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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. C. Gouws.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Thirty-fourth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable DAVID C. LAM, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 23rd day of February 1989, the members took their seats.

The Honourable DAVID C. LAM, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

With great honour, I open this Third Session of the Thirty-fourth Parliament of British Columbia. I wish to convey to you, and all citizens, greetings on behalf of our Sovereign, Her Majesty the Queen.

I extend my personal wishes to all Members of this Assembly. You have the unique privilege of representing the people of British Columbia, and in reflecting, debating, and legislating those policies and programs needed to match their needs and aspirations.

It is with gratitude and affection that we acknowledge the contribution of my predecessor, the twenty-fourth Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Robert Gordon Rogers. He and Mrs. Rogers represented Her Majesty and our Province with great distinction.

One of our most respected jurists, the Honourable Nathaniel T. Nemetz, Q.C., has retired from the Bench. Justice Nemetz was appointed to our Supreme Court in 1963 and became Chief Justice of British Columbia in 1979 and has had a most distinguished career of service to the Province.

We mourn the passing of Doctor Phyllis Gregory Ross. She made many contributions to the Province both at Government House and as Chancellor of the University of British Columbia.

Since this Assembly last met we have been saddened by the passing of two former Members of this Assembly. Air Vice-Marshal Leigh Forbes Stevenson served this House as the Member from Vancouver-Point Grey from 1946 to 1952. Mr. Arthur James Richard Ash served this House as the Member for Saanich from 1948 to 1952.

In the past year, my Government hosted a number of distinguished guests and visitors. Among them Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus of the Netherlands, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden, Prime Minister Takeshita of Japan, and Vice-Premier Tian of the People's Republic of China.

My Government was pleased to receive many diplomatic representatives accredited to Canada.

During the year past, several Members of our Legislative Assembly chose the opportunity of representing British Columbians in our national Parliament. We wish those Members every success and commend them for their continued contribution on behalf of our citizens. You will welcome several new Members to this Assembly in this Session.

British Columbia hosted the world's communities at Expo 86 and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Vancouver in 1987. In 1988, the citizens of Greater Victoria were successful in securing the 1994 Commonwealth Games for this Province. This reflects the continuing dedication of our citizens, this Province, and Canada to the Commonwealth of Nations and to the principles on which that Commonwealth was founded.

My Government is committed to a stronger Canada and the promotion of Canadian ideals in the world. Those ideals have long been recognized as reflecting the values of international peace and co-operation, and equality for all.

With British Columbia's entry into Confederation, Canada was forged as a great nation, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. British Columbia secured Canada's presence on the Pacific and that position will grow to be Canada's most important. The political and economic focus of the world will be a Pacific focus in the closing decade of the Twentieth Century. The Twenty-first Century will belong to the Pacific Nations. British Columbia will be Canada's Gateway and we will fully realize the potential of our promise in joining Confederation. This fundamental belief and vision guides my Government on behalf of its people.

My Government was recently invited to a World Economic Forum in Switzerland where international leaders focussed on British Columbia and opportunities in Pacific Canada. The vision of my Government was shared with world business and political leaders who recognize the boundless potential of British Columbia in the emerging Pacific economy.

We are now witness to this global transition, and its problems and opportunities. Managing this change on behalf of British Columbians is a fundamental challenge for my Government.

Recognizing this responsibility, Government has embarked on an unprecedented process of consultation with the citizens of the Province on many strategic issues. Government has consulted on economic, transportation, and resource development issues. Dialogue has been established on environmental matters, and access to and improvement in our educational, justice, and workers' compensation systems. An open and accessible Government will remain a commitment of this administration.

It is the goal of my Government that the many changes we now witness, and which shape our economy, our population, and our communities, will not distort our values, and our quality of life, or our dedication for the environment and our natural resources.

The Province's economic base is maturing and diversifying. Strength is emerging in all regions. Our population is growing, both through migration from other provinces and immigration. Our renewed population growth will bring with it those strengths from which this Province has always benefitted. We will develop an intellectual and cultural richness, contributing directly to the well-being of all British Columbians.

My Government will continue to focus on three sustaining priorities for British Columbians; continued economic growth and diversification, the preservation of our environment, and an education policy to meet our future needs.

My Government's economic policy is driven by the twinned principles of sound Government fiscal management and a strong private sector generating economic growth.

My Government recognizes that budgets must be balanced over the business cycle to ensure the continuity and stability of social and other essential programs. Government also recognizes the need for fiscal prudence, such that revenues can be set aside during buoyant economic times to meet essential needs during times of economic slowdown. Vulnerability to interest and exchange rates, as well as commodity prices, dictates such an approach for British Columbia. Additionally, Government's capital programs must be tailored to business cycles to maintain economic and employment stability.

