

Thursday, May 1, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *J. B. Haave*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Transpo 86 Corporation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 30, 1980.

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."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

Mr. *Howard* rose on a point of order, namely, that by operation of Standing Order 1 the English practice with respect to the announcement of business for the following week, applied in this House.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* rose on a point of order, namely, that if the English custom applied in British Columbia with respect to announcement of business, it also applied to decorum, determination of list of speakers, and pairing.

Mr. Speaker stated that Standing Order 25 provided for the order of business for the coming week and that this Standing Order took precedence to the English custom. Mr. Speaker further stated that he would take the matters raised under advisement.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, May 2, 1980

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. E. Moulden*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

By leave, Mr. *Passarell* tabled copy correspondence referred to during Committee of Supply, relating to B.C. Hydro Development, Stikine-Iskut.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* moved that the time for the ordinary sitting of the House on Monday, May 5, would be 2.30 until 6.30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 6, 1 until 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 7, from 3 until 7 p.m.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 12.59 p.m.

Monday, May 5, 1980

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Jack.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. Davidson, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

The Hon. T. M. Waterland presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Forest Amendment Act, 1980*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 3, 1980.

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."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom, the House proceeded to consideration of Motion 12 on the Order Paper.

The Hon. W. R. Bennett moved—

That in recognition of the friendly and expanding economic and cultural relationships with our trading partners among the nations of the Pacific Rim, this House extend a sincere and warm welcome to His Excellency Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira of Japan on the occasion of his two-day stay in British Columbia following his recent visits to Mexico, the United States of America, and Ottawa.

And that this House express its earnest desire that His Excellency, on his return to Japan, bear the message of our wish that, our ties of friendship remain cordial and firm in the interests of the socio-economic and cultural well-being of both our regions at a time of unrest among some of the world's nations.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 1 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* moved that the previous Order fixing the time for sitting of the House on Wednesday next be discharged, and that the time for such sitting be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Howard* tabled a copy document relating to the B.C. Telephone Company, referred to during Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Marketing Board for the year 1979.

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* (Minister of Environment) tabled a reply to a question taken as notice relating to Kaiser Resources Limited.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 1980

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *W. K. Davidson*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Trade and Convention Centre Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
May 5, 1980.

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."

By leave, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) replied to a question by the Member for Maillardville-Coquitlam on April 29, relating to B.C. Systems Corporation, and tabled a document referred to therein.

Mr. *Barber* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the receipt of a salary by the Minister of Tourism.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his opinion.

The ruling of the Speaker that by long established practice, the Chair has the right to reserve the opinion of the Chair, was challenged.

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

YEAS—26

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

NAYS—26

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

The votes being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the ayes.

Mr. *Howard* rose on a point of order relating to a vote by the Minister of Tourism on division.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter raised was not a point of order.

Mr. *Barrett* rose on a point of order, namely, what is the authority for the Chair to vote in the event of an equality of votes on a division.

Mr. Speaker quoted Standing Order 10.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Special Purpose Appropriation Act, 1980*.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decisions as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Thursday last, points of order were raised during question period following the giving of a lengthy answer by a Minister. The purpose of the oral question period is expressed in the Ninth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills adopted on February 27, 1973, which reads in part:

“That the reference in Standing Order 25 to ‘Questions put by Members’ be interpreted by Mr. Speaker as permitting a 15-minute oral question period for urgent and important questions without notice commencing at the opening of each day’s Session except Fridays.

“Your Committee further recommends that the following provisions be applied to the oral question period:

- “1. Only questions considered by the Speaker to be urgent and important shall be permitted and his decision shall be final.
- “2. No debate shall be permitted during questions, supplementary questions from Members may be allowed by permission of Mr. Speaker.
- “3. Question period will be dispensed with on Fridays.

“All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*”

The purpose of the question period is not fulfilled when Members ask questions which necessarily involve a lengthy detailed answer nor when Ministers who have taken questions as notice, give lengthy detailed answers in the question period.

