

Friday, June 14, 1974

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. A. McLaren.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 132) intituled *Petroleum and Natural Gas Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill 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. 144) intituled *Placer Mining Act* a debate arose.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>

NAYS—15

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>McGeer</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 Hon. L. T. Nimsick presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

JOHN L. FARRIS
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 132) intituled *Petroleum and Natural Gas Amendment Act, 1974*, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 5, 1974

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 1, line 88: By deleting all the words in lines 88 to 92, and substituting the following words:

"owner" means a person, including an occupant and the Crown in the right of the Province, who has a valid and subsisting right with respect to or interest in the surface of land, and when used with reference to a well

includes each person entitled to produce and dispose of petroleum and natural gas;”.

Section 4, line 48: By adding, after the word “land,” the words “other than Crown land.”.

Section 4, line 64: By deleting the words “, on the date this section comes into force;”.

Section 4, line 67: By adding, after the word “force,” the words “or after the date he acquires the right, whichever occurs later;”.

Section 10, line 8: By deleting the words “fifty cents”, and substituting the words “one dollar”.

Section 10, line 13: By deleting the words “one dollar and fifty cents”, and substituting the words “three dollars”.

Section 10, lines 17 and 18: By deleting the words “fifty cents”, and substituting the words “one dollar”.

Section 10, lines 28 and 29: By deleting the words “petroleum and natural-gas”.

Section 10, line 31: By deleting the word “No”, and substituting the words “Except for the purposes of subsection (1) (d), no”.

Section 11: By adding, after section 11, the following as section 11A:

“Amends s. 75.

“11A. Section 75 is amended by striking out the words ‘seventy-five cents’ in the last line, and substituting the words ‘one dollar and fifty cents’ ”.

Section 12, line 3: By deleting all the words in lines 3 to 21, and substituting the following:

“78. (1) Where, in the opinion of the Minister, a lease location is not being developed sufficiently, the Minister may, except during the three years next following the date of issue of the lease, require the holder of the lease to submit, within thirty days from the date of the request, a plan for the development of the lease location.

“(2) Where the holder of a lease does not comply with a request by the Minister under subsection (1), or where the Minister is of the opinion that a development plan submitted under subsection (1) is not adequate for the purposes of developing a lease location, the Minister may give notice to the holder of the lease requiring him to commence the drilling of a well on the lease location.

“(3) A notice under subsection (2) may specify

(a) a spacing area in the lease location in which the well is to be drilled;

(b) the depth to which the well is to be drilled; and

(c) the time within which the drilling of the well is to commence,

but in specifying the period of time within which to commence the drilling of the well, the Minister will give due regard to the conditions of accessibility of the lease location, and to the availability of drilling equipment, and in no event shall the notice be less than three months.

“(4) Upon receipt of the notice referred to in subsection (1), the holder of the lease shall

(a) commence the drilling of the well on the location of the lease and within time specified in the notice and thereafter continuously and diligently drill the well; or

(b) notwithstanding section 77 (2), surrender all of the location of the lease excepting those spacing areas on which there is a well capable of producing petroleum or natural gas, and excepting any part of the location of the lease included in a lease extended under section 77 (4) or (7).

“(5) Where a well has been drilled pursuant to a notice under subsection (2), and has been abandoned or completed, the Minister may at any time, except during the six months following the date of the abandonment or completion, order the drilling of another well on the lease location.”

Section 20, lines 3 and 4: By deleting the words “abandon a well or a test-hole, or any equipment with respect thereto,” and substituting the words “be deemed to have abandoned a well or test-hole”.

Section 21, line 11: By adding, after the word “may”, the words “, after giving sixty days’ notice to the holder of the location,”.

Section 22: By adding, after section 22, the following as section 22A:

“Enacts s. 156.

“22A. The Act is further amended by adding, after section 155, the following as section 156:

‘Transition.

‘156. A permittee is not required to comply with section 50 (1) as amended by section 6 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Amendment Act, 1974*, until

(a) the anniversary date of his permit next following the date this section comes into force; or

(b) the date the amount of excess work, recorded by him under section 56 before the date this section is proclaimed, is insufficient to satisfy the work requirement under section 50 (1) before the date section 6 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Amendment Act, 1974* comes into force,

whichever date last occurs.’ ”

By leave of the House, *Resolved*, That the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 132).

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

JOHN L. FARRIS

Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 92) intitled *Coal Act*, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 14, 1974

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 8, lines 1 and 2: By deleting the words “may consent to the surrender of all or part of a licence or lease”, and substituting the words “shall consent to the surrender of a licence or part of a lease”.

Section 14, line 1: By deleting the word “A”, and substituting the words “Unless the area of a licence location is less than one square mile, a”.

Section 19, line 46: By deleting the word “shall”, and substituting the word “may”.

Section 19, line 48: By adding, after line 48, the following words:

“(6) Where the licensee files, and the minister approves, the information and data required under subsection (2) (e) within the period approved by the minister under subsection (4), the minister shall refund to the licensee the deposit paid under subsection (5).”

Section 23, lines 8 and 9: By deleting the words "pro rate, as of the date of the grouping, the amount of rentals required to be paid, and the amount of", and substituting the words "consolidate, as of the date of the grouping, the date the rentals are required to be paid, and the value of the".

Section 25, line 2: By deleting all the words in line 2, and substituting the words "of licence locations, and, where the licence locations are within a grid area, the".

Section 26, lines 32 and 33: By deleting the words "by reason that there is not a market for the coal".

Section 37, lines 1 to 4: By deleting all the words in lines 1, 2, 3, and 4, and substituting the following words:

"(1) Notwithstanding the repeal of the *Coal Act, 1960*, a licence issued under that Act and valid and subsisting on the day before the date this subsection comes into force shall, until the expiration of the term for which the licence was issued or last renewed, remain valid and subsisting under and subject to that Act."