In the coming weeks, you will be asked to support a Provincial Budget which will, in its achievement, be matched by no other Province.

Government policies must foster a business climate that encourages private investment and which rewards enterprise and productivity. My Government's privatization program, the most ambitious and successful in Canada, has been a key element in our economic reform.

Creating a positive investment climate and marketing the Province's goods and services are central to my Government's strategy for diversified economic and employment development.

As a trading economy, British Columbia will continue to be dependent on international markets for business growth. Government and business must recognize and respond to the importance of our ties with our trading partners, and establishing new trading links. We will strengthen international marketing programs through our overseas offices in London, Tokyo, Dusseldorf, Seoul, Singapore and Hong Kong.

My Government was pleased to see the ratification of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement. To take advantage of the benefits to be derived from that agreement, the Government entered into a Pacific Northwest Partnership Agreement with the State of Washington. British Columbia just recently opened an office in Irvine, southern California. Further, commercial services will be expanded in San Francisco to promote trade, investment and tourism interests in what is the world's fifth largest economy.

British Columbia's Trade Development Corporation will commence operations this year. This will be a vehicle with strong, private sector direction to enhance our exports to the rest of Canada and to the world.

My Government will focus greater attention on trade policy issues. We will establish programs to assist British Columbia companies to take advantage of, and to meet the challenges of, Canada's Free Trade Agreement. The Province will actively assist and provide input to the current round of multilateral trade negotiations under the G.A.T.T., and develop programs to anticipate the creation of a new European Economic Community in 1992.

My Government has embarked on programs of regional diversification to attract new, employment-generating investments. Consultation with local community and business groups is reshaping economic policy to achieve diversification and realize the potential of our individual communities.

In the past year, my Government has provided the financial spark for a billion dollars of job-creating investment, for projects like a new mine at Cassiar, a hydrogen peroxide plant in Prince George, modern pulp mills at Taylor and Port Mellon, a cyclotron in Vancouver, a ferrochromium plant in Nanaimo, and many others. Government support has attracted private sector investments in communities eager to diversify their economies.

The Government's Business Information Services are becoming an increasingly important tool for our business community and investors. The B.C. Business Network and the Enterprise Centre experienced a 22% increase in requests for information in 1988, rising to 94,000 business inquiries.

My Government will expand programs to assist small business. Twenty new Community Business Information Centres will be added to the existing network of 80.

My Government's Small Business Forest Enterprise Program will provide additional opportunities to establish new businesses, and encourage the production of specialty, higher value-added forest products.

In the coming year, my Government will introduce comprehensive business assistance legislation, consolidating and enhancing existing programs.

A strong financial sector is essential to our business development. Accordingly, you will be asked to approve a *Financial Institutions Act* and further amendments to the *Securities Act*. A *Personal Property Security Act* will also benefit our business sector.

In the past year, we adopted new legislation governing International Financial Institutions, and businesses have already established in British Columbia. Our International Commercial Arbitration Centre, one of seven in the world, adds to British Columbia's broadening spectrum of services available to firms conducting international business.

The Government will introduce an Employee Equity Program to enable workers to participate directly in business development in the Province.

My Government will stimulate economic growth and regional diversification through the development of Provincial services. The Minister of Transportation and Highways will initiate a comprehensive highways redevelopment program in the coming year. The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations will provide the details in the forthcoming Budget of a major capital rebuilding program for the British Columbia Ferry Corporation. This initiative, commencing this year, will improve access to Vancouver Island and regenerate shipyard employment in British Columbia. My Government will seek Federal participation in this program.

Improved air service to British Columbia is a priority for my Government. My Ministers will work closely with the Government of Canada to ensure the earliest upgrading to the Vancouver International Airport, made urgent through growing Pacific-oriented travel.

My Government will propose an Energy Policy that will assure British Columbia's communities and industry of inexpensive, stable and environmentally sound sources of energy through the future.

My Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources has prepared an Electricity Strategy detailing a plan to further our economic growth and development, increase regional and resource diversity, and improve environmental quality.

To enhance our energy sources, and improve our environment, my Government will assess cost-sharing programs for cogeneration using waste products from industry and from municipalities. This will reduce pollution, extend the lifetime of waste disposal facilities, and add new supplies of electrical energy.

British Columbia enjoyed phenomenal growth in employment and labour force last year. Many jobs were created by new small businesses, often involving high technology, and almost all requiring special skills and training.

My Government is committed to ensuring that new employment opportunities are available to all citizens, in all regions, of British Columbia. Notwithstanding the tremendous pace of economic development and growth in new jobs, the Province continues to be affected by an unacceptably high level of unemployment. That level is driven by the business and employment shifts which have occurred in our economy over this decade.