Questions which necessarily involve a detailed answer too lengthy for question period should be placed on the Order Paper.

By way of recommendation the Chair has previously stated that when a Minister has a lengthy answer to any question taken on notice, the Minister concerned advise the House at the conclusion of the oral question period that an answer has been tabled. I would also point out that the practice has developed of Ministers seeking leave after the question period to give an oral answer to questions taken on notice as was apparent today.

W. K. DAVIDSON, *Deputy Speaker*

Honourable Members:

On Thursday last the Honourable Member for Skeena requested that the Speaker consider the application of Standing Order 1 in regard to the English practice of addressing questions on Thursday to the Government House Leader as to the order of business for the following week. The Government House Leader requested that consideration also be given of the usages and customs of the United Kingdom with respect to decorum, the order of speakers, estimates of speaking time and pairing.

Standing Order 1 provides that: "In all cases not provided for hereafter or by sessional or other orders, the usages and customs of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as in force at the time shall be followed as far as they may be applicable to this House."

Standing Order 25 sets out the general order of business for each day. Within the general categories of business the Government House Leader has some discretion as to those items of Government business which will be called.

I have checked the records of the House over the last 10 years and note that there has not been a practice such as that suggested by the Honourable Member for Skeena and accordingly find that the custom has not been adopted in this House.

The matters raised both by the Honourable Member and the House Leader involve discretionary matters to be resolved by the respective leaders and whips and are not matters upon which the Chair should comment other than to say that if the parties are unable to agree then they may wish to refer these matters to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

W. K. DAVIDSON, *Deputy Speaker*

Mr. Speaker stated that earlier today upon a division being called on the question "That the ruling of the Chair be sustained" the result of the vote was yeas 26, nays 26. In accordance with Speakers Decisions of the House of Commons, December 4, 1963, at page 622, Journals of the House of Commons, Canada, the decision not having been negatived he declared his ruling sustained.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.57 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *W. Donald*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

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

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Fort Nelson Indian Reserve Minerals Revenue Sharing Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
May 7, 1980.

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

By leave, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Attorney-General) tabled a copy Agreement between the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Canada, and the Attorney-General and Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, British Columbia, relating to the Fort Nelson Indian Band, dated January 1, 1977.

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* (Minister of Environment) made a statement relating to a cyanide cargo spill.

Mr. *Howard* rose on a point of privilege relating to the recording in Votes and Proceedings of May 6, of a point of order raised by him.

Ordered that the Journals of the House be amended accordingly.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *P. J. Jordan* (Minister of Tourism) replied to a question by the 1st Member for Victoria on May 6, relating to the salary of the Minister of Tourism.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House proceeded to consideration of Motion 10 on the Order Paper.

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Barrett*, moved—

Conscious of the great achievements of Canada's past, confident in the promise of its future, and desirous of maintaining a country united from sea to sea, this House reaffirms its commitment to Canada and its desire to continue to pursue those reforms which are necessary to provide the opportunity for the people of all the regions of our land to reach their full potential within a united country:

And this House joins all Canadians in expressing to the people of Quebec our love of country, our desire for continued unity, and that they continue to be, with us, a part of our great nation.

On the motion of Mr. *Skelly*, 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.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Annual Return for the calendar year 1979, submitted in accordance with section 53 of the *Administration Act*, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday the Honourable 1st Member for Victoria sought to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order 35, on a matter of urgent public importance.

In his statement of the matter the Honourable Member alleged that the appointment on January 10, 1980, of the Minister of Tourism and I quote, "is a violation of the *Constitution Act*."

The Honourable Member's application for leave must fail on one or more of a number of grounds which are set forth in Sir Erskine May's 16th edition at pages 369 to 371 as follows:

- (1) Matters which may only be debated on a substantive motion expressed in specific terms.
- (2) If the matter is not raised at the earliest opportunity, it fails in urgency.
- (3) If the facts have only been recently revealed, that does not make the occurrence recent.
- (4) Must not be offered when facts are in dispute or before they are available.