Section 37, lines 24 and 25: By deleting the words "may be prescribed in the regulations", and substituting the words "he may prescribe, and, notwithstanding subsection (4), may allow a location to contain less than four units".

On the motion that the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 92) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>			

NAYS—13

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>			

Resolved, That the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 92).

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

JOHN L. FARRIS
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 162) intituled *Statute Law Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 14, 1974*

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

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. 15) intituled *Recreational Land Green Belt Encouragement Act*.

Bill (No. 119) intituled *Workmen's Compensation Amendment Act, 1974*.

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

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke*, on behalf of the Hon. *D. D. Stupich* (Minister of Agriculture), presented the Sixty-eighth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1973.

And then the House adjourned at 12.57 p.m.

Monday, June 17, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *H. Bredesen*.

Mr. *Phillips* rose on a matter of privilege relating to a statement made by the Minister of Transport and Communications on May 30, appearing on page 3569 of Hansard.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the matter raised.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. S. King*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Labour and Justice to examine the exclusion of those employees who are engaged in agriculture or domestic service from the Labour Code, from workers' compensation coverage, and from other labour standards legislation, to determine if there is a need for reform of the status of agriculture workers and domestic workers under Provincial legislation, such Committee to be empowered to sit after prorogation or during adjournments of the House:

And that the Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear representations from such organizations and individuals as may in their discretion appear necessary:

And that the Chairman of the Committee shall file with Mr. Speaker a monthly report setting forth particulars of the meetings, proposals for agenda, and a general statement of current activities and expenses of the Committee during the preceding month.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Recreational Land Green Belt Encouragement Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 105) intituled *Landlord and Tenant Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 28, as amended, 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 the Hon. *David Barrett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 28, as amended, be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—30

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

NAYS—14

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>McGeer</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		

Bill (No. 119) intituled *Workmen's Compensation Amendment Act, 1974*, was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 162) intituled *Statute Law Amendment Act, 1974*, 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 8 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Monday, June 17, 1974

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter raised by Mr. *Phillips* at the opening of the sitting of the House at 2 p.m. today did not disclose a matter of privilege.

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. 155) intituled *Landlord and Tenant Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill (No. 158) intituled *Economic Policy Analysis Institute of British Columbia Act*.

Bill (No. 159) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill (No. 157) intituled *Universities Act*.

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

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

That Standing Order 129 be amended as follows:

By deleting in subparagraph 7 the words "That, after prorogation of the House," and substituting the word "That".

By adding at the end of subparagraph 8 the following words: "where such committee requires transcripts to be taken."

The debate was resumed on the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*—

That Report No. 4 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills be adopted.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *McClelland*, 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 11.05 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. H. Dobson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 162) intituled *Statute Law Amendment Act, 1974*, was committed.

Without the Committee rising, the Chairman reported that he had ruled Mr. *Smith's* proposed amendment to section 6 out of order as it offended Standing Order 66 and on the ground that the proposed amendment would make the section which it proposed to amend unintelligible and inconsistent with the context of the Bill.

The Chairman's ruling was appealed to the House.

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

YEAS—39

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	

NAYS—9

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>McClelland</i>			

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

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 6 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 the Hon. *David Barrett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 6 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—37

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>			

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

- 42** Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions: Respecting the activities and responsibilities of the Department of Education—
1. How many task forces, commissions, committees, or other such study or inquiry groups have been established since September 15, 1972?
 2. For the groups mentioned in the answer to No. 1, what were the terms of reference, and what was remuneration of each member, of each?

The Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* replied as follows:

"1. The major ones are: (a) The Commission on Post-secondary Education in the Kootenay Region established under the *Public Inquiries Act*, (b) the Task Force Committee on University Governance, and (c) the Task Force Committee on the Community Colleges.

"2. (a) Study and report on post-secondary education in the Kootenay Region, the members have been paid pursuant to the *Public Inquiries Act* which is administered by the Provincial Secretary; (b) the terms of reference of the Committee on University Governance are to consider the internal and external forms of university governance, with particular reference to the relationship between the universities and the Provincial Government, and to make recommendations to the Minister of Education for appropriate changes in the *Universities Act*, remuneration paid will be disclosed in the *Public Accounts* in due course; and (c) the Committee's terms of reference are as follows: (i) To recommend changes in legislation leading to the creation of a Community College Act; (ii) to examine existing college-Government relationships and to recommend any needed changes; (iii) to prepare a statement on the role of community colleges in British Columbia; (iv) to recommend a form of governance which is representative of a region and reflects a balanced regional and Provincial concern; (v) to recommend the steps by which college services can be extended to all areas of the Province; (vi) in addition, the Task Force will examine the problems of college financing and college-university relations, remuneration paid will be disclosed in the *Public Accounts* in due course."

- 76** Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

With respect to a Provincial Building at Trail—

1. Was any preparatory work done with respect to the construction of a Provincial Building at Trail?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total cost of the preparatory work done, (b) what was the total cost, if any, of any design work done, and (c) what was the total cost, if any, of settling with any contractor for work done?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$145,391.34 (including design), (b) \$90,893.66, and (c) compensation in the amount of \$25,000 approved by Order in Council 1060, March 28, 1973, was paid to Kenyon and Co. Ltd. to cover the cancellation of a contract awarded by the previous Government on September 8, 1972, eight days after its defeat at the polls; the City of Trail requested reconsideration of the project; after reviewing the entire matter, the new Government cancelled the contract."