Through the early 1980s, there was significant capital investment and modernization of our resource and manufacturing industries. In some instances, the resultant increases in productivity displaced workers who have contributed for many years to the Province. Workers aged 55 and older, often the most experienced, most committed, and most willing could not find re-employment.

At the same time, economic activity was insufficient to absorb the large number of young workers seeking their first employment opportunities. As a consequence, youth unemployment, and unemployment among older workers is a perplexing and complex issue facing Government.

Accordingly, my Government will establish a Task Force, comprised of representatives of the Legislative Assembly, business and labour, from throughout the Province, to report to Government on policy and program initiatives which can reduce the incidence of unemployment and assist the unemployed in British Columbia.

We are aware that knowledge-based industries will be the main generator of new jobs in the future. Government is initiating a major restructuring of the Provincial education and job training systems. This will ensure that all British Columbians, and particularly our younger generations, can face the opportunities of tomorrow with ability, confidence and security.

My Government challenged a Royal Commission on Education to discuss new directions for our educational system with parents, interested citizens, business and community groups in the Province. My Minister of Education will introduce a new *School Act*, and *Independent School Act*, and appoint an Education Advisory Committee to implement the thrust of the Royal Commission.

Our new educational program will stress curriculum changes to focus on development of thinking, reasoning and analytical skills combined with creativity and independent learning. It will emphasize regular assessments of student progress; provide ongoing evaluation of program effectiveness and address the needs and development of our teaching profession. My Government has committed to a ten year implementation funding level of \$1.4 billion to achieve these objectives. An additional \$1.5 billion has been committed over the next six years to allow for new school construction, to meet enrolment growth, and upgradings of current facilities.

We will continue our initiatives within the Province's school system to give our students and future leaders a better understanding of the history, culture, economics, laws and languages of the Pacific Rim Nations.

My Government believes that advanced education is an investment by society in its future. Improved access to advanced education will be a priority for the Government in 1989. The Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training will introduce programs to strengthen our post-secondary system. My Government will enhance access to university programs in all parts of our Province, improve co-ordination between institutions, and expand capacity within our existing systems.

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training has announced new initiatives to strengthen job-oriented training. The Training and Enterprise Centre Network, involved in both training and business development, will be expanded.

The Training and Investment Program, designed to expand employer-based training, is another initiative to improve the qualifications of British Columbia's workforce. Government will involve itself in cost-sharing of direct training costs to improve the skills of our workforce and increase job opportunities. Strengthening of Apprenticeship Programs will also be carried out by the Ministry.

There is a strong consensus that an internationally competitive, more diversified British Columbia economy will be based on high technology and information management. The Province requires highly educated workers with skills to learn new technologies and to adjust to change. Accordingly, the educational challenge for adult members of the workforce must be addressed. The Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training will develop new initiatives through 1989 and will lead the Task Force on Unemployment to determine training and other needs.

The United Nations has designated 1990 as the International Year of Literacy. The Province will expand free literacy and upgrading programs to ensure that citizens lacking those skills will have the opportunity to personally benefit and more fully contribute to our society.

The Premier's Advisory Council on Science and Technology developed a comprehensive Science Policy for the Province. Applied science and technological development is becoming a business strength in British Columbia and a key to enhancing our economic expansion.

My Government believes that our prospects as a Province cannot be achieved at the expense of any group, or through sacrificing values which we have maintained for decades. One of our most fundamental values is that which we attach to our environment. My Government's concern for the natural environment is not limited to British Columbia. We must participate in, and be a force, shaping global attitudes and urging greater world collaboration to recover and sustain environmental quality.

My Government has established a Task Force on the Environment and the Economy. We must foster economic growth while maintaining our environmental integrity. My Government believes responsibly managed economic growth requires that our natural environment is protected and that we steward our resource base conscientiously, for the benefit of our future generations. The Task Force will assist in focussing the key policy elements contributing to sustainable development.

Regulation of environmental matters is especially sensitive in British Columbia because so much of our employment and economic well-being depends on natural resources. The forest industry generates over one-half of the total value of our manufac-

turing shipments. Mining and mineral exploration are major contributors to our export-based economy. Petroleum and natural gas are growing in economic importance. Hydroelectric power has been the backbone of economic development in the past several decades. The agricultural sector utilizes a large share of our Provincial land base and is of vital economic importance.

Government will continue its program of consultation and co-operation with citizens, business and communities on environmental matters. The Government will also review all environmental legislation and regulations, and where necessary, environmental enforcement will be strengthened.

You will be asked to support amendments to the *Mines Act* which will provide both improved protection for mine workers, and greater environmental and reclamation standards.

