleomargarine Act.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled Farm Income Assurance Act a debate arose.

On the motion that the Bill be read a second time now, Mr. *Wallace* moved in amendment that the word "now" be deleted and the words "six months hence" be substituted therefor.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS-5

Curtis Wallace Williams, L. A. Anderson, D. A.

McGeer

NAYS-44

Liden	Anderson, G. H.	Nunweiler	Skelly
Lewis	Rolston	Calder	Nicolson
Webster	Fraser	Hartley	Lauk
Kelly	Smith	Stupic h	Radford
Bennett	Jordan	Dailly	Young
Schroeder	Richter	Barrett	Lea
Morrison	Chabot	Macdonald	King
McClelland	Cummings	Hall	Cocke
Phillips	D'Arcy	Gorst	Williams, R. A.
Steves	Sanford	Lockstead	Lorimer
Barnes	Brown	Gabelmann	Levi

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of Mr. G. H. Anderson, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

20 Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Are restrictions to be placed on high-altitude cattle-grazing?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will these restrictions be introduced?

The Hon. R. A. Williams replied as follows:

"1. All permits authorizing cattle-grazing on Crown range, including that at high altitude, contain various restrictions as to season of use, numbers and class of stock, etc., grazing permits have been refused on a number of ranges at both high and low elevations for a variety of reasons, grazing permit requirements and restrictions are adjusted from time to time.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

55 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

What amount of Vote 196, Code 019, of the 1973/74 Budget has been expended to date and in what particular manner?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

"\$902,132.08 has been expended from April 1, 1973, to date; expenditures are varied and include payment of operational grants to nonprofit societies to assist in their work and administration, anniversary grants to municipalities celebrating their 75th or 100th year of incorporation, grants to societies toward the cost of construction, and funds for official Government functions."

60 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. With respect to Vote 112, Code 031, has the Department of Highways any authority from Treasury Board to exceed the 1973/74 Budget appropriation by any amount?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what amount in excess of \$53,485,814 has been authorized by Treasury Board and (b) what amount of the total authorized has been expended to date and in what particular manner?

The Hon. G. R. Lea replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) 3,500,000 and (b) 3,000,000 on regular maintenance activities carried out by additional seasonal employees."

75 Mr. Schroeder asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following question:

What amount of Vote 162, Code 032, of the 1973/74 Budget has been expended to date and in what particular manner?

The Hon. R. A. Williams replied as follows:

"From April 1, 1973, to September 15, 1973: (a) Engineering and design, \$249,205; (b) construction located at District of Matsqui, Township of Chilliwack, Seabird Island, and Sumas Dyking District, \$1,612,073; (c) review of upstream storages, \$13,985; total, \$1,875,263."

97 Mr. Smith asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following question:

What amount of Vote 152 of the 1973/74 Budget has been expended to date and in what particular manner?

The Hon. R. A. Williams replied as follows:

"Expenditures to August 31, 1973, are: Peace Reservoir (Williston Lake), \$326,900; Mica Reservoir (McNaughton Lake), \$290,400; Jordan River Reservoir, \$26,600; Duncan Reservoir, \$134,000; Nechako Reservoir, \$2,600; Stave Reservoir, \$12,000."

122 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

What was the total number of persons receiving either salary or wages from the Provincial Government as at May 31, 1973?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows: "33,628."

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, October 2, 1973

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by the Rev. D. L. Ball.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

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

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Veterinary Laboratories Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 27, 1973

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

On the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, Bill (No. 39) intituled An Act to Amend the Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance 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 of the House after today.

On the motion of Mr. McGeer, Bill (No. 42) intituled An Act to Limit Smoking in Public Places was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

The House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Farm Income Assurance Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Schroeder the debate was adjourned while the House recessed for 15 minutes.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

OCTOBER 2

YEAS-44

Liden	Anderson, G. H.	Nunweiler	Skelly
Lewis	Rolston	Calder	Nicolson
Webster	Fraser	Hartley	Lauk
Kelly	Smith	Stupich	Radford
Bennett	Jordan	Dailly	Young
Schroeder	Richter	Barrett	Lea
Morrison	Chabot	Macdonald	King
McClelland	Cummings	Hall	Cocke
Phillips	D'Arcy	Gorst	Williams, R. A.
Steves	Sanford	Lockstead	Lorimer
Barnes	Brown	Gabelmann	Levi

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Curtis Wallace Anderson, D. A. McGeer Gardom Williams, L. A.

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Bill 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. 12) intituled An Act to Amend the Adoption Act was read a second time and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. D. D. Stupich, the House reverted to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. D. D. Stupich, Bill (No. 6) intituled Beef Grading 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 of the House after today.

By leave of the House, the Hon. A. B. Macdonald (Attorney-General) tabled a Summary of Effects of Gas Curtailment on Industrial Customers.

57 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government provided student summer employment at any Mental Health facility in British Columbia?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many persons were employed, (b) how many were employed at each Mental Health facility, and (c) what was the average hourly wage paid to each employee?

The Hon. D. G. Cocke replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) 238; (b) Riverview Hospital, 86; Woodlands, 40; Tranquille, 33; Valleyview Hospital, 13; British Columbia Youth Development Centre, 13; Mental Health Centres and Boarding Home Programme throughout the Province, 48; general administration, 5; and (c) \$3.21."

79 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. In each location of the Province, how many car bodies have been crushed by operation SAM (Salvage Assemble Manufacture) commencing in 1971?