156 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

With respect to the purchase by or on behalf of the Provincial Government or any of its agencies or enterprises of any buildings or land in the municipalities of (a) Victoria, (b) Saanich, (c) Oak Bay, and (d) Esquimalt—

1. How many such purchases have been made since September 1, 1972?

2. What was (a) the location, (b) the purpose, and (c) the date of each such purchase?

3. What was (a) the price, (b) the price per acre of land where applicable, and (c) the price per square foot of building space where applicable, of each such purchase?

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

"1. Eighteen.

"2 and 3. As follows:

"(1) Keatings Cross Road at Central Saanich Road, Highways yardsite, December 21, 1972; \$36,000, \$7,500 per acre.

"(2) Precinct Area, 625 Superior Street, office space, land and improvements, December 27, 1972; \$29,000, \$4.54 per square foot.

"(3) Precinct Area, Glenshiel Hotel, consolidation of Precinct Area, December 15, 1972; \$590,000.

"(4) Colquitz Area, land adjacent to personal care home, consolidation of Crown ownership, January 23, 1973; \$4,200, 38 cents per square foot.

"(5) Victoria, Humboldt and Blanshard, implement Capital Building Programme, consolidate Crown holdings, February 26, 1973; \$77,500, \$10.52 per square foot (land).

"(6) Precinct Area, 466 Superior Street, office space, April 27, 1973; \$29,250, \$2.67 per square foot (land and improvements).

"(7) Victoria, Humboldt and Blanshard, implement Capital Building Programme, consolidate Crown holding, June 21, 1973; \$26,500, \$7.36 per square foot (land).

"(8) Saanich, Cloverdale, consolidation of Government land bank at Services Centre, July 10, 1973, July 13, 1973; \$114,000 (801 Roderick, 825 Roderick, 3236 Maple), \$3.78 per square foot (land and improvements).

"(9) Victoria, 301 Menzies Street, purchase by C.I.D.C. for Department of Public Works in 1962, sold to Department of Public Works for same price, August 10, 1973; \$32,000, \$1.31 per square foot (land and improvements).

"(10) Victoria, Yates Street, Gibson's Bowladrome, accommodation for carrying out Capital Building Programme, September 21, 1973; \$765,000, \$11.85 per square foot (building, average), \$7.70 per square foot (land, average).

"(11) Saanich, Borden Street, land bank to expand loading facilities at Motor-vehicle Station and relieve traffic snarls, October 9, 1973; \$66,000, \$2.75 per square foot (land and improvements).

"(12) Victoria, Trutch Street, Transition House for Human Resources, October 11, 1973; \$41,000, \$4.53 per square foot (land and improvements).

"(13) Esquimalt, Viewfield Road, warehouse property, space demand by Government departments for storage of irreplaceable artifacts, goods, and chattels, October 23, 1973; \$425,000, \$2.55 per square foot (land), \$10.19 per square foot (building).

"(14) Saanich, Cloverdale, 3231 Oak Street, 3230 Maple Drive, consolidation of Government land bank at Services Centre, October 23, 1973, October 25, 1973; \$72,500, \$3.78 per square foot (land and improvements).

“(15) Victoria, Humboldt and Penwell, consolidate Crown holding and implement Capital Building Programme, January 31, 1974; \$180,000, \$15.28 per square foot (land).

“(16) Victoria, St. Anne’s Academy, to assist in the development of short and long term space needs and participate in the development of the City, December 10, 1973; \$1,200,000, \$4.00 per square foot (land), \$5.15 per square foot (buildings, average) (purchase not yet complete, down payment only).

“(17) Oak Bay, Braca Building, 2582-88 Cadboro Bay Road, space needs for Attorney-General’s Department on the taking over of Administration of the Provincial Court System, January 18, 1974; \$410,000, \$17.40 per square foot (building, average), \$4.80 per square foot (land).

“(18) Victoria, Blanshard Street and Courtney, implementation of Capital Building Programme, January 29, 1974; \$185,000, \$15.85 per square foot (land), \$485,000 (includes \$70,000 cash asset to be transferred with the property to the Crown), \$15.85 per square foot (land) (payment made February 27, 1974).”

175 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

With respect to the repair or renovation of the Provincial correctional facilities since September 1, 1972—

1. How many repair or renovation projects have occurred and what is the location of each?

2. What is the amount of money spent on each repair or renovation project?

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

“1 and 2. Repairs and renovations to Provincial correctional facilities since September 1, 1972:

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<i>Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre</i>	
Renovations	120,680.62
Removal of old chimneys.....	6,164.00
<i>Island Youth Centre, Brannen Lake</i>	
Renewal of transformer platform	1,250.00
<i>Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre</i>	
Power supply	4,356.87
Exhaust system	12,163.00
Roads	9,260.61
Security	22,073.62
Licence Plate Shop	2,877.40
East Wing unit	46,496.28
Sprinkler system	311.07
Boiler room	337.45
Paving shops area	19,936.00
Paving exercise yard	3,128.00
Women’s Gaol kitchen.....	3,968.00
Warden’s residence	3,300.00
Centre Hall renovations	8,864.76
Main kitchen ventilation	4,995.00
Hay barn roof	660.00
Horse barn fire	2,451.00
Dust collection system, Carpentry Shop	12,047.00
Window screens, Hospital Building	1,125.00
Acoustic ceiling (communication area)	349.00
Reroofing (Women’s Gaol)	1,680.00
Kitchen fire-extinguisher system	989.00
Boiler-house ventilation renovations	4,436.00