W. K. DAVIDSON, *Deputy Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *W. K. Davidson*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *School Amendment Act, 1980* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 3, 1980.

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

On the motion of Mrs. *Dailly*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *An Act Establishing the Right to Public Information and the Protection of Individual Privacy* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Mr. *Howard* asked leave to make a statement. Leave was not granted.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, Bill (No. 25) intituled *Fire Services Amendment Act, 1980* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Mr. *Howard* asked leave to make a statement. Leave was not granted.

On a point of order being raised, Mr. Speaker ruled that in proceedings on introduction of a bill on notice, the requirement for leave to introduce does not imply unanimous consent but is in fact a motion for leave as provided for in Standing Order 74. Accordingly, in the event of opposition to the introduction of a bill, the motion for leave is carried or negatived as the case may be, by the majority of votes.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt*, Bill (No. 24) intituled *Insurance (Motor Vehicle) Amendment Act, 1980* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Mr. *Howard* asked leave to make a statement. Leave was not granted.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

During oral question period, Mr. *Howard* sought to raise a matter of privilege.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter was not of a nature for which the time set aside for oral question period should be infringed upon.

Mr. *Howard* rose on a matter of privilege relating to the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

Mr. Speaker ruled that while the Member might have a grievance, such grievance did not qualify as a question of privilege.

Mr. *Howard* sought leave to move a motion.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Member was not properly in possession of the floor.

Mr. *Barrett* raised a point of order as to the right of the Member to seek the possession of the floor.

Mr. Speaker stated he would make a further statement on the matter.

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* (Minister of Environment) made a statement relating to the cyanide spill reported to the House on May 7.

Mr. *Barnes* asked leave to make a statement. Leave was not granted.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Attorney-General) made a statement relating to a fatality which occurred at the Willingdon Youth Detention Centre.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House proceeded to "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 10 standing on the Order Paper.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—49

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Friday, May 9, 1980

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Captain *R. Moulton*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Skelly* presented a Petition relating to B.C. Telephone Company operators, and by leave, tabled signatures appended thereto.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Trade and Convention Centre Act*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Cocke*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) made a statement relating to an announcement by Moody's Investors Service of New York in connection with the bond rating of the Province of British Columbia and its principal corporations.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Special Funds Act, 1980*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *King* moved the following amendment—

That the motion be amended by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the question, in order to add the words "Unethical practices have been used to an extraordinary extent in procuring the return of members to this present Legislative Assembly and for this cause this Legislative Assembly cannot be considered a fair representation of the people; it is therefore unfit that any system of public expenditure should be imposed by this Legislative Assembly until all cause of complaint with regard to the method of electing members of this Legislative Assembly shall be first redressed." instead thereof.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Special Purpose Appropriation Act, 1980*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *King*, 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 Monday next.

Mrs. *Wallace* asked leave to make a statement. Leave was not granted.

And then the House adjourned at 12.54 p.m.

Monday, May 12, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. E. Austin*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following statement:

Honourable Members:

On Thursday I indicated that a further statement would be made relating to Standing Order 26 which provides "Whenever any matter of privilege arises, it shall be taken into consideration immediately."

During question period the Honourable Member from Skeena stated "My question of privilege is the absolute blind and stubborn refusal of that Chairman to even acknowledge questions." Having regard to the frequently expressed views of Honourable Members that the time provided for question period ought not to be infringed upon by other matters, the Chair ruled that the matter of privilege might be raised immediately following question period. Accordingly, the Chair later recognized the Honourable Member for Skeena. Hansard discloses that upon gaining the floor, the Honourable Member stated "The question of privilege is that for which I attempted to rise during the question period." namely, in the words of the Honourable Member, and again I quote, "My question of privilege is the