2. How many car bodies have been transported to the crushing plant in Richmond since 1971?

The Hon. Jack Radford replied as follows:

"1. Since SAM's inception in August 1971 up until August 31, 1973, the project has compacted 43,000 cars in 180 depots within 20 regional districts.

"2. Since SAM's inception in August 1971 up until August 31, 1973, the project has transported 28,000 car bodies to the shredding plant in Richmond."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. Barner.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* (Premier) presented the Environmental Review of Proposed Port Development, Prince Rupert, prepared for the Province of British Columbia by Howard Paish & Associates Ltd., June 1973.

The House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled Labour Code of British Columbia Act a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Chabot, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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. 21) intituled An Act to Amend the Corporation Capital Tax Act.

Bill (No. 22) intituled An Act to Amend the Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act.

Bill (No. 23) intituled An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act.

Bill (No. 25) intituled An Act to Amend the Coloured Gasoline Tax Act.

Bill (No. 20) intituled Sessional Reports Suspension Act.

Bill (No. 39) intituled An Act to Amend the Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance Act.

Bill (No. 6) intituled Beef Grading Act.

Bill (No. 31) intituled Veterinary Laboratories Act.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled An Act to Amend the Medical Grant Act.

Bill (No. 10) intituled An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Medical Services.

Bill (No. 3) intituled An Act to Amend the Veterinary Medical Act.

Bill (No. 5) intituled An Act to Amend the Agricultural Land Development Act.

Bill (No. 7) intituled An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act was committed. The Committee rose, reported progress (section 3), and asked leave to sit again on the said Bill. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled An Act to Amend the Oleomargarine Act was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Farm Income Assurance Act* was committed. The Committee rose, reported progress (section 2), and asked leave to sit again on the said Bill. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Phillips'* proposed amendment to section 1 the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Richter*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on the proposed amendment to section 1 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS-14

Curtis	Morrison	Anderson, D. A.	Smith
Gardom	Phillips	McGeer	Richter
Bennett	Wallace	Fraser	Chabot
Schroeder	Williams, L. A.		
		Nays—32	
Liden	Cummings	Nimsick	Skelly
Lewis	D'Arcy	Dailly	Nicolson
Webster	Sanford	Barrett	Lauk
Kelly	Brown	Macdonald	Radford
Steves	Nunweiler	Hall	Lea
Barnes	Calder	Gorst	King
Anderson, G. H.	Hartley	Lockstead	Cocke
Rolston	Stupich	Gabelmann	Lorimer
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PAIRS:

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By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, the House reverted to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, Bill (No. 43) initialed An Act to Amend the Human Tissue Gift 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 of the House after today.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, the House reverted to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, Motion 6 standing in his name on the Order Paper was withdrawn, and the following substituted therefor:

That this House supports the proposal of the Government to provide up to \$2,250,000 for the building, staffing, and maintaining of medical facilities for rehabilitation, care, and development of Vietnamese children, which proposal in principle was unanimously supported by this House on February 14, 1973, and considers it desirable that moneys aforesaid and other moneys which may be forth-coming from individuals and groups be utilized for this purpose and for the provision of personnel and (or) material in accordance with the suggestions developed by a special group of legislators and representatives of interested groups referred to in the resolution of this House dated April 18, 1973.

On the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, it was Resolved-

That this House supports the proposal of the Government to provide up to \$2,250,000 for the building, staffing, and maintaining of medical facilities for rehabilitation, care, and development of Vietnamese children, which proposal in principle was unanimously supported by this House on February 14, 1973, and considers it desirable that moneys aforesaid and other moneys which may be forth-coming from individuals and groups be utilized for this purpose and for the provision of personnel and (or) material in accordance with the suggestions developed by a special group of legislators and representatives of interested groups referred to in the resolution of this House dated April 18, 1973.

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Thursday, October 4, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. Venables.

By leave of the House, the Hon. A. B. Macdonald (Attorney-General) made a statement relating to the personnel of the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia.

By leave of the House, the Hon. A. B. Macdonald (Attorney-General) tabled the report of the Task Force on Correctional Services and Facilities, and the B.C. Corrections Facility Description.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 2, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 44) intituled Agricultural Credit Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 4, 1973

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

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Ms. Sanford, Bill (No. 47) intituled An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act.

On the motion of the Hon. A. B. Macdonald, Bill (No. 29) intituled An Act to Amend the Real Estate Act.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled Supplementary Municipal Assistance Act a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as it involved the expenditure of public funds and offended Standing Order 67.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled An Act to Amend the Municipalities' Aid Act a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as it involved the expenditure of public funds and offended Standing Order 67.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled Labour Code of British Columbia Act.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. D. A. Anderson that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

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Curtis	Morrison	Williams, L. A.	Smith
Gardom	McClelland	Anderson, D. A.	Richter
Bennett	P hillips	Fraser	Chabot
Schroeder	Wallace		
		Nays-35	
Liden	Cummings	Dailly	Lauk
Lewis	D'Arcy	Barrett	<i>Radford</i>
Webster	Sanford	Macdonald	Young
Kelly	Brown	Hall	King
Steves	Nunweile r	Gorst	Cocke
Barnes	Calder	Lockstead	Williams, R.
Anderson, G. H.	Hartley	Gabelmann	Lorimer
Rolston	Stupich	Skelly	Levi
Dent	Nimsick	Nicolson	
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The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace* that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

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Curtis	Morrison	Williams, L. A.	Smith
Gardom	McClelland	Anderson, D. A.	Richter
Bennett	Phillips	McGeer	Chabot
Schroeder	Wallace	Fraser	
		Nays36	
Liden	Cummings	Dailly	Lauk
Lewis	D'Arcy	Barrett	Radford
Webster	Sanford	Macdonald	Young
Kelly	Brown	Hall	Lea
Steves	Nunweiler	Gorst	King
Barnes	Calder	Lockstead	Cocke
Anderson, G. H.	Hartley	Gabelmann	Williams, R. A.

