

Wednesday, March 7, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *D. E. F. Moulden*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

N. T. NEMETZ
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1984* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 5, 1984.

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

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Thursday, March 8, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. M. Finch*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, March 8, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Hanson* tabled copies of documents referred to during question period.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$208,514 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,281,215,544 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry Programs, to 31st March 1985.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Voted Appropriations (Minister of Human Resources), Transit Services, to 31st March 1985.

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

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Vote 39 be reduced by \$50 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—16

<i>Rose</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Brown</i>		<i>Howard</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Skelly</i>		<i>Macdonald</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

NAYS—26

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	
<i>Reid</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>		<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Ree</i>			<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Mowat</i>		<i>Michael</i>	
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 1984*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 10) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Mr. *Cocke* rose on a point of order, namely, that it had been previously *Ordered* that the Committee of Supply would sit again at the next sitting and that it was therefore not competent for the Committee to sit before the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the Report of the Special Committee of Selection of March 6th.

Amendment negatived.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

14 Mr. *Reynolds* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services the following questions:

1. On July 27, did any members of the Public Service in the Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services leave their positions to attend a rally at the Parliament Buildings, and if so, how many?

2. In reference to No. 1, how many of these public servants will be paid for: (a) the whole day and (b) for part of the day?

3. Will any money be saved by Government as a result of No. 2, and if so, how much?

The Hon. *J. R. Chabot* replied as follows:

"1. We have no record of the number of employees who actually attended the rally, only the number that left their work without authorization. Four hundred and fifty-nine employees left their work without authorization on July 27, 1983.

"2. Four hundred and fifty-nine employees will be paid for only part of that day.

"3. Approximately \$7,500 will be saved by the Government."

24 Mr. *Reynolds* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services the following questions:

1. On August 10, did any members of the Public Service in the Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services leave their positions to attend a rally at Empire Stadium, and if so, how many?

2. In reference to No. 1, how many of these public servants will be paid for: (a) the whole day and (b) for part of the day?

3. Will any money be saved by Government as a result of No. 2, and if so, how much?

The Hon. *J. R. Chabot* replied as follows:

"1. We have no record of the number of employees who actually attended the rally, only the number that were absent from their work without authorization. Thirty-two employees were absent from their work without authorization on August 10, 1983. (Picket lines were established at their location.)

"2. Thirty-two employees will not be paid for the whole day.

"3. Approximately \$2,300 will be saved by the Government."

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Friday, March 9, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Pastor *P. Unger*.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) made a ministerial statement relating to mailing lists.

Mr. *Hanson* made a statement relating to the same matter.

Mr. *Blencoe* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the rate of unemployment in British Columbia.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$151,016 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,381,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Resource Management Program, to 31st March 1985.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,546,444 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March 1985.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Fort Nelson Indian Band Mineral Revenue Sharing Agreement, to 31st March 1985.

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

Mr. *Hanson* rose on a matter of privilege relating to mailing lists.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his decision.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 10) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 1984* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today, the Honourable Second Member for Victoria asked leave to move adjournment of the House under Standing Order 35 and stated that the matter concerned the critical level of unemployment in British Columbia.

I have examined the Journals of the House and the material supplied by the Honourable Member and find that the matter raised does not qualify under Standing Order 35 in view of the fact that the matter complained of is of an on-going nature and in this regard I refer Honourable Members to decisions of this House on May 7, July 12 and September 14, 1982.

Most Honourable Members are aware that there are strict limitations to an application under Standing Order 35 and, unless the rules relating thereto are altered by this

House, the Chair must continue to enforce them as they exist. Bearing in mind the number of occasions on which the matters of unemployment have been raised under Standing Order 35 and have been turned down as being inappropriate, it could well be considered that continued applications of a like nature constitute an abuse of the procedures of this House. All members consider unemployment to be a most serious matter but all members will also wish to avoid an abuse of applications under Standing Order 35.

Mr. Speaker Dowding canvassed this same matter at some length in 1974 and concluded that a matter of unemployment does not qualify under Standing Order 35. Any uncertainties in the minds of Honourable Members will now be fully resolved in relation to the subject matter of unemployment and the propriety of an application under Standing Order 35.

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

Monday, March 12, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *R. Newbury*.

Mr. *Barrett* rose on a point of order, namely, a matter arising from the Chair's opinion on an application under Standing Order 35 given on Friday, March 9.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and bring back his observations.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General) made a statement relating to the death of Professor Walter D. Young.

Mr. *Barrett* made a statement relating to the same matter.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would convey to the family of the late Professor Young the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Hon. *A. J. Brummet* (Minister of Lands, Parks and Housing and Minister of Environment) tabled the Report of the Cowichan Estuary Plan Implementation Program dated March 1984.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) tabled the 62nd Annual Report of the Liquor Distribution Branch, April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983 and Financial Statements of the Liquor Distribution Branch for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1983.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Tuesday, March 13, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

At the beginning of the afternoon sitting on Monday last, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition rose on a point of order asking for clarification of a ruling given by the Chair on Friday, March 9. In particular, the Leader of the Opposition was concerned as to

whether or not the admonition of the Chair relating to possible abuse of the rules amounts to “a matter of fact or a matter of opinion.”