<i>New Haven Borstal, Burnaby</i>		\$
New gutters	753.00	
Institute	160,507.16	
Workshop building	393.69	
Ablution trailers, etc.	2,100.00	
Kitchen hood	1,100.00	
<i>Kamloops Correctional Centre</i>		
Alterations	9,387.30	
Recreational	120,920.00	
Hot water, Dormitory Building	1,100.00	
Stores Building alterations	2,200.00	
Kitchen alterations	1,500.00	
Records Building alterations and hot water	600.00	
Electrical poleline alterations	8,054.49	
Retubing boiler	750.00	
Rewiring new freezer	400.00	
<i>Rayleigh Minimum Security Camp</i>		
Replacement of fire pump motor	2,127.00	
New roof on Admitting Building	3,285.00	
New roof on Recreation Building and alterations	2,946.00	
Canner renovations	1,296.00	
Washer and dryer hookup	800.00	
Calf barn potato stores	3,000.00	
<i>Prince George Regional Correctional Centre</i>		
Services	24,587.46	
Heating systems	18,184.66	
Sewage plant	81,114.20	
Office area renovations	11,500.00	
Dishwasher installation	1,200.00	
Sewage system	500.00	
Boiler and pipe insulation	4,242.00	
Renovations to accommodate females	4,500.00	
<i>Hutda Lake Correction Camp</i>		
Sewage system repairs	750.00	
Overhaul diesel generator	825.00	
Alterations to diesel exhaust system	1,845.00	
<i>Alouette River</i>		
Site works	36,195.61	
Administration Building	2,545.50	
<i>Haney Correctional Centre</i>		
Roof replacement	51,318.30	
Boiler renovations	1,888.34	
Alterations to ventilation system	9,532.00	
<i>Twin Maples Farm, Ruskin</i>		
Plumbing and heating, new chapel	5,080.00	
<i>Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre</i>	\$	Work Order or Contract Awarded
Power supply	4,356.87	March 27, 1973
Exhaust system	12,163.00	December 13, 1972
Roads	9,260.61	October 9, 1973
Security	22,073.62	Various small awards (day labour basis)
Licence Plate Shop	2,877.40	Various small awards (day labour basis)
East Wing unit	46,496.28	June 20, 1972
Sprinkler system	311.07	Not yet awarded
Boiler room	337.45	Not yet awarded
Paving shops area	19,936.00	October 9, 1973
Paving exercise yard	3,128.00	January 3, 1974
Women's Gaol kitchen	3,968.00	August 13, 1973
Warden's residence	3,300.00	November 8, 1973
Centre Hall renovations	8,864.76	October 9, 1973

	\$	Work Order or Contract Awarded
Main kitchen ventilation	4,995.00	July 10, 1973
Hay barn roof	660.00	August 22, 1973
Horse barn fire	2,451.00	June 9, 1973
Dust collection system, Carpentry Shop	12,047.00	December 13, 1972
Window screens, Hospital Building	1,125.00	March 2, 1972
Acoustic ceiling (Communication area)	349.00	July 9, 1973
Reroofing (Women's Gaol)	1,680.00	June 28, 1973
Kitchen fire-extinguisher system	989.00	June 29, 1973
Boiler-house ventilation renovations	4,436.00	October 9, 1974
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The Hon. *G. V. Lauk* (Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce for the year ended March 31, 1974.

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

Mr. *G. H. Anderson* presented the Final Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
June 18, 1974

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That this is the final report of the Committee and deals with Item 2 of the first report, namely Vegetable Production and Marketing.

Vegetable marketing in British Columbia is controlled in the Interior by the Interior Vegetable Marketing Board and on the Coast by the Coast Vegetable Marketing Board.

Briefs were heard from both Boards and more than 60 produce growers. As in the Committee's hearings with other farmers, in their terms of reference, the main complaint was that the price received for their product was not adequately covering their costs of production.

This fact has led to the reduction of farm acreage in the Interior of 1,750 acres in 1966 and to a further reduction of 478 acres in 1972. In the last four years the acreage in the Lower Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island has remained approximately the same, but, nevertheless, with some reduction, and this could be due to the fact that the Coast producers are close to an ever-expanding market in the larger cities of the Province.

There is a serious lack of processing and packing facilities in the Interior and a growing problem in the transportation of products to market.

The British Columbia vegetable producing industry has suffered economically for years because of low-priced imports from the United States and Mexico. In many cases, Californian and Mexican growers produce two crops per year due mainly to climatic conditions. When the bulk of their first crop is marketed, they are in a hurry to market the balance so that they can prepare their land for the second crop. Some of this balance is marketed at low prices in British Columbia, but because the price is the same as that charged in the United States, Federal anti-dumping laws cannot be invoked.

In many ways, the Canadian producer subsidizes food to the consumers of British Columbia. Vegetable prices fall considerably when local produce becomes

available and rise again when the local season is over. The reason given for the rise in prices is usually that it is necessary to import produce, while the reason given by producers is that wholesalers and retailers keep the price to the producer low through the threat of imports.

The British Columbia vegetable producer in many areas has a serious problem securing sufficient labour for thinning, weeding, and harvesting of vegetables that cannot be handled mechanically. The producer cannot afford the wages required to attract this kind of labour, which is most tedious and requires much stooping and bending, including at times crawling on hands and knees for some of the work.

Many people with farms secured employment off the land in years gone by to offset low prices and resultant insufficient income. In some cases, prices for such products as asparagus has risen to the place where it would now be economic to grow, but the terms and interest on operating capital are such that farmers have been reluctant to borrow and return their land to that production.

In the early spring of 1968 some 20 lettuce growers in the Cloverdale area formed a lettuce co-operative to upgrade their product to meet competition from imports. Agreement was entered into with the West Coast Cooling Company to provide vacuum cooling and related equipment required to handle lettuce in a modern and efficient manner. This has turned out to be a success story in agriculture, as local production of lettuce went from 12,000,000 pounds in 1969 to slightly more than 20,000,000 pounds in 1973. A total of 45 per cent of production is shipped to the prairie provinces. The co-operative also ships limited quantities of other mixed vegetables to the prairies to accommodate prairie buyers or for the purpose of pooling loads.