The debate continued.

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Mr. *Schroeder* moved the adjournment of the debate to the next sitting of the House.

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Mr. Speaker stated that the whole question of the propriety of successive motions to adjourn the debate was under consideration, but as the House indicated unanimous consent to Mr. Schroeder's motion, he would put the motion to the House.

On the motion of Mr. Schroeder the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

92 Mr. Smith asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Ocean Falls Corporation, incorporated under the Ocean Falls Corporation Act, incurred any expenditures for capital purposes?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the total capital expenditure incurred to September 13, 1973, and (b) for what purpose or purposes was the capital expenditure incurred?

The Hon. R. A. Williams replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$86,130; (b) purchases: (i) Front-end loader, \$16,822; (ii) D-4 Cat, \$14,575; (iii) saws, \$8,752; (iv) store equipment, \$21,000; (v) sidewinder, \$16,793; (vi) two Chev pick-ups, \$8,188; total, \$86,130. Inventories: Logs, \$293,699; pulp, \$413,893; raw materials, \$441,775; finished goods, \$676,004; total, \$1,825,371; work in process, \$21,453; grand total, \$1,846,824."

93 Mr. Smith asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Ocean Falls Corporation been obliged to hire any persons other than Canadian citizens for the purpose of either the operational, capital, or managerial requirements of the plant at Ocean Falls?

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2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the name of the person or persons required, (b) for what purpose was each person required, and (c) what was the total expenditure incurred in each case?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows: "1 and 2. No."

102 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions: With regard to labour management disputes in 1972—

1. How many mediators were available in the Department of Labour to mediate disputes?

2. Of all disputes where a mediator participated, how many (a) were settled by mediation or (b) were not settled by mediation?

The Hon. W. S. King replied as follows:

"1. January to November 14, 7; November 15 to November 30, 6; December 1 to December 31, 5.

"2. (a) 173 disputes and (b) 70 disputes."

103 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions: With regard to labour management disputes in 1972—

1. How many legal strikes occurred?

2. Of that number, how many were settled by (a) negotiation, (b) mediation, and (c) compulsory arbitration?

The Hon. W. S. King replied as follows:

"1. The determination of the legality of strikes is decided by the Courts and not by the Department of Labour.

"2. As the legality of strikes is decided by the Courts it is not possible to answer (a), (b), and (c)."

104 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions: With regard to labour management disputes in 1972—

1. How many illegal strikes took place?

2. How many Court injunctions were issued in connection with these illegal strikes?

3. How many Court injunctions were issued in 1972 in connection with all strikes, legal and illegal?

The Hon. W. S. King replied as follows:

"1. As the determination of the legality of strikes is decided by the Courts, and not by the Department of Labour, it is not possible to answer this question.

"2. Information regarding how many Court injunctions were issued in connection with illegal strikes has not been collected.

"3. Information regarding how many Court injunctions were issued in 1972 in connection with all strikes, legal and illegal, has not been collected."

105 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions: With regard to the effects of technological change during 1972—

1. How many employees became unemployed?

2. Of those who became unemployed, how many obtained other employment during 1972?

3. Of those who became unemployed, how many enrolled in available retraining programmes?

4. Of those who received retraining, how many have subsequently gained employment?

The Hon. W. S. King replied as follows:

"1. Information has not been collected as to how many employees became unemployed during 1972 as a result of technological change.

"2, 3, and 4. Not known."

106 Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question: How many man-days of labour were lost in 1972 (a) due to legal strikes and (b) due to illegal strikes?

The Hon. W. S. King replied as follows:

"As the determination of the legality of strikes is decided by the Courts, and not by the Department of Labour, it is not possible to fully answer this question. A total of 2,120,848 man-days was lost as a result of legal and illegal strikes during 1972."

128 Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question: During 1972 how many strikes occurred because the authorized bargaining unit involved failed to obtain a first agreement?

The Hon. W. S. King replied as follows:

"With respect to disputes occurring because the authorized bargaining unit involved failed to obtain a first agreement, our records indicate that there were six disputes of this nature, involving 100 employees and resulting in 10,352 man-days lost during 1972. Details are as follows:

Location	Employer/Employer Association	Union Organization	Dates	Number of Workers	Man-days Lost
Powell River	Harwood Holdings Ltd.	B.C. Hospital Employ- ees' Union, Local 180	April 26, 19711	5	1,270
Vancouver	Tilden	Office Employees, Local 378	January 15, 1970, to January 18, 1972	30	300
Vancouver	Allied Engine Remanu- facturers Ltd.	Teamsters, Local 351_	June 12 to July 3, 1972	9	135
Vancouver	Wire Rope Industries of Canada	Office and Technical Employees, Local 15	April 10 to June 15, 1972	25	1,475
Victoria	Demand Drywall Sys- tems Ltd.	Plasterers & Cement Masons, Local 450	January 5 to Febru- ary 2, 1972	3	60
Victoria	Sandringham Private Hospital	CUPE, 1311	September 30, 1970	28	7,112

"1 Dispute still in progress as of December 31, 1972."