Regulations and licensing programs will be introduced to assure environmentally sound development of the aquaculture sector. You will also be asked to support legislation improving resource management practices, including amendments to the *Wildlife Act* and a new *Game Farming Act*.

We will expand our reforestation program significantly, and one billion seedlings will be planted in the next three years.

My Government was deeply distressed by the tragic oil spill affecting the west coast of Vancouver Island. While clean-up activities have largely been successful, the incident warns of the tragedy that potentially flows from a much larger oil spill.

My Government will take whatever actions are necessary to accelerate the completion of the Vancouver Island gas pipeline, thus diminishing the transport of crude oils in the Strait of Georgia. This pipeline is essential for environmental considerations, as well as for economic growth. My Government will ensure that the pipeline is achieved and you will be asked to support necessary legislation.

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations will provide additional resources in the forthcoming Budget to strengthen the services available to the Minister Responsible for the Environment, and also enhance resources available to the Provincial Emergency Program.

Government will seek Federal participation in establishing Centres of Excellence in Environmental Research and Engineering at British Columbia's universities. We will be prepared to offer matched funding, in support of joint initiatives, that will ensure that British Columbia and Canada remain as world leaders in these fields.

In the coming year, my Government will develop legislation to address consumer concerns respecting the use of chemicals in food production and ensure environmentally sensitive food processing methods. There are numerous opportunities in our agriculture and food sectors to lead in this emerging market.

Much of British Columbia's flourishing tourism industry is based on the exceptional quality of our environment and our Provincial park system. My Government has added significantly to lands dedicated to parks and will continue that process. Members will be asked to support legislation confirming the University Endowment Lands as a park for all British Columbians.

The Minister Responsible for the Environment will introduce the British Columbia Environmental Youth Services Program. This program will provide for seasonal employment for 1,000 young British Columbians to be trained in environmental enhancement

and reclamation projects. These young citizens will be able to apply those skills in any environmental crisis when called upon by the Ministry.

My Government recognizes the value and urgency of recycling and solid waste management programs. My Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Environment will undertake consultation with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to ensure that recycling initiatives are available in every municipality and regional district of our Province. These consultations will follow the tabling of the Provincial Task Force Report on Solid Waste Management. Additionally, legislation will be proposed to strengthen controls and sanctions against littering throughout the Province.

The mandate for our environmental programs must be strengthened. Accordingly, a Ministry of Environment will be re-established, focussing solely on these critically important programs.

Our environment initiatives will substantially assist in maintaining the quality of life we cherish. That quality will further be ensured as Government continues to help those in need through well designed and effective social service programs.

My Government believes that it is essential to continue our strong emphasis on the value of the family. Parents have the fundamental responsibility for the care, intellectual and emotional development, and well-being of children. The existence of problems like child abuse and family violence must be addressed. This requires skilled intervention, ensuring protection and assistance for those most in need. My Government will provide those programs.

My Government will expand Project Reconnect into urban areas throughout the Province, providing services to street children through family, educational, medical, residential and employment programs. The Ministry of Social Services and Housing will undertake a comprehensive review of Child Care Policy and practice to establish the foundation for new policies.

The Ministry of Social Services and Housing will strengthen its Family Maintenance Program, enhance the G.A.I.N. Program, and provide additional services for handicapped British Columbians.

My Government is committed to ensuring that all British Columbians have access to housing. Sweeping and innovative policy changes will be announced to enhance our housing programs and to begin to rebalance the stock of housing with the demand.

A Provincial Housing Action Plan has been formulated which addresses rental assistance, rental supply and home ownership issues. These programs will provide both short and long-term solutions to the social and general housing issues facing the Province.

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations will detail, in his forthcoming Budget, these innovative and far-reaching policies. These will include initiation of a Rental Housing Development Fund to stimulate construction of affordable rental housing; matching start-up grants for non-profit seniors' housing projects; added resources to the current social housing programs under the Federal/Provincial Global Agreement; improvements to the Shelter Aid For Elderly Renters (S.A.F.E.R.) Program and increases to the shelter portion of G.A.I.N. for income assistance recipients.

Further, my Government will introduce a Renters Tax Credit Program and introduce new social housing initiatives involving Crown lands and our municipalities. Changes will be proposed for the Second Mortgage Program. Further, you will be asked to approve



amendments to the *Residential Tenancy Act* to protect long-term rooming-house residents.

You will also be requested to approve amendments to the *Workers Compensation Act*, developed in consultation with representatives of labour and management groups in the Province.