The growers feel that with proper facilities for cooling, grading, and packaging, similar opportunities exist for the upgrading and expansion of celery and cauliflower production, plus other vegetables.

There is a need for better drainage facilities for much of the prime vegetable-growing areas in the Fraser Valley, and, paradoxically, there is a need to improve the irrigation systems during some summer months. Losses to growers can be quite high in some areas due to flooding. This could result in growers becoming discouraged and leaving the industry, which would in turn increase our dependency on imports.

With the advent of rapid refrigerated transportation and modern packaging, the former consumer excitement for "in season" and "fresh local" vegetables is diminishing. High-quality fresh vegetables are available to consumers in most areas of the Province for 12 months of the year. The advent lately of "hydroponically" grown tomatoes and cucumbers is receiving increasing acceptance from consumers in the "off season," when field crops are not available.

It is the feeling of the Committee that vegetable growing, which is such an important segment of our agricultural industry, must not be allowed to wither and die. We have areas of good soil, suitable climate, and expert growers who could compete with our southern neighbours provided they can receive the assistance necessary to upgrade and modernize their individual operations, upgrade their transportation methods in some areas, and expand and improve their processing, packaging and grading facilities.

Some of the recommendations made to the Legislature by the Committee during the Fall Session of 1973 are equally applicable to the vegetable growers as to other producers. To those recommendations, the Committee wishes to add the following with regard to vegetable producers:

Recommendations

- (1) The Agriculture Department should increase advice and co-operation to vegetable farmers to improve their operation:
- (2) The Agriculture Department should investigate areas of need for packaging, grading, and storage plants and advise farm groups of requirements:
- (3) The Department should encourage farm groups to make use of funds from *Farm Products Industry Improvement Act* to carry out recommendations made under (2):
- (4) The *Farm Products Industry Improvement Act* should be used to assist Interior growers with their problems in transportation of vegetables, such as the purchase of their own refrigerated trucks if found to be practical:
- (5) Studies should be made to determine if the "B.C. Home Grown" programme should be enlarged or improved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. ANDERSON, *Chairman*

The report was taken as read and received.

Mr. Fraser presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

June 13, 1974

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee, chaired by *A. V. Fraser*, had five meetings. Officials of the British Columbia Liquor Administration Board appeared before the Committee for the first time. Officials of the British Columbia Railway appeared as well as British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority. There were opportunities to examine vouchers supplied by Comptroller-General Jack W. Minty.

Your Committee summoned Dr. Willard E. Ireland, Chairman of the Public Documents Committee, established under the *Public Documents Disposal Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, chapter 134, and, having heard the submission on behalf of the Public Documents Committee, recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Documents Disposal Act*, approval be given for the destruction of various public documents as listed in the submission to the Public Accounts Committee for 1974 in so far as the following departments of Government are concerned: Attorney-General—General Administration, Land Registry Office, Prince George; Education—Curriculum Resources Branch, Registrar's Branch, Correspondence Branch, Examinations; Finance; Health Services and Hospital Insurance—Woodlands School, Division of V.D. Control, Division of Laboratories, Division of TB. Control, Division of In-Patient Care, Local Health Services (Central Office), Environmental Engineering, Division of Vital Statistics; Mines and Petroleum Resources; Transport and Communications—Administration Branch.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. V. FRASER, *Chairman*

The report was taken as read and received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18, 1974

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Mineral Royalties Act* was committed.

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

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 2, as amended, 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. *Gibson*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 2, as amended, be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—31

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

NAYS—16

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

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Richter's* proposed amendment to section 3, as amended, 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. *Chabot*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on Mr. *Richter's* proposed amendment to section 3, as amended, be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—16

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

NAYS—31

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. C. Nelson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

Bill (No. 159) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1974*, was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered, by leave of the House, at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 157) intituled *Universities Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered, by leave of the House, at the next sitting.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Schroeder's* proposed amendment to section 20 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. *Chabot*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on Mr. *Schroeder's* proposed amendment to section 20 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—32

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

NAYS—15

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	

Bill (No. 155) intituled *Landlord and Tenant Amendment Act, 1974*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 158) intituled *Economic Policy Analysis Institute of British Columbia Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 4 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. *McGeer*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 4 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—32

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

NAYS—15

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 6 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. *McGeer*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 6 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—32

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

NAYS—15

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	

Bill read a third time and passed.

The committal of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Mineral Royalties Act* was resumed. Bill reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered, by leave of the House, at the next sitting.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 3, as amended, 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. *Chabot*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 3, as amended, be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—28

<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>

NAYS—14

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland*</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>		

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 14 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. *Chabot*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 14 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—30

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>		

NAYS—14

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>		

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Gibson's* proposed amendment to section 20 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. *Gibson*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on Mr. *Gibson's* proposed amendment to section 20 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—13

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>McClelland</i>			

NAYS—30

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>		

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Report No. 4 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills be adopted."

The debate continued.

Mr. *Morrison* moved an amendment as follows:

"That Motion 32 be amended by striking out the words 'be adopted' in the second line and substituting the words 'be referred back to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills for further consideration'."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *D. A. Anderson*, 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. *Ernest Hall* 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. 163) intituled *Audit Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 19, 1974

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 6.02 p.m.

Thursday, June 20, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. G. Patterson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Energy Amendment Act, 1974*, was read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Mineral Royalties Act*, Mr. *Smith* moved an amendment as follows: "By striking out the word 'now' and substituting therefor 'six months hence'."

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—11

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	

NAYS—28

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>

The debate resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>

NAYS—11

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 84) intituled *Community Resources Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>

NAYS—10

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 105) intituled *Landlord and Tenant Act*.

Bill (No. 119) intituled *Workmen's Compensation Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill (No. 134) intituled *Institute of Technology (British Columbia) Act*.