141 Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Province of British Columbia returned the 1973 rental moneys paid by Seattle City Light for the Skagit Valley area threatened with further flooding?

2. Has the Forest Service granted permission to clear cut the area of the Skagit Valley threatened by flooding?

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3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, on what date (a) was the money received and (b) on what day was it returned?

4. If the answer to No. 2 is no, when was the application rejected?

The Hon. R. A. Williams replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. (a) January 9, 1973, and (b) February 2, 1973.

"4. Timber Sale A02263 to clear cut Skagit River Valley was scheduled to be auctioned April 6, 1970, but all interested parties were advised the sale was cancelled on February 20, 1970. No new application has been received since that date."

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

Ten o'clock a.m.

Prayers by the Rev. A. R. D. Robertson.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Friday, October 5, 1973

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled Labour Code of British Columbia Act.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

The House reverted to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. D. D. Stupich, Bill (No. 46) initialed Livestock Production 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 of the House after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 45) intituled *Domestic Animal Protection Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 5, 1973

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

The Hon. P. F. Young presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 48) intituled *Depart*ment of Consumer Services Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 5, 1973

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 49) intituled Department of Housing Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 5, 1973

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. D. D. Stupich withdrew Notice of Introduction of Bill intituled *Domestic Animal Protection Act* standing in his name on the Order Paper.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. Curtis, Bill (No. 60) intituled The Government Computer Privacy Act.

On the motion of Mr. McGeer, Bill (No. 61) intituled An Act to Amend the British Columbia Railway Act.

On the motion of Mr. McGeer, Bill (No. 62) intituled An Act Respecting the Fluoridation of Water Supplies.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 9, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. J. C. Johnson.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

The Hon. R. M. Strachan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled An Act to Amend the Department of Commercial Transport Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, September 27, 1973

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

On the motion of Mr. *Phillips*, Bill (No. 65) intituled *The Department of* Northern British Columbia Act, 1973, was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) initialed Labour Code of British Columbia Act.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to nemine contradicente:

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Liden	Rolston	Sanford	Lockstead
Lewis	Wallace	Brown	Gabelmann
Webster	Williams, L. A.	Calder	Skelly
Kelly	Anderson, D. A.	Hartley	Nicolson
Curtis	McGeer	Stupich	Lauk
Gardom	Fraser	Nimsick	Radford
Bennett	Smith	Strachan	Young
Schroeder	Richter	Dailly	King
Morrison	Chabot	Barrett	Cocke
McClelland	Dent	Macdonald	Williams, R. A.
Phillips	Cummings	Hall	Lorimer
Barnes	D'Arcy	Gorst	Levi
Anderson, G. H.	-		

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

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

3 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans for further improvements or renovations to the main Parliament Buildings?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are those plans and (b) what is the estimated future cost?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Previously answered in the Minister's report to the House."

4 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government undertaken any renovations or improvements to the main Parliament Buildings since September 15, 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the total cost of the renovations and improvements between September 15, 1972, and September 13, 1973?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Total cost, \$822,226.04."

80 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government made any expenditure for drainage tilework around the main Parliament Buildings?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the cost of the works done and (b) was the work done on the basis of tenders called?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$117,833, being carried out by Norsemen Construction & Engineering Ltd. and (b) yes."

90 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Travel Industry the following questions:

1. Does the Department of Travel Industry have any advertising accounts with any public transportation company operating in any Canadian provincial jurisdiction?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) in what provincial jurisdictions are advertising accounts held and (b) what is the amount of advertising done through public transportation companies in each provincial jurisdiction since January 1, 1973, and September 15, 1973?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. See answer to No. 1."

100 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Have any Government aircraft landed at Langley Municipal Airport between September 15, 1972, and August 31, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) who were the passengers on each flight and (b) for what purpose was each flight authorized?

The Hon. R. M. Strachan replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) November 27, 1972, Mr. Phillips (Hospital Construction), Langley to Victoria; April 6, 1973, Mr. Breel, Mr. Halkett, Mr. Snyder (British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service), Victoria to Langley and return; September 4, 1973, Dr. Grey, Miss Gunter (Health), Kelowna to Langley; and (b) Government business, specific purpose known only to department requesting flight."

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10, 1973

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by the Rev. John Francis.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. A. B. Macdonald, Bill (No. 63) intituled Personal Information Reporting 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 of the House after today.

The Hon. R. M. Strachan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 64) intituled Department of Transport and Communications Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 9, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after today. On the motion of Mr. McGeer, Bill (No. 66) intituled Voluntary Emergency First Aid 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 of the House after today.

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the House proceeded to the Order "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. 40) intituled An Act to Amend the Payment of Wages Act.

Bill (No. 29) intituled An Act to Amend the Real Estate Act.

Bill (No. 30) intituled An Act to Amend the Department of Commercial Transport Act.

Bill (No. 44) intituled Agricultural Credit Act.

Bill (No. 43) intituled An Act to Amend the Human Tissue Gift Act.

Bill (No. 45) intituled Domestic Animal Protection Act.

Bill (No. 46) intituled Livestock Production Act.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Beef Grading Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Farm Income Assurance Act* was committed. The Committee rose, reported progress (section 2), and asked leave to sit again on the said Bill. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

99 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

1. What is the total number of claims staked in all mining divisions of the Province between January 1, 1972, and September 15, 1972?

2. What is the total number of claims staked in all mining divisions of the Province between January 1, 1973, and September 15, 1973?