My Minister of Health, Responsible for Seniors, will embark on a program to enhance services available to seniors in British Columbia. A strategy entitled, *Towards a Better Age — Strategies for Improving the Lives of British Columbia's Seniors* will soon be released. A Task Force will be established to meet with seniors groups throughout the Province to form policy and program options. New legislation will introduce a Seniors' Advisory Council. The Ministry will establish an Office for Seniors to provide ongoing support to this initiative.

It is in the area of health care where our seniors are often most in need. In this Session, you will be asked to approve a *Continuing Care Act* to enhance these services. To assist seniors, the user fee charged in short stay Assessment and Treatment Centres will be eliminated.

My Government will introduce a new *Medical Services Act*, the most progressive medical legislation in North America. It will ensure that our health care system remains fiscally responsible while providing quality care and access throughout the Province.

British Columbia has an exemplary health care system, built in large measure on the dedication and abilities of many health care professionals and related workers. I wish to acknowledge the commitment made by these individuals to all British Columbians.

My Government will introduce legislation incorporating many of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Justice Reform Committee.

My Solicitor General will introduce a wide range of traffic safety and driver training initiatives intended to improve safety and reduce loss of life on our Provincial highways. In support of this new initiative, you will be asked to approve amendments to legislation to establish fines for moving traffic violations.

My Minister of Labour and Consumer Services will continue our Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program. These initiatives are all part of a concerted three year effort to reduce the social and economic costs associated with substance abuse through community awareness and action plans.

My Government recognizes that it must have policies and programs which ensure equal access and opportunity for all of our citizens. Accordingly, my Government will establish a Minister of State responsible for women's issues during this Session. This Ministerial responsibility will ensure women's access to decision making, assess Government's programs in assisting workers with family responsibility, review access to skills and training programs, and guide the Province in developing day care policies.

My Government wishes to strengthen its relationship with our Native communities. The Government will establish a Premier's Council on Native Affairs, and host a series of round table meetings with Native leaders and elders. The Council, with the assistance of the Cabinet Committee on Native Affairs, will assess Government economic and social policies necessary to support and assist in the further development of our proud Native peoples. Additionally, specific ministries such as Education and Advanced Education and Job Training will form advisory committees with Native representatives.

My Government is committed to strengthening our relationship with the Government of Canada and each of the Provinces.

My Government looks forward to engaging in productive constitutional reform discussions in September in Charlottetown. We will also focus on the concerns raised for many years by British Columbia, and other Western Provinces, regarding the need to improve our voice in key central institutions. Members of this Assembly will be asked to provide their views with respect to the reform of the Senate of Canada.

A stronger partnership has been built with the Government of Canada over the past year. We have successfully concluded a number of agreements of great importance to British Columbia. These include the Agreement on the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline, the Kaon Factory Engineering Design and Impact Study, the Moresby National Park Agreement, the Grape and Wine Adjustment Assistance Agreement, and our joint commitment to the Commonwealth Games.

My Government will strengthen our resources in Ottawa and continue direct and more frequent representation on issues of concern to the Province, including current Federal fiscal and monetary policies. My Government looks forward to completing negotiations for renewal and expansion of Federal/Provincial Economic and Regional Development Agreements.

My Government believes strongly that participation in sports and recreation enhances the independence of our youth, and the health and quality of life of all British Columbians. On behalf of this Legislature, I extend the warmest congratulations to the people of Nelson, and the 2,300 athletes of the B.C. Winter Games. All British Columbians can look forward to an equally successful summer games this August when Surrey will play host to over 4,000 athletes. The B.C. Games have enjoyed increasing success because of thousands of volunteers in the host communities. My Government wishes to pay tribute to their efforts.

On behalf of all Members of this Assembly, I wish to extend appreciation and admiration to all Provincial employees. They are dedicated and skilled, and deserve recognition for their efforts on behalf of this Assembly and the people of the Province.

Members of the Legislative Assembly — you are now beginning the final Session of this decade. British Columbia is currently experiencing strong economic growth and has a quality of life that ranks with the best in the world. The next decade will bring many opportunities and the pressures and difficulties associated with ongoing change.

I pray that in carrying out your duties you will adhere to the highest standards of this Assembly, and that with a spirit of co-operation, you will all work together for a better British Columbia.

May wisdom and fairness attend and guide you in your deliberations.

In our Sovereign's name, I thank you.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. *S. D. Smith* (Attorney General), Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. E. Reid* (Minister of Tourism and Provincial Secretary), it was *Ordered*—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* (Premier) made a statement relating to the inability of the First Member for Cariboo to attend the Opening of the Thirty-fourth Parliament owing to illness and read a letter from the Member.

Mr. *Rose* made a statement.