absolute blind and stubborn refusal of that Chairman to even acknowledge questions." I need not again state to the House what matters fall within the ambit of privilege; suffice it to say that failure in question period to respond to a question or series of questions is patently not a matter of privilege. If the Chair were to rule otherwise Honourable Members will readily see that virtually on a daily basis the House could well find itself setting aside all its appointed business to embark upon debate arising from the complaint of an Honourable Member, however aggrieved he may feel, that his question has gone unanswered. The Chair notes that the Honourable Member for Skeena did also complain that the Chairman of the Committee on Crown Corporations had on three or four occasions summarily cancelled meetings. Honourable Members will be aware from the Journals of the House that the House has consistently declined to intervene in those matters which ought to be resolved in the Committee concerned.

While not alluding specifically to the matter which the Chair has just reviewed, I must again urge upon all Honourable Members the responsibility which we all have to observe the Rules of the House which, if abused, can only lead to frustration of the orderly transaction of its business.

Honourable Members have the most important right, almost at any time, to seek recognition by the Chair on a point of order or a matter of privilege. This prerogative of Honourable Members provided for by the Rules of the House, imposes a clear obligation on Honourable Members not to claim the floor to make gratuitous statements under the guise of stating a point of order or a matter of privilege. In order to dissuade any Honourable Member who, seeking to press a point, might be tempted to indulge in such a disorderly tactic, the Chair must require that Members immediately upon rising state the rule which they consider to have been infringed or state the privilege claimed to have been breached without embarking upon debate or disorderly comment. Failure to do so must call for the immediate intervention of the Chair even although if allowed to continue in a disorderly manner the Member concerned might eventually arrive at a perfectly valid point of order or matter of privilege. I would call Members' attention to the 16th Edition of May, at page 470:

"On July 1, 1952, the Deputy Speaker deprecated a growing practice of interruptions of debate by Members who, 'when the Hon. Member who is speaking refuses to give way, think that the only way that they can get their word in is by raising a point of order.' He stated that in his opinion such interruptions constituted fraudulent points of order, and should be stopped."

It is very far removed from the intention, or desire, of the Chair to be perceived to be lecturing the House on a procedural matter but if the Chair is to fulfil its duty imposed upon it by the House, all Honourable Members must honour and assume their individual responsibilities in the matters to which I have alluded. In so doing, Honourable Members will greatly assist the Chair in protecting their rights and in furthering the orderly conduct of the business of the House.

W. K. DAVIDSON, *Deputy Speaker*

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Health) replied to a question by the Member for New Westminster on April 15, relating to availability of extended health care facilities.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Trade and Convention Centre Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—50

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

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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. D. Ross*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

Bill (No. 20) intituled *School Amendment Act, 1980*.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1980*.

Bill (No. 23) intituled *Trade and Convention Centre Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

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

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

YEAS—49

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

NAYS—1

Passarell

The Chairman further reported that, in consideration of section 2, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—49

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

NAYS—1

Passarell

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

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

YEAS—20

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

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

The Chairman further reported that, during consideration of Mr. *Howard's* proposed amendment to section 3, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—20

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

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

The Chairman further reported that, during consideration of Mr. *Howard's* proposed amendment to section 4, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—19

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

NAYS—28

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

Mr. *Nicolson* rose on a point of order, namely, that the designation of Deputy Premier next to Bill (No. 23) indicated a nonexistent portfolio and that the Bill was therefore improperly on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker observed that at the top of each Bill there appears the name or title of the sponsoring Member of the Bill. This is for the information of the House and is not a part of the text of the Bill. The contention that the designation indicates a ministry rather than an individual is without merit.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Forest Amendment Act, 1980*, a debate arose.

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

Motion negatived on the following division:

YEAS—20

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>			<i>Howard</i>
			<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
	<i>Leggatt</i>		

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

On a point of order being raised by Mr. *King*, Mr. Speaker ruled that when a Member had unsuccessfully moved adjournment of debate, the Member had spoken in debate and accordingly may not be permitted to speak again without leave.