The Hon. L. T. Nimsick replied as follows:

"Records available in Victoria indicate that the following numbers of claims have been recorded:

"1. From January 1, 1972, to September 15, 1972, 50,750.

"2. From January 1, 1973, to September 15, 1973, 21,497."

136 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following question:

With respect to the \$25,000,000 Green Belt Protection Fund Act introduced by the former Government in February 1972, what are the specifics of any purchases as to location and purchase price between March 1, 1973, and September 15, 1973? The Hon. Jack Radford replied as follows:

"The Minister of Finance is responsible for the administration of this Act and the question should be directed to him."

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, October 11, 1973

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by the Rev. V. William Van Druten.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Phillips* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance relating to the United Fruit Growers in the Okanagan Valley.

Mr. Speaker ruled the matter out of order, stating that the matter must involve more than the ordinary administrative responsibility of the Government, and quoted May, 16th edition, page 372.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, the proposed amendment to section 31 of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Labour Code of British Columbia Act*, standing in his name on the Order Paper, was withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had considered the necessity of recording in Votes and Proceedings and the Journals of the House the text of amendments moved in Committee of the Whole House, and that as it appeared (a) that all amendments to a Bill carried in Committee would appear in the Bill as reprinted "for Report," which Report Bills were available to any interested party, and (b) that all proceedings in Committee of the Whole were now recorded in Hansard, the long-standing rule restricting the content of the Votes and Proceedings and the Journals to proceedings in the House should not, in his opinion, be altered.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

By leave of the House, Mr. *Gorst* withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Order Paper:

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing to inquire into the effect of the imposition of Provincial social services tax on books, children's sports equipment, and publications of the Queen's Printer, such as Hansard and *The British Columbia Gazette*, and to report its findings and make recommendations, if any. On the motion of Mr. Wallace, it was Ordered-

That the Hon. Minister of Transport and Communications table with the Legislature the full details and guidelines of a proposal made by British Columbia Ferry Authority to the Seattle firm of Nikum Spalding in seeking the design for a new ferry.

By leave, the House proceeded to Motion 9 on the Order Paper.

On the motion of the Hon. Ernest Hall, it was Ordered-

That Standing Order 68 (1) of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, 1955, be amended by deleting the following words:

"1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills.

- 2. On Public Accounts and Printing.
- 3. On Mining and Railways.
- 4. On Agriculture.
- 5. On Municipal Matters.
- 6. On Forestry and Fisheries.
- 7. On Labour.
- 8. On Social Welfare."

and substituting therefor the following:

- "1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills.
 - 2. On Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.
- 3. On Agriculture.
- 4. On Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- 5. On Labour and Justice.
- 6. On Health, Education, and Human Resources.
- 7. On Transportation and Communications.
- 8. On Environment and Resources."

And that the terms of reference of the Special Committee appointed by Order of the House on September 13 last be deemed to be amended accordingly.

By leave, the House proceeded to Motion 11 on the Order Paper.

On the motion of Mr. Steves, it was Resolved-

That this House request the Government of Canada to make continued and stronger representation to the Government of France demanding an end to French nuclear bomb testing in the Pacific; compensation for injuries to the crew when their protest vessel *Greenpeace* was boarded in international waters by the French Navy; return of the vessel to its owners; and compensation for damage which occurred to *Greenpeace* in 1972.

On the motion of the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 48) initialed *Department of Consumer Services Act* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

8 Mr. Schroeder asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

1. Were there any advertising contracts between the British Columbia Government and (or) any of the Crown corporations and William Clancey & Associates Limited, between August 1, 1952, and September 15, 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total expenditure between August 1, 1952, and September 15, 1972?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. \$6,536.30."

38 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Have any British Columbia parity bonds been taken into Provincial accounts since September 15, 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the total amount of parity bonds held in Provincial accounts as of September 13, 1973?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. Yes. "2. \$23,644,000."

40 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. What is the total number of special warrants authorized by Order in Council between April 19, 1973, and September 13, 1973?

2. What is the total expenditure authorized by special warrant between April 19, 1973, and September 13, 1973?

3. For what purpose and in what amount was each special warrant authorized between April 19, 1973, and September 13, 1973?

4. What is the total expenditure between April 19, 1973, and September 13, 1973, covered by authorization of special warrants?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. Fifty-one.

"2. \$26,407,689.

"3.

Special Warran		Authorized Expenditure
1	Grants to Cities of Kamloops and Kelowna pursuant to section 229, Muni-	\$
	cipalities Enabling and Validating Act	30,000
2	Commission of Inquiry into Labour Legislation	139,000
3	Supplementing Vote 225, Provincial Museum	96,397
4	Supplementing Vote 159, Water Resources Service, Investigations, Hydrau-	
	lic Surveys and Projects	1,900,000
5	Expenses for Willingdon School for Girls	75,000
6	Grants under the Treatment Resources Act	36,372
7	Supplementing Vote 116, Grants and Subsidies	3,835
8	Man and Resources Programme	90,000
9	Supplementing Vote 204, Civil Service Commission, Administration	100,000
10	Supplementing Vote 142, Forest Service, Public Information and Education	29,000
11	Freight assistance programmes on grain produced and shipped from Creston- Wynndel area	25,000
12	Economic study of priority areas within the British Columbia agriculture	,
	industry	25,000
13	Supplementing Vote 225, Provincial Museum	75,892