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* (Premier) moved—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Economic Development, Transportation and Municipal Affairs;
2. Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations;
3. Tourism and Environment;
4. Forests and Lands;
5. Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources;
6. Agriculture and Fisheries;
7. Health, Education and Social Services;
8. Finance, Crown Corporations and Government Services;
9. Public Accounts;
10. Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of Members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *C. H. Richmond* (Convener), the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, the Hon. *H. Dirks*, the Hon. *J. Weisgerber*, Messrs. *Bruce*, *Messmer* and *Rabbitt* and Messrs. *Gabelmann*, *Rose* and *Williams*.

Mr. *G. Hanson* moved an amendment—

That the motion be amended by adding immediately after 10. Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services;" the following: 11. Aboriginal Affairs; .

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—22

*Cashore*  
*Janssen*  
*Jones*  
*A. Hagen*  
*Miller*  
*Williams*

*Lovick*  
*Smallwood*  
*Guno*  
*Barlee*  
*Edwards*  
*Blencoe*

*Clark*  
*D'Arcy*  
*Boone*  
*Gabelmann*  
*Harcourt*

*Rose*  
*Marzari*  
*Barnes*  
*G. Hanson*  
*Kempf*

## NAYS—40

<i>Long</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Huberts</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Loenen</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>B. R. D. Smith</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Parker</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Jansen</i>	<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Vant</i>
<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>S. D. Smith</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Brummet</i>

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, seconded by Mr. *Rose*, it was *Ordered—*

That *F. C. A. Pelton*, Esquire, First Member for Dewdney Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, seconded by Mr. *Rose*, it was *Ordered—*

That *James Rabbitt*, Esquire, Member for Yale-Lillooet Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

The Hon. *S. D. Smith* (Attorney General) tabled the Report and Recommendations, 1988, of the Compensation Advisory Committee.

The Hon. *N. Vant* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, 1986–87.

The Hon. *A. J. Brummet* (Minister of Education) tabled the following:

The Annual Report of the Ministry of Education for the period July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

The Report of the Royal Commission on Education 1988, and a Summary of Findings.

The Hon. *C. C. Michael* (Minister of Government Management Services) tabled the following:

Fifty-third Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1988.

Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Municipal) Act*, year ended December 31, 1987.

Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, year ended December 31, 1987.

Twelfth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, year ended March 31, 1988.

Thirty-third Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act, Part 2*, year ended March 31, 1988.

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) tabled the following:

The 16th Annual Report of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for the 12 months ended December 31, 1988.

The Annual Report, 1988, of the Industrial Relations Council.

And then the House adjourned at 4.34 p.m.

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### Friday, March 17, 1989

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Mercier* moved, seconded by Mr. *De Jong*—

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.29 a.m.

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### Monday, March 20, 1989

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Boone*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

**24** Mr. *Sihota* asked the Hon. the Solicitor General the following question:

Has the Government decided to establish its own police force in light of the imminent expiry of the Provincial agreement with the RCMP? If the answer to this question is "yes", what is the estimated cost?

The Hon. A. *Ree* replied as follows:

"No."

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

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## Tuesday, March 21, 1989

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. C. H. *Richmond* made a statement relating to the proposed hours of sitting for the remainder of the present week.

Mr. *Rose* made a statement.

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

The debate continued.

**32** Mrs. *Boone*, seconded by Mr. *Sihota*, moved—

That the motion "We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session", be amended by adding the following: "And this House acknowledges that the Throne Speech was an admission of mistakes by the Government on issues of critical importance to British Columbians including forestry, the environment, and housing; and that rather than providing a strong and clear commitment to immediate legislative action on these important concerns, it is an agenda of further studies, promises, and delays."

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Marzari*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 21, 1989**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Blencoe*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *An Act to Prevent the Unnecessary Eviction of Renters When Their Homes are Proposed for Redevelopment or Conversion to Condominiums* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

Refunds/Remissions Made Under Section 23, *Taxation (Rural Area) Act*, During the Calendar Year 1988 Covering Erroneous Assessments of Land and Improvements Within the Rural Area.

The Annual Report of the Assessment Appeal Board of British Columbia for the 1988 Calendar Year.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance, January 1 to December 31, 1987.

The Annual Report of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented the Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1988.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1988, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *R. M. Johnston* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) tabled the BC Transit Annual Report, 1987-1988.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Blencoe*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 22, 1989**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. S. Rogers*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

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**Wednesday, March 22, 1989**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *A. J. Brummet* advised the House of the death of Mr. Barry M. Sullivan, Q.C.