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

Motion negatived on the following division:

YEAS—19

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

NAYS—28

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

On the motion of Mr. *Howard*, 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Charles Barker*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Pension (College) Amendment Act, 1980* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 13, 1980.

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Pension (Municipal) Amendment Act, 1980* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 13, 1980.

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Pension (Public Service) Amendment Act, 1980* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 13, 1980.

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Pension (Teachers) Amendment Act, 1980* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 13, 1980.

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Public Service Benefit Plan Amendment Act, 1980* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 13, 1980.

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."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 1980* was 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. 4) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1980* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Chairman further reported that, in consideration of Mr. *Stupich's* proposed amendment to section 7, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—19

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>		<i>Hall</i>	
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
	<i>Sanford</i>		<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

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

Bill (No. 4) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *College and Institute Amendment Act, 1980*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—29

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

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

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. 20) intituled *School Amendment Act, 1980* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Forest and Range Resource Fund Act*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Nicolson*, 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Thursday, May 15, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Bo Brantley*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

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

H. P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 33) intituled *Revised Statutes Correction Act, 1980* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 15, 1980.

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."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Forest and Range Resource Fund Act*.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—43

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Ree</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Mair</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
		<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
		<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
		<i>Gardom</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Special Purpose Appropriation Act, 1980*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	

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<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>		<i>Howard</i>
		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

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 6.01 p.m.

Friday, May 16, 1980

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Pastor *Melvin Tucker*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Mrs. *Wallace* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the poultry industry in British Columbia.

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

The Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1980* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 7, 1980.

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

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Livestock Brand Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 7, 1980.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Special Purpose Appropriation Act, 1980*.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Forest and Range Resource Fund Act*.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Chairman further reported that, in consideration of Mrs. *Wallace's* proposed amendment to section 15, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—9

<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Hall</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Howard</i>
		<i>Stupich</i>

NAYS—26

<i>Hyndman</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>		<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	

Bill (No. 2) read a third time and passed.

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

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Attorney-General) made a statement relating to alleged complaints against members of the R.C.M.P.

12 Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

With respect to Farm Income Assurance—

1. To the latest date available, what was the premium balance with respect to each commodity group?
2. What was the maximum number of participants in each commodity plan during 1979?

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* replied as follows:

“1. As of February 29, 1980, the premium balance, which consists of producer and Government premiums, is as follows:

* ACTIVE 1979	\$	
Blueberry	58,717	(surplus)
Commercial egg	331,810	(surplus)
Potato	123,791	(deficit)
Processing vegetables	65,983	(deficit)
Raspberry	56,869	(surplus)
Sheep	398	(surplus)
Swine	319,774	(surplus)
Tree fruit	1,965,815	(surplus)
INACTIVE 1979		
Beef	975,867	(surplus)
Broiler hatching egg	3,643	(deficit)
Field tomato	525	(surplus)
Greenhouse	183	(surplus)

“2.

	Participants
Blueberry	123
Commercial egg	170
Potato	124
Processing vegetables	44
Raspberry	155
Sheep	173
Swine	81
Tree fruit	1,600.”

13 Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

In regard to the ALDA Program—

1. How many loans were made during the fiscal year 1979–80?
2. What was the total amount of the loans?

3. How many loans were in the maximum amount?
4. How many, if any, were made to corporations?

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* replied as follows:

- “1. 594 from April 1, 1979, to March 17, 1980.
- “2. \$3,600,467.30.
- “3. 66.
- “4. 18.”

24 Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

For each of the years 1976, 1977, 1978, and 1979—

1. How many farm families participated in the Farm Vacation Program?
2. How many farm families were new participants?
3. How many persons spent their holiday on the farm under the Farm Vacation Program?

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* replied as follows:

- “1. 1976, 28; 1977, 24; 1978, 23; 1979, 23.
- “2. 1976, 5; 1977, 6; 1978, 8; 1979, 2.
- “3. 1976, 395; 1977, 425; 1978, 497; 1979, 635.