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14	Summer Employment Programme	9,000
15	Summer Employment Programme	4,000,
16	Summer Employment Programme	1,000,
17	Summer Employment Programme	500,
18	Summer Employment Programme	500,
19	Summer Employment Programme	3,500,
20	Supplementing Vote 50, Post-secondary Education and Training	255,
21	Health/Manpower Research Unit Programme	40,
22	Supplementing Vote 180, Grants in Aid of Local Government and Home- owners' Subsidies	22,
23	Summer Employment Programme	500,
24	Summer Employment Programme	12,
25	Grant under the Treatment Resources Act	6,
26	Grant under the Treatment Resources Act	60,
27	Summer Employment Programme	450,
28	Grant to the Downtown Community Health Society (Vancouver)	16,
29	Government exhibit modifications at British Columbia Pavilion	25,
30	Supplementing Vote 204, Civil Service Commission, Administration	16,
31	Supplementing Vote 97, Health Security Research Project	181,
32	Supplementing Vote 252, Ministers Without Portfolio	20,
33	Supplementing Vote 225, Provincial Museum	250,
34	Supplementing Vote 117, Purchase of New Equipment	1,700,
35	Supplementing Vote 152, Forest Service, Reservoir Waterway Improvements	300,
36	Supplementing Vote 207, Civil Service Schedule Bond	12,
37	Grant under the Treatment Resources Act	17,
38	Environment and Land Use Committee Secretariat, six-month operation	500,
39	Organizational and research activity	100,
40	Supplementing Vote 177, General Administration	70,
41	Supplementing Special Warrant 5	15,
42	Supplementing Special Warrant 12	35,
43	Grants under the Treatment Resources Act	57,
44	Supplementing Vote 145, Forest Service, Engineering Services and Forest- development Roads	175,
45	Supplementing Vote 145, Forest Service, Engineering Services and Forest- development Roads	100,
46	Supplementing Vote 150, Forest Service, Grazing Range Improvement Fund	10,
47	Supplementing Vote 227, Fish and Wildlife Branch	2,
48	Community Recreational Facilities Fund Act, administration expenses	10,
49	Storage facilities and additional office furniture and equipment for new de- partmental quarters	150,
50	Supplementing Vote 229, Parks Branch	63,
51	Grant to City of Vancouver toward development of Botanical Display Gar- den	111,
		,

\$9,094,234."

43 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Premier and Minister of Finance the following question:

What was the total revenue income of the British Columbia Government from all sources and what was the total expenditure for all purposes in each month from January 1, 1973, to August 31, 1973?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"Revenue and expenditure figures of the Province are provided on an annual fiscal year basis in the Public Accounts of British Columbia booklet."

44 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce the following question:

What amount of Vote 123, Code 016 and Code 024, of the 1973/74 Budget has been expended to date and in what particular manner?

The Hon. G. V. Lauk replied as follows:

"Vote 123, Code 016: Expended to October 1, 1973, \$412,012; approved for payment, October 1, 1973, \$58,228; total, \$470,240. Rental of computers, unit record equipment, and key punches, maintenance and service charges for computers.

"Code 024: Expended to October 1, 1973, \$41,104; approved for payment, October 1, 1973, \$4,967; total, \$46,071. Supplies, punchcards, magnetic tape, computer disk packs, continuous forms for use on computers, computer plotting paper, and ribbons for computers and key punches."

66 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans to hire one, Jack Moore, in any capacity?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the appointment to be and (b) what is the intended salary?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Vice-chairman and member of the Labour Relations Board and (b) \$33,000 per annum."

69 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question: What is the total amount of all parity bond issues held by the public as of September 15, 1973?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows: "\$155,813,600."

72 Mr. Morrison asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question: During the fiscal year 1972/73 what was the total employer contribution paid into each of the following pension accounts in trust with the Minister of Finance:
(a) Teachers' Pensions Act, (b) Civil Service Superannuation Act, (c) Municipal Superannuation Act, (d) College Pension Act, and (e) Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"(a) 6,122,745, (b) 15,444,871, (c) 15,195,938, (d) 492,821, (e) 633,425."

74 Mr. Morrison asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:1. Has any retroactive payment to the Executive Assistant in the Premier's

Office, dating back to January 1, 1973, been paid?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the amount of the retroactive payment, (b) have any retroactive payments for wages or salary been offered or paid to any other person whose salary or wages are paid by the Provincial Government, and (c) has the Provincial Government any plans to make any retroactive payments to any other person employed by the Provincial Government, dating the payment back to January 1, 1973?

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$2,501; (b) retroactive payments to January 1, 1973, were also made to the following: S. B. Peterson, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Dr. G. R. F. Elliott, Deputy Minister of Health; W. J. Lyle, Deputy Minister of Hospital Insurance; Dr. G. F. Tucker, Deputy Minister of Mental Health; G. A. Stewart, Chairman, Medical Services Commission; L. J. Wallace, Deputy Provincial Secretary; W. A. Forrest, Superannuation Commissioner; R. L. Colby, Deputy Minister of Travel Industry; G. S. Bryson, Deputy Minister of Finance; E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Human Resources; A. G. Richardson, Chairman, Civil Service Commission; L. Brooks, Deputy Minister of Recreation and Conservation; L. C. Hempsall, Associate Deputy Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce; W. K. Smith, Associate Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs; G. L. Giles, Deputy Minister of Public Works; F. A. MacLean, Associate Deputy Minister of Commercial Transport and Communications; H. T. Miard, Associate Deputy Minister of Highways; W. H. F. Sands, Special Consultant to the Minister of Labour; J. S. Stokes, Associate Deputy Minister of Forests; V. Raudsepp, Associate Deputy Minister of Water Resources; D. Borthwick, Associate Deputy Minister of Lands; J. W. Minty, Comptroller-General; Dr. G. D. Kennedy, Associate Deputy Attorney-General; J. Phillipson, Associate Deputy Minister of Education; E. M. King, Associate Deputy Minister of Agriculture; and (c) no."