Bill (No. 141) intituled *Strata Titles Act*.

Bill (No. 151) intituled *Assessment Act*.

Bill (No. 157) intituled *Universities Act*.

Bill (No. 159) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill (No. 163) intituled *Audit Amendment Act, 1974*, was read a second time and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

Bill (No. 163) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled *Mineral Amendment Act, 1974*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled *Coal Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments. By leave of the House, Bill as reported to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 92) was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled *Prospectors Assistance Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 6 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. *Smith*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 6 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—26

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Strachan</i>		

NAYS—11

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	

By leave of the House, Bill as reported to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 94) was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 132) intituled *Petroleum and Natural Gas Amendment Act, 1974*, was committed, reported complete with amendments. By leave of the House, Bill as reported to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 132) was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 144) intituled *Placer Mining Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments. By leave of the House, Bill as reported to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 144) was read a third time and passed.

The committal of Bill (No. 162) intituled *Statute Law Amendment Act, 1974*, was resumed. Bill reported complete with amendments.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 21 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 the Hon. *R. M. Strachan*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 21 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—25

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>			

NAYS—11

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	

By leave of the House, Bill as reported to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 162) was read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, the House reverted to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

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

That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay to *Rosemary Brown* the full allowance and expenses to which she would have been entitled had she attended all sittings of the Session, pursuant to section 68 of the *Constitution Act*, being chapter 71, R.S.B.C. 1960.

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

That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay to *Gordon Fulerton Gibson* the full allowance and expenses to which he would have been entitled had he attended all sittings of the Session, pursuant to section 68 of the *Constitution Act*, being chapter 71, R.S.B.C. 1960.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed amendment to the motion "That Report No. 4 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills be adopted."

The debate continued.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—11

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	

NAYS—27

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—27

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	

NAYS—3

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>
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His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair—

E. G. MacMinn, Esq., Deputy Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:

- (No. 12) *Succession Duty Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 15) *Recreational Land Green Belt Encouragement Act.*
- (No. 17) *British Columbia Harbours Board Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 18) *Energy Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 30) *British Columbia-Alberta Boundary Act.*
- (No. 31) *Mineral Royalties Act.*
- (No. 48) *Mineral Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 50) *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter.*
- (No. 51) *An Act to Amend the British Columbia School Trustees Association Incorporation Act.*
- (No. 71) *Department of Economic Development Act.*
- (No. 77) *Debtor Assistance Act.*
- (No. 82) *Human Resources Facilities Development Act.*
- (No. 84) *Community Resources Act.*
- (No. 85) *Public Officials and Employees Disclosure Act.*
- (No. 87) *Public Works Fair Employment Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 91) *Police Act.*
- (No. 92) *Coal Act.*
- (No. 94) *Prospectors Assistance Act.*
- (No. 102) *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 103) *Summary Convictions Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 105) *Landlord and Tenant Act.*
- (No. 109) *Community Care Facilities Licensing Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 113) *Tuberculosis Institutions Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 114) *Accelerated Park Development Fund Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 117) *Forest Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 119) *Workmen's Compensation Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 121) *Land Registry Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 124) *Real Estate Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 126) *Trade Practices Act.*
- (No. 127) *Companies Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 132) *Petroleum and Natural Gas Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 133) *Leasehold and Conversion Mortgage Loan Act.*
- (No. 134) *Institute of Technology (British Columbia) Act.*
- (No. 138) *Motor-vehicle Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 140) *Provincial Home Acquisition Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 141) *Strata Titles Act.*
- (No. 144) *Placer Mining Act.*
- (No. 145) *An Act to Ratify an Agreement Bearing Date the 16th Day of November, 1964, between the City of Prince Rupert, Canadian National Railway Company, and Her Majesty the Queen in Her Right of Her Province of British Columbia Amendment Act, 1974.*
- (No. 146) *Development Corporation of British Columbia Amendment Act, 1974.*

- (No. 147) *Assessment Authority of British Columbia Act.*
(No. 149) *Logging Tax Amendment Act, 1974.*
(No. 151) *Assessment Act.*
(No. 152) *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Amendment Act, 1974.*
(No. 153) *Interpretation Act.*
(No. 154) *Protection of Children Amendment Act, 1974.*
(No. 155) *Landlord and Tenant Amendment Act, 1974.*
(No. 157) *Universities Act.*
(No. 158) *Economic Policy Analysis Institute of British Columbia Act.*
(No. 159) *Constitution Amendment Act, 1974.*
(No. 162) *Statute Law Amendment Act, 1974.*
(No. 163) *Audit Amendment Act, 1974.*

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian M. Horne, Q.C.*, Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

On the motion of the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, it was *Resolved*—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time; and

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

180 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Has the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia hired the firm of Johnston Associates Management Limited, of 1090 West Pender Street, Vancouver, for any purpose since April 1, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what duties or responsibilities were carried out by this firm on behalf of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and (b) what is the total cost to the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for the services of this firm to date?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Duties and responsibilities included: (i) Architectural engineering and construction co-ordination for Claims Service Centres, (ii) project management services for property acquisitions and co-ordination of soils consultants and surveyors, (iii) planning, lease co-ordination, and construction supervision for the creation of a Head Office for ICBC, (iv) arranged and co-ordinated branch office lease acquisitions, (v) provided various information including Commercial Vehicle Study, Police Survey Study, Wreck Storage Yard Survey, Location Study for Claims Service Centres, and (b) \$378,826.27."

181 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Did the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia purchase a Claim Centre at Ladner?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) was the price a negotiated price, (b) what management firm, if any, acted for the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, and (c) what was the commission, if any, paid by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia?

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

"1. No; a building already on the site purchased is being used as a temporary Claims Centre.

"2. Not applicable."