Mr. *Jones* made a statement.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would convey to the family of the late Mr. Sullivan the condolences and sympathy of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

The House divided on the amendment to the Address in Reply, moved by Mrs. *Boone* and seconded by Mr. *Sihota*, on March 21st, as follows:

That the motion "We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session", be amended by adding the following: "And this House acknowledges that the Throne Speech was an admission of mistakes by the Government on issues of critical importance to British Columbians including forestry, the environment, and



housing; and that rather than providing a strong and clear commitment to immediate legislative action on these important concerns, it is an agenda of further studies, promises, and delays.”

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

## YEAS—14

<i>Janssen</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Barnes</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>
<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>		

## NAYS—36

<i>Long</i>	<i>B. R. D. Smith</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	<i>Parker</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>S. D. Smith</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Vant</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Gran</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Loenen</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Brummet</i>

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 23, 1989**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) made a ministerial statement relating to interest rates imposed by the Bank of Canada.

Mr. *Clark* made a statement.

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Edwards*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, it was moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday next.

**16** Mrs. *Hagen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Services and Housing the following question:

For each calendar year since 1982, with reference to the provision of home support services for seniors: (a) what was the total Provincial expenditure; (b) how many persons were served; (c) how many FTE persons delivered the service; (d) what was the average quantity of service delivered to each person served; and (e) did the scope of service change, and if so how?

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* replied as follows:

"My colleague, the Hon. *P. A. Dueck*, Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors, has responsibility for long-term care programs for seniors."

And then the House adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

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**Wednesday, March 29, 1989**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *A. Ree*, on behalf of the Hon. *S. D. Smith* (Attorney General) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Statutes Repeal Act, 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
March 28, 1989.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *J. Jansen* (Minister of International Business and Immigration) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Trade Development Corporation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 28, 1989.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *W. E. Reid* (Minister of Tourism and Provincial Secretary) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Provincial Symbols and Honours Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 28, 1989.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Rabbitt* presented a Report of the Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, it was moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *W. E. Reid* (Minister of Tourism and Provincial Secretary) tabled the Report of the Royal Commission on Electoral Boundaries for British Columbia, the Honourable Judge Thomas K. Fisher, Commissioner.

By leave, the Hon. *W. E. Reid* moved—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations to examine, inquire into and make recommendations, unanimously, with respect to the *Report of the Royal Commission on Electoral Boundaries for British Columbia: December 1988*; and to report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be.

Motion agreed to.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—34

<i>Long</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Peterson</i>	<i>J. Jansen</i>	<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Vant</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Reid</i>		

NAYS—20

<i>G. Janssen</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Marzari</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Barnes</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Barlee</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>
<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Kempf</i>

On the motion of the Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, it was *Ordered* that the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

**Thursday, March 30, 1989**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Dr. Abdulsultan Hassam.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) it was *Ordered*—

That this House, at its next sitting, resolve itself for this Session into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented:

The Report of the Comptroller General (Interim Financial Statements of Revenue and Expenditure) for the ten months ended January 31, 1989, pursuant to the provisions of section 8 (4) of the *Financial Administration Act*.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:  
Estimates—fiscal year ending March 31, 1990; Supplement to the Estimates—fiscal year ending March 31, 1990;  
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 29, 1989.*

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*Ordered*, that the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved, seconded by the Hon. *C. H. Richmond* (Minister of Social Services and Housing), "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bills (Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13) intituled:

*Budget Measures Implementation Act, 1989;*  
*Home Owner Grant Increase Act, 1989;*  
*Income Tax Amendment Act, 1989;*  
*Land Tax Deferment Amendment Act, 1989;*  
*Motor Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1989;*  
*Property Purchase Tax Amendment Act, 1989;*  
*Public Trustee Amendment Act, 1989;*  
*Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 1989;* and  
*Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1989;*

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 29, 1989.*

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Bills introduced and read a first time.  
Bills *Ordered* for second reading at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 3.32 p.m.

Friday, March 31, 1989

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 29, 1989.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81, Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess for distribution of the Bill.

Bill (No. 14) read a second time.

Bill (No. 14) committed, reported complete without amendment, on division.

Warrants 2 and 8 of Schedule 1 of Bill (No. 14) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 14) 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. 14) *Supply Act (No. 1), 1989.*

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

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

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and doth assent to this Bill."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 12.42 p.m.

## Monday, April 3, 1989

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The letters of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the results of the election of members were read by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Deputy Clerk, as follows:

"OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

"VICTORIA, B.C., April 3, 1989

"*Mr. Ian M. Horne, Q.C.,*

*"Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*

*"Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

*"Re: By-election, Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral District, March 15, 1989*

"Dear Sir,—I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Harry M. Goldberg, Chief Electoral Officer, certifying the election of Mr. Thomas L. Perry as the Member to represent the Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

"Yours sincerely,

"MELVIN H. SMITH, Q.C.