77 Mr. Fraser asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:
1. Has the Provincial Government rejected any applications for grants under the Community Recreational Facilities Fund Act?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the name of the applicant in each case and (b) what was the amount of the grant requested in each case?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. Yes, one.

"2. The District of Surrey submitted eight applications of which one, the Bear Creek Passive Park, was rejected as it was not considered a recreational facility, therefore, did not lie within the intent of the Act. Underground services which are to run through this park to service surrounding recreational facilities were also included in the original grant request, the District of Surrey has been advised to resubmit a separate application requesting one-third of the cost of these services. The original grant request of \$66,060 for the Passive Park and underground services has been revised to exclude the Passive Park and the District of Surrey is now requesting \$32,733 to cover the cost of one-third of the underground facilities, this request will be reviewed by the Technical and Advisory Committee in October."

78 Mr. Fraser asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government authorized any grants under the Community Recreational Facilities Fund Act between April 19, 1973, and September 13, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) to whom was each grant authorized and (b) what was the amount of the grant authorized in each case?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

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"2. (a) and (b) :	
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Alberni Valley Horseshoe Pitching Club	4,300.00
Atlin Recreation Centre	
Boys Club of Kamloops	
Village of Burns Lake	
Burns Lake Recreational Commission	3,600.00
Village of Cache Creek	
Cristoforo Colombo Lodge	
City of Dawson Creek	
Village of Elkford	230,700.00
City of Enderby	
Township of Esquimalt	
Forest Grove Centennial Community Centre	Committee 2,779.12
Town of Fort St. John	
Golden Tennis Court Society	2,500.00
Grand Forks Project Society	
Village of Granisle	45,000.00
Holy Trinity Greek Ukrainian Orthodox Ch	urch 87,000.00
City of Kelowna	
	318,000.00
Keremeos Pool Committee	2,066.66
School District of Keremeos	2,533,00
Kimberley Ski Club	24,600.00
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	
Ladner Tennis Club	518.00
Langford Recreational Commission	
Lone Butte Community Association	15,000.00
Village of Lumby	26,420.00

Langford Recreational Commission	6,990.00
Lone Butte Community Association	
Village of Lumby	
District of Mackenzie	
Village of Nakusp	
Nelson Rod and Gun Club	19,417.00
New Denver Arena Association	13,000.00
North Peace Light Horse Association	
North Shore Softball Association	
District of North Vancouver	
	233,333.00
	258,333.00
	141,667.00
	118,333.00
North Vancouver Community Arts Council	
District of Oak Bay	
Okanagan Landing and District Community Association	
100 Mile House and District Amateur Athletic Association	
Peace River-Liard Regional District	
5 • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	58,957.27
Port Alberni Parks and Recreational Commission	
City of Port Coquitlam	
City of Port Moody	
Red Mountain Ski Club	
Township of Richmond	
District of Saanich	95,483.51
Silvery Slocan Historical Society	2,000.00
Skeena Ice Arena Association	
Slocan Lake Boating Association	40,441.66
District of Surrey	
	49,930,94
	29,233.33
	27,294.61
	32,702.33
	35,947.49
	55,247.42

225,431.22

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Village of Tahsis	103,291.00
District of Terrace	180,000.00
City of Vancouver	333,333.00
	321,000.00
	240,000.00
Vancouver-East Cultural Centre	26,000.00
Vernon Theatrical Arts Centre Society	11,667.00
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society	24,120.00
YWCA of Vancouver	19,930.72
"Projects tentatively approved upon receipt of further Canal Flats Winter Club	
District of Cowichan Valley	
Kaslo and District Arena Association	
City of New Westminster	266,666.00
Princeton and District Arena Association	100,000.00
Stewart Curling Club	100,000.00
	33,333.00
Thornhill Recreation Commission	33,333.00
Thornhill Recreation Commission Williams Lake Sub-regional Recreation Commission	33,333.00 26,260.82

86 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government purchased or leased any aircraft since September 15, 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the particulars of the purchase or lease, as the case may be, and (b) were tenders required in the case of either the purchase or lease?

The Hon. R. M. Strachan replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Two aircraft have been purchased, namely: CJ413 Cessna Citation Model 500, \$705,060; CJ423 Cessna Citation Model 500, \$746,255. A firm commitment has also been made for the purchase of two Beechcraft Super King Air Model 200 turboprops for delivery in 1974; (b) proposals from suppliers required in each instance."

94 Mr. Smith asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions: With respect to the \$25,000,000 Green Belt Protection Fund Act introduced by the former Government in February 1972—

1. What is the total amount of money spent under this Act in the period prior to September 15, 1972?

2. What is the total amount of money spent under the same Act in the period since September 16, 1972, to September 13, 1973?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. \$7,005,905.

"2. \$1,127,322."

98 Mr. Smith asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Has any expenditure for the purpose of reforestation been authorized under the Accelerated Reforestation Fund Act 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what amount of expenditure has been authorized?

"1. Yes.