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan* (Minister of Transport and Communications) tabled correspondence between himself, Mr. R. W. Adams, and Mr. N. Bortnick, Vice-president and General Manager of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.15 p.m.

Friday, August 9, 1974

FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. Holmes*.

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. 164) intituled *Essential Services Continuation Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
August 9, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. S. King* (Minister of Labour) made a statement relating to the said Bill.

The Hon. *W. S. King* moved, pursuant to Standing Order 81, "That Bill (No. 164) be permitted to be advanced all stages this day."

The House recessed for 30 minutes.

TWENTY MINUTES TO SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

The motion of the Hon. *W. S. King* "That Bill (No. 164) be permitted to be advanced all stages this day" was put and carried.

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

Bill (No. 164) intituled *Essential Services Continuation Act* was read a second time and *Ordered* referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 164) was committed.

Without the Committee rising, the Committee reported that during debate on Mr. *D. A. Anderson's* proposed amendment to section 6 (b), the Chairman had ruled the proposed amendment out of order on the ground that it went beyond the scope of the Bill as approved by the House on second reading.

The Chairman's ruling was appealed to the House.

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

YEAS—33

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>			

NAYS—15

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	

Bill (No. 164) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair—

Ian M. Horne, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill: (No. 164) *Essential Services Continuation Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill."

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time; and

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.02 p.m.

Friday, November 1, 1974

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *L. Goertz*.

Mr. Speaker made a statement relating to the party affiliation of Mr. *Curtis*, Member for Saanich and the Islands.

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. 168) intituled *Elevator Construction Industry Labour Disputes Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 1, 1974

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

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* 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. 166) intituled *Department of Health Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 1, 1974

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
 Second reading at the next sitting 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. 165) intituled *Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 1, 1974

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

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

Mr. *Liden* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters and Housing, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 November 1, 1974

MR. SPEAKER:

The Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters and Housing begs leave to report as follows:

On June 5, 1974, the Legislature of British Columbia ordered that the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, both during the Session and upon prorogation of the House, be authorized to review real property taxation procedures in British Columbia, with particular emphasis on making recommendations to the House at the next Session respecting real property tax legislation necessary to ensure the equitable distribution of real property taxation.

In order to assist its deliberations, the Committee had the power to examine existing legislation bearing upon the taxation function at the Provincial and municipal levels as well as the legislation of any other jurisdiction.

Following advertisements placed in the newspapers of the Province inviting public participation, about 300 responses were received.

The Committee's deliberations began with a working session involving the Union of B.C. Municipalities and the B.C. School Trustees Association on September 17 in Vernon.

On September 25, 26, and 27, the Committee heard representations from Dr. Mason Gaffney, Acting Director, B.C. Institute for Economic Policy Analysis; Prof. Arthur Becker, University of Wisconsin; Mr. Jonathan Rowe, Director, Property Tax Project, Tax Reform Research Group, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Jack Knetsch, Professor, Economics and Commerce Department, Simon Fraser University; Mr. Percy Wright, Assessment Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia; Mr. John Moore, Surveyor of Taxes for the Province of British Columbia; Mr. Fred Macklin and Mr. Larry Ting, Consultants in the Department of Education.

Public hearings were held in Prince George, Kelowna, Cranbrook, New Westminster, Victoria, Parksville, and Vancouver, at which numerous briefs were presented.

Your Committee wishes to take this opportunity to express its gratitude to all of the individuals and organizations who contributed their time and experience in making submissions to the Committee, thereby assisting it in discharging its responsibilities.

Your Committee particularly wishes to record its thanks to Mr. Reg Sampson, who served as Consultant to the Committee on loan from the Assessment Authority of British Columbia. His efforts providing advice and statistical information at the request of members of the Committee were of immense value.

The authority for taxation of property is contained in the *Taxation Act*, the *Public Schools Act*, the *Municipal Act*, *Water Act*, *Local Services Act*, and *Regional Hospital Districts Act*.

At this time, fixed Provincial taxation rates exist which vary considerably on improved land, forest land, tree-farm land, wild land, timber land, and farm land.

A variety of well-thought-out and carefully documented suggestions for real property tax overhaul came before the Committee. Some of these include:

- (1) *The site value taxation system*—An approach to property tax based on land only, with no consideration of improvements, was outlined for the Committee.
- (2) *Differential mill rates*—The general idea suggested was that there should be separate mill rates for different classes of property. The classes generally referred to were commercial, industrial, farm land, vacant land, and residential land in use.
- (3) *Exemptions*—It was suggested that a system similar to that used for income tax purposes be introduced whereby every land-owner would be granted a basic assessment exemption. Property taxes would then be calculated only against the remaining assessment.

It was pointed out to the Committee that several hardships exist within classes of property. For example, small parcels of residential land being held for future home construction have been assessed and taxed the same as speculative land, and some small business people are experiencing hardship as a result of commercial assessments being established at 50 per cent of market value.

The Committee reached the conclusion that even with every effort being made to achieve equity in real property assessment and equity in the levying of tax, there will still remain instances where, by reason of the nature and the circumstances surrounding particular properties, hardship will result.

These individual cases of hardship can only be resolved by facilitating consideration of each individual case.

The Committee also considered

- (a) the advisability of higher tax rates for British Columbia land held by foreign owners;

- (b) the fact that under existing legislation certain properties are exempt from taxation, including community halls, churches, cemeteries, Crown lands, summer camps, Farmers' Institutes, and horticultural societies, among others; it was suggested that all properties should be assessed and taxed, but that municipal governments should maintain the right to make grants in lieu of taxes.

In a submission to the Committee, Provincial Assessment Commissioner Percy Wright stated that the actual value rolls now under preparation would pose problems. He also pointed out that use of the 1974 rolls would perpetuate existing inequities.