*"Deputy Minister of Tourism and  
Deputy Provincial Secretary"*

(ENCLOSURE)

"OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

"VICTORIA, B.C., April 3, 1989

"*Mr. Ian M. Horne, Q.C.,*

*"Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*

*"Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

*"Re: By-election, Nanaimo Electoral District, March 15, 1989*

"Dear Sir,—I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Harry M. Goldberg, Chief Electoral Officer, certifying the election of Ms. Janis M. Pullinger as the Member to represent the Nanaimo Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

"Yours sincerely,

"MELVIN H. SMITH, Q.C.

*"Deputy Minister of Tourism and  
Deputy Provincial Secretary"*

(ENCLOSURE)

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER,  
“VICTORIA, B.C., April 3, 1989

“Mr. Melvin H. Smith, Q.C.,

“Deputy Minister of Tourism and Deputy Provincial Secretary,  
“Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

“Re: *By-elections, March 15, 1989, Nanaimo and  
Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral Districts*

“Dear Sir,—The October 13, 1988, resignation of *David D. Stupich*, the First Member for the Nanaimo Electoral District, and the October 27, 1988, resignation of *Kim Campbell*, the First Member for the Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral District, created vacancies in the membership of the Legislative Assembly. Writs of Election were issued on February 15, 1989, requiring that by-elections be held to fill the vacancies. Accordingly, March 15, 1989, was designated as Election Day.

“The completed Writs of Election have been returned to me and I hereby certify the election of *Jan Pullinger* and *Tom Perry* as the Second Members to represent respectively, the Nanaimo and Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral Districts in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours very truly,

“HARRY M. GOLDBERG,  
“Chief Electoral Officer,  
*Elections British Columbia*”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, on behalf of the Hon. *W. E. Reid*, it was Ordered—

That the letters of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of the Members be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Dr. *Tom Perry* and Ms. *Jan Pullinger*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, were introduced by Mr. *Harcourt* and Mr. *Rose*, and took their seats.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Bruce* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Forests and Lands.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, it was moved that the Rules be suspended and the Report adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. C. Michael* (Minister of Government Management Services) tabled the Twentieth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (College) Act*, year ended August 31, 1988.



The Hon. A. *Ree* (Solicitor General) tabled the following:

The 17th Annual Report of the *Criminal Injury Compensation Act* of British Columbia, January 1–December 31, 1988.

The Annual Report of the Justice Institute of British Columbia, 1987–1988.

The 48th Annual Report of the Motor Carrier Commission covering the Licence-year Ended February 29, 1988.

The Hon. L. *Hanson* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) tabled the 67th Annual Report and financial statements of the Liquor Distribution Branch for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1988.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. W. B. *Strachan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

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**Tuesday, April 4, 1989**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. M. B. *Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled a corrected copy of the Interim Financial Statements of Revenue and Expenditure for the ten months ended January 31, 1989, tabled on Budget Day, and made a statement relating thereto.

Mr. *Rose* made a statement.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 4, 1989**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Miller* sought, pursuant to Standing Order 49, to ask leave to move a motion without notice.

Mr. Speaker ruled that Standing Order 49 was only available when the House was embarked upon the business of "Motions on Notice", and quoted the decision of the Chair contained in the *Journals* of the House, 1982, at page 65, and referred to in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 2nd Edition, at page 90.

Mr. Speaker further ruled that it was the right of the Government House Leader to designate the business to be addressed by the House from day to day.

The Hon. *P. Dueck* (Minister of Health) made a ministerial statement relating to the expansion of the mammography screening program.

Dr. *Perry* made a statement.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

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**Wednesday, April 5, 1989**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. D. Smith* (Attorney General) tabled the 1987/88 Annual Report of the Legal Services Society of British Columbia.

The Hon. *J. Davis* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) tabled the Annual Report of B.C. Hydro, 1988 and the B.C. Hydro Financial Review, 1988.

The Hon. *W. E. Reid* (Minister of Tourism and Provincial Secretary) made a ministerial statement relating to the Douglas Crossing tourist facility.

Ms. *Pullinger* made a statement.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

**38** Dr. *Perry* moved, seconded by Ms. *Pullinger*—

That the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply be amended by adding the following words: "but this House regrets that the Honourable Minister of Finance has failed to rectify current tax unfairness, to protect renters from excessive increases and evictions, to provide adequate measures to protect the environment and generally to repair the social and economic damage caused by a decade of neglect."

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—20

<i>G. Janssen</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Marzari</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Barlee</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Barnes</i>

NAYS—34

<i>Long</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>J. Jansen</i>	<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Parker</i>
<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Vant</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>S. D. Smith</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>B. R. D. Smith</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Reid</i>		

On the motion of the Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.