"2. \$5,209,452.12."

111 Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:

With regard to students aged 15 and close to school-leaving age who drop out of school, does the Department of Education have any policy procedure whereby that student's education will be completed?

The Hon. Eileen E. Dailly replied as follows:

"Students having attained the age of 15 may leave school on their own volition or simply not re-enrol at the start of a new term. There is no legal requirement that the school be notified, but it is general policy for schools to get in touch with parents when a registered pupil ceases to attend. In doing so, schools first attempt to identify the reasons for dropping out and then discuss with the students and parents, if possible, the alternatives available, including changes in courses, changes in schools, correspondence courses, and adult programmes. Schools also advise the student that he or she is free to return at any time. Since January of this year we have also greatly expanded a further opportunity for continuing education, particularly for teenagers with very severe problems. These are alternative programmes which are jointly financed and operated by the Department of Education through local school boards, and the Department of Human Resources. The number of these programmes is now over 30 and they are located in 11 school districts throughout the Province. The expansion of this type of programme is likely to continue. The main objective of this policy is to prevent drop-outs before school completion, and, if this does not seem possible, to ensure that parents or guardians are consulted and fully informed of the alternative ways of completing an education. Moreover the procedures followed attempt to deal with each case as an individual one and to advise accordingly."

127 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:

Is the Government giving consideration to asking Mr. Speaker that liquor be made available with meals in the Parliamentary dining-room?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"The provision of wine or spirits in the Parliamentary dining-room comes within the jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly itself through the office of the Speaker, and he has recommended that a Committee of the House examine future operations of the Parliamentary dining-room and the improvement of its facilities (see Speaker's Second Report, Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act, tabled September 28, 1973)."

131 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to the British Columbia Railway and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority—

1. Has the Government of British Columbia issued parity bonds on behalf of either of the above Crown agencies?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the amount and what are the terms of the issue or issues?

3. If the answer to No. 1 is no, is it the intention of the Government of British Columbia to issue such bonds in the next year?

"1. Yes.

"2. (1) Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, 5 per cent, \$35,616,100, dated September 15, 1959, due September 15, 1962, Series DA.

"(2) B.C. Power Commission, 5 per cent parity development bonds, \$25,000,000, dated August 15, 1960, due August 15, 1963, Series V.

"(3) B.C. Electric Company Limited, 5 per cent parity development bonds, \$101,010,000, dated September 1, 1961, due September 1, 1965.

"(4) Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent parity development bonds, \$50,976,300, dated September 15, 1962, due September 15, 1966, Series F.

"(5) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 5 per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated August 15, 1963, due August 15, 1967, Series E.

"(6) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 5 per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated August 3, 1964, due August 3, 1968, Series K.

"(7) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 5 per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated September 1, 1965, due September 1, 1969, Series P.

"(8) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 5 per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated September 1, 1965, due September 1, 1970, Series R.

"(9) Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated September 15, 1966, due September 15, 1971, Series L.

"(10) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 5¹/₂ per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated August 15, 1967, due August 15, 1972, Series AN.

"(11) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 6¹/₂ per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated August 3, 1968, due August 3, 1973, Series AT.

"(12) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 6½ per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated September 1, 1969, due September 1, 1974, Series AZ.

"(13) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 7 per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated September 1, 1970, due September 1, 1975, Series CG.

"(14) Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000 dated September 15, 1971, due September 15, 1976, Series R.

"(15) Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, 6½ per cent parity development bonds, \$1,000,000, dated September 15, 1971, due September 15, 1976, Series RR.

"(16) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 6 per cent parity development bonds, \$50,505,000, dated August 15, 1972, due August 15, 1977, Series CS.

"(17) B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 7 per cent parity development bonds, \$25,000,000, dated August 3, 1973, due August 3, 1978, Series CY.

"3. See No. 2."

132 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. Have any new job positions in the office of the Premier been created since February 15, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, will the Hon. the Premier give the names, titles, and agreed salaries of any persons engaged to fill the new job positions?

"1. Yes.

"2. Mr. A. Van Campen, Administrative Assistant, \$1,469 per month (appointed through Civil Service competition 73,332). Miss P. Lifton, Clerk-typist, Grade 1, \$447 per month."

133 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With regard to any grants made pursuant to the Power and Telephone Line Beautification Fund Act (1972) since March 1, 1973-

1. How many grants have been made?

2. What has been the amount of each individual grant?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. None; the following commitments have been made: City of Kamloops, \$9,855; Village of 100 Mile House, \$13,110; City of North Vancouver, \$15,330; District of North Vancouver, \$129,193; City of Vancouver, \$127,200; Town of Fort St. John, \$22,600; City of Victoria, \$6,700.

"2. Not applicable."

153 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. Does the Provincial Government intend to establish a Department of Northern Affairs?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes; (a) will enabling legislation be introduced this Session; (b) what is the target date for making the new Department of Northern Affairs operational; (c) what is the approximate projected size of the Department in terms of (i) annual financial appropriation, (ii) number of employees; and (d) to what extent will the administration and activities of the Department be decentralized and located throughout Northern British Columbia?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. This matter is presently under review.

"2. Not applicable."

By leave of the House, the Hon. D. D. Stupich (Minister of Agriculture) withdrew Notice of Introduction of Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Distress Area Assistance Act, standing in his name on the Order Paper.

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

WALTER S. OWEN Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 67) intituled An Act to Amend the Distress Area Assistance Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, October 11, 1973

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m. ⁴