27 Mr. *Skelly* asked the Hon. the Minister of Environment the following questions:

On March 29, 1979, the Provincial Government announced the formation of the B.C. Humane Trap Committee. Since the establishment of that Committee—

1. How many meetings have been held?
2. How many traps have been examined?
3. How many trap inventors have appeared before the Committee to be interviewed and to explain the operation of their inventions?
4. How much money has been spent by the Committee and for what purpose?
5. Of the \$35,000 allocated to assist trap inventors, how much has been spent, and who are the recipients?

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

“On March 29, 1979, the Provincial Government announced the formation of the B.C. Humane Trap Committee. Since the establishment of that Committee—

“1. There have been three meetings held: Victoria, November 13, 1979; Horsefly, January 25, 1980; and Kamloops, April 12, 1980. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Prince George on June 19, 1980.

“2. The Committee has received 29 submissions on new traps or triggering devices for new traps.

“3. Four trappers have appeared before the Committee to explain the operation of their invention. Two other trappers have addressed the Committee about their trapping methods.

"4. The total fund is \$100,000. \$40,000 has been set aside for prizes for the best new trapping devices presented to the Committee before its mandate runs out in March 1981; \$25,000 has been provided to the Federal/Provincial Humane Trapping Committee to conduct approach testing of traps; \$1,200 is being spent to test the energy efficiency of two traps; \$7,000 to \$14,000 are being considered for supporting the development of the two traps now being tested for energy efficiency if those tests are successful; and \$2,000 has been provided to three trappers to assist them in developing their trap ideas.

"5. Monies have been provided directly to the following trappers: \$1,000, Bill Gabry, Vavenby, B.C.; \$500, Dan Rice, Princeton, B.C.; \$500, Peter Heighan, Terrace, B.C. In addition, \$3,000 has been approved to send a British Columbia trapper to Ontario to be trained in the use of the Ontario Leg Snare. The trapper will be expected to return to British Columbia to train other trappers in the use of this humane device. A sum of \$2,000 has been allocated to build a number of Mr. Gabry's traps for field testing upon his approval."

And then the House adjourned at 12.53 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Lehane*.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Davidson*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) made a statement arising from the eruption of Mount St. Helens in the State of Washington.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Speaker delivered the following opinion:

Honourable Members:

On Friday last the Honourable Member for Cowichan-Malahat asked leave pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House on a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the poultry industry in British Columbia. The Honourable Member made a similar application on April 11 last on a specific aspect of the same subject matter. That application was not in order for the several reasons later given based on the prohibitions set forth in Sir Erskine May and other authorities.

On this occasion the Honourable Member is unable to bring herself within the requirements of Standing Order 35, in part for the reasons earlier stated, and additionally because of the provisions of Standing Order 35 (6) (c) and because the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture are still awaiting further consideration in Committee of Supply.

W. K. DAVIDSON, *Deputy Speaker*

Mr. Speaker delivered the following rulings:

Honourable Members:

At a previous sitting the Honourable Leader of the Opposition raised a point of order relating to the necessity of tabling documents which may have been cited or referred to in the course of debate.

The rules on this subject are clearly set forth in the 18th edition of Sir Erskine May at page 421 as follows:

"1. For the House to be able to demand that documents should be laid upon the Table, three conditions must be fulfilled. In the first place, the Minister must have quoted from the document; it is not sufficient that he should have referred to it or even to have summarised or paraphrased it in part or in whole. Secondly, the document must be a 'dispatch' or other 'State Paper'; the rule cannot be applied to private documents. Thirdly, the rule cannot be applied to documents which are stated by the Minister to be of such a nature that their disclosure would be inconsistent with the public interest.