The B.C. Federation of Agriculture urged caution, stating they would prefer the 1974 roll over the new roll being prepared at actual value in order to provide sufficient time to study all possible effects of the new 100 per cent assessments.

Numerous representations referred to the complexities of real property taxation and urged the Committee to proceed slowly.

The Council of Forest Industries stated: ". . . the matter is too complicated to be properly dealt with in the current year"

Additionally, the Union of B.C. Municipalities' brief pointed out the difficulty in devising legislation to deal with problems that have not yet been fully determined and stated: ". . . that authenticated 1974 assessment rolls, modified to reflect physical changes, be used again in 1975"

These are but some of the viewpoints brought to the Committee reflecting the difficulty in rapid implementation of 100 per cent assessment rolls.

The Committee concludes that it is better to live with an imperfect assessment roll created over the years by restrictive legislative provisions than to proceed rapidly to implement actual value assessment without sufficient time to study the implications of such a move.

Recommendations

Therefore, the Committee recommends:

(1) That assessments in 1975 should be as they were in 1974, but in cases where changes have occurred in physical character of a property or new construction has taken place the assessments should be as they would have been in 1974.

Land on which a residence is located, where situated in an agricultural land reserve or where, by municipal or regional district by-laws cannot be subdivided, then the parcel as a whole shall be given the benefit of residential classification.

(2) That consideration should be given to the establishment of an agency empowered to investigate individual cases of real property tax hardship, and to grant appropriate relief (i.e., locked-in land and small businesses).

(3) That a Special Commission be appointed to inquire into all the ramifications of the implementation of an assessment system based on actual value, and that the Commission review all aspects of real property taxation procedures.

This review should be unrestricted in scope, but should include the following:

- (a) Interjurisdictional sharing of tax revenue.
- (b) Classification of real property and the definition thereof.
- (c) Property tax exemption.
- (d) Tax burden or incidence as between property classes.
- (e) Differential taxation of nonresident-owned land.
- (f) The impact of Government grants in an equitable tax system.
- (g) Site value taxation.
- (h) Consolidation of real property tax legislation under a single statute.
- (i) Simplified tax language (i.e., change "mill rate" to "percentage").

(4) That the B.C. Assessment Authority continue to function as an independent authority and be instructed to complete, as soon as possible, an assessment roll based on actual value of land, improvements, and machinery.

Respectfully submitted.

CARL LIDEN, *Chairman*

The report was taken as read and received.

Mr. *Bennett* asked to move adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the rising unemployment in the Province and the recession in the forest industry and in housing construction.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess to consider his decision relating to the matter raised by the honourable member.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members,—I have given urgent consideration to the proposal by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition for an emergency debate under Standing Order 35. I point out that May, in the 17th edition, which is the one that sets out all the rules with regard to such debate, very clearly states, with many examples on pages 364 through to 367, that the matter must be definite. That is, not a generalized matter, but a specific matter than can be isolated into an emergency, a very important situation, but where it must be debated now, and those instances, as you will note in looking through the authorities, are very few.

I will just recite what May says in general on the matter: "It must be a single specific matter," according to May at page 364. It must not be couched in general terms or covering a great number of cases; it is not offered when facts are in dispute or before they are all available; and it must not import an argument. In other words, it must be something that everyone can agree right away, instantly, that there is urgency of debate.

Now there are many instances in all the authorities, as I found in the House of Commons in Ottawa and at Westminster, where cases of unemployment and matters of a general nature which are an economic situation have been dealt with. Indeed, in our own jurisdiction on numerous occasions Speakers have dealt with this matter, and I can do no better than refer the honourable members to volume 2 of *Speakers' Decisions*. Mr. Speaker Pauline at page 69 ruled out the matter of unemployment for urgency debate, and stated it must be done upon notice. He repeated that decision in the same year again, on the ground that I quoted from May, because it was an emergency situation in the general economy. He stated that the unemployment situation had reached the most acute stage and become of great urgency and public interest but, none the less, because we are bound by these rules respecting generality of such a subject, it was not an appropriate one, according to May, for an emergency debate.

Again, in 1923, this was ruled out of order on the same question of unemployment and also on a matter dealing with labour. All of these decisions are found in volume 2 of *Speakers' Decisions*.

In Ottawa the question of the effect on the footwear industry, which laid off thousands of employees, became of such urgent consideration that the same motion was sought for an emergency debate and there, again, Mr. Speaker Lamoureux rejected it. I can give you various examples of that, for instance, on June 20, 1970, in the House of Commons records, and all of them lead to the same result.

Consequently, I am bound to follow the precedents I have recited and in view of that, in my opinion, the matter does not fall within the scope of Standing Order 35.

G. H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

Mr. *Bennett* stated he wished to appeal the Speaker's statement.

Mr. Speaker stated that his opinion was not debatable or subject to appeal under Standing Order 35.

Order called for "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* moved "That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next."

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—34

<i>Liden</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>		

NAYS—16

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Phillips</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Jordan</i>

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* (Minister of Health) presented the Overall Medical Services Plan of British Columbia Financial Statements as at March 31, 1974.

And then the House adjourned at 10.44 a.m.

Monday, November 4, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *H. D. Dent*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order called for "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 165) intituled *Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act* a debate arose.

Mr. *Bennett* moved an amendment as follows: "That the motion be amended by deleting the word 'now' and substituting therefor the words 'on this day six months hence'."

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—11

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Cummings</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Smith</i>	

NAYS—37

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>			

The debate resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of Mr. *L. A. Williams*, 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. *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. 169) intituled *Landlord and Tenant Amendment Act, 1974 (No. 2)*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 4, 1974

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. 170) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 4, 1974

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 5.54 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. Holmes.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order called for "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 165) intituled *Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act*.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 1974

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 165) intituled *Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act*.

On the motion of Mr. D. A. 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.

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m.