"2. A Minister of the Crown is not at liberty to read or quote from a dispatch or other State Paper not before the House, unless he be prepared to lay it upon the Table; and also: The rule for the laying of cited documents cannot be held to apply to private letters or memoranda. This rule has been held to apply to public documents only (Parliamentary Debates 1865, 179, c. 489), and confidential documents or documents of a private nature passing between officers of a department and the department are not necessarily laid on the Table of the House, especially if the Minister declares that they are of a confidential nature.

"3. Mr. Speaker Pooley (Speakers' Decisions, Vol. 1, p. 86) has said 'There is no rule requiring the production to the House of any *private* letters, memoranda, or documents which have been cited or quoted from during debate.'"

In applying these rules this House in its more recent practice, has not always insisted that a document quoted from be technically a "public document" before calling for it to be laid upon the Table. It appears therefore that the most important test is whether or not a document has been actually quoted from *which would*, subject to consideration of the public interest, be required to be tabled or merely referred to or summarised *which would not* require tabling.

According to Beauchesne, 5th edition at page 116: "A private Member has neither the right nor the obligation to table an official, or any other, document."

Usually however, when called upon to do so, private members in the House have tabled documents from which they have quoted in the course of debate.

W. K. DAVIDSON, *Deputy Speaker*

Honourable Members:

A point of order was raised by the Honourable Member for Skeena as to the obligation if any of the Government House Leader to advise the House of the business proposed to be embarked upon at the next ensuing sitting of the House. The Honourable Member with a view to assisting the Chair in considering this matter has provided me with precedents of the practice which obtains in the House of Commons, Ottawa.

With respect to the practice in Ottawa, Beauchesne, 5th edition at page 50 states:

“(3) The Government House Leader discusses with the House Leaders of other Parties, the business arrangements for the House and attempts to reach some compromise on the length of debate on each of the various items of business.

“(4) As a matter of practice, since 1968, each Thursday following the Question Period, the Government House Leader states, in reply to a question put by the House Leader of the Official Opposition, the projected business of the House for the forthcoming week.

“(5) The Government House Leader also moves housekeeping motions, allots supply days and generally ensures that the House is kept busy in as efficient a manner as possible.”

From what Beauchesne says, it is self-evident that the statement of the House Leader as to future business is subject to some understanding or agreement between the parties in the House as to the length of debate on the various items of business and subject to unforeseen circumstances.

On the same point, the 16th edition of May at page 260 states:

“The member of the Government who is primarily responsible to the Prime Minister for the arrangement of Government business in the House of Commons is known as the Leader of the House. He controls the arrangement of business in that House while the programme and details are settled by the Government Chief Whip.

“When each week’s programme of business has been arranged the Leader of the House states the business for the following week in answer to a question put to him at the end of Questions on Thursdays by the Leader of the Opposition, and, whenever necessary, makes further business statements from time to time. He may also move procedural motions relating to the business of the House.”

Subject to the contingencies which I have mentioned, such a practice has much to commend it, provided that party whips are normally able to reach agreement as to the length of debate on various items of business.

Perusal of Hansard will show that this House has not adopted any practice under which the Government House Leader is required to make a statement or committal as to the future order of calling the items of business set forth in Orders of the Day. The practice has been that the Government House Leader at the close of a sitting may respond to a question or himself indicate the business proposed to be undertaken at the next sitting. Accordingly, the Chair may not require a statement of future business to be made until such time as the House may see fit to adopt a sessional or standing order to so provide.

W. K. DAVIDSON, *Deputy Speaker*

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$551,612 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office, Premier's Office, to 31st March, 1981.

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

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of Vote 9 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—29

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

NAYS—23

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

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

9 Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Forests the following questions:

1. Was Island Shake & Shingle the successful bidder for any offering of timber made by the B.C. Forest Service in the general area of Lake Cowichan?

2. If yes, (a) when was this sale completed, (b) how much timber was involved, (c) what were the terms of the sale, and (d) were there any other bidders and if so, who?

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* replied as follows:

"1. No."

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.