Firstly, I wish to restate the obvious proposition that debate is not permitted on decisions from the Chair. If, on any occasion, any Honourable Members find themselves uncertain as to the interpretation to be given to a decision from the Chair, the Speaker would be pleased to discuss the implications of such a ruling with any member in his chambers. The matter at issue is no exception and I invite the Leader of the Opposition to discuss this matter with me at any time.

However, I wish to make one or two general observations relating to applications under Standing Order 35. I do this so that members will not, however inadvertently, misconstrue the Speaker’s application of the rules. Sir Erskine May’s Parliamentary Practice, 16th Edition, at page 369, in commenting on this matter, provides a useful guideline:

“The general meaning of the Standing Order may be set out in the words of Mr. Speaker Peel: ‘What I think was contemplated was the occurrence of some sudden emergency, either in home or foreign affairs. But I do not think it was contemplated . . . that a question of very wide scope, which would demand legislation to deal with it in any effective manner, should be the subject of discussion . . .’”

If one applies this very clear explanation of the rule to the subject matter of unemployment it will be readily seen that it does not qualify. It seems to the Chair that there is a duty on Honourable Members who wish to discuss a particular subject (be it unemployment or any matter) to select one of the numerous occasions on which such matters can be properly debated within the rules. The Budget debate, the Throne debate, numerous areas in Committee of Supply, certain motions and much legislation all provide ample opportunity to discuss unemployment. Standing Order 35 applications do not. To choose the incorrect forum to launch a discussion on unemployment seems, to the Chair, inappropriate.

Having examined the limitations imposed by the rule itself, I wish to touch upon the Chair’s admonition to Honourable Members which was intended to assist in avoiding unnecessary pitfalls.

It has, historically, been the duty of the Chair to admonish members who abuse the rules, and, in a true sense of fairness, the Chair has, from time to time, attempted to warn members who are coming close to such abuse. This would seem the proper course, followed in most jurisdictions, and one that tends to be fair to all members.

The Leader of the Opposition has been present in this House on numerous occasions on which the issue of unemployment was brought forward under Standing Order 35. On each of those occasions, the Honourable Member will recall that because of Standing Order 35 restrictions, the subject matter of unemployment has not qualified.

Reference has been made to a decision of this House in 1974 wherein the Leader of the Opposition of that day asked leave to move adjournment of the House, under Standing Order 35, for the purpose of discussing “the rising unemployment in the Province and the recession in the forest industry and in housing construction.” The Speaker of the day referred to numerous decisions of this House dealing with similar applications under Standing Order 35, and after stating his opinion that the application was not in order, he remarked further that his opinion was neither debatable nor subject to appeal.

The Chair agrees with Mr. Speaker Dowding when he states that his opinion under Standing Order 35 is neither debatable nor subject to appeal. Honourable Members are referred to the specific wording of Standing Order 35 (3), and Beauchesne, 4th Edition, at page 90. The Chair believes this fully answers the questions raised by the Leader of the

Opposition. If there remains any uncertainty in the minds of any Honourable Members in relation to the application of Standing Order 35, or indeed any procedural matter, the Chair would be most pleased to discuss the matter privately.

The Chair wishes to make two final observations: firstly, each and every application under Standing Order 35 will be treated on its own merit; and, secondly, the matter of unemployment is viewed by the Chair, and I am sure by all Honourable Members of this House, as an extremely grave issue and the Chair does not suggest otherwise when ruling, as the Chair must rule that the requirements of Standing Order 35 have not been satisfied. Other opportunities to discuss the issue of unemployment are clearly available to all Honourable Members. Any admonishment from the Chair on Friday last was simply to discourage continued attempts to use Standing Order 35 as a vehicle for debate in the face of so many rulings from the Chair that it was not appropriate to do so.

If Honourable Members feel that the present rules do not allow sufficient scope for comment or debate, then it is incumbent upon them to make the necessary recommendations for rule changes. But, in any case, Honourable Members, the Chair suggests it is inappropriate for members to direct their feelings of frustration at the Chair when such energies would be more appropriately directed at changing the rules.

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. Fricker*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Howard* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, statements alleged to have been made outside the House by the Premier.

The Premier made a statement relating to the same matter.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$186,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,148,535 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Management Operations and Educational Finance, to 31st March 1985.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$999,534,707 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Public Schools Education, to 31st March 1985.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$308,659,687 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Post-Secondary Colleges and Institutes, to 31st March 1985.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,355,960 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Independent Schools, to 31st March 1985.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$145,194 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today, the Honourable Member for Skeena raised a matter, pursuant to Standing Order 35, namely, remarks alleged to have been made by the Premier outside this House. The Premier advised the House that the allegations were untrue. Obviously, there exists a dispute, or disagreement, as to facts.

The matter involved, namely, a dispute as to an alleged statement, is manifestly not of sufficient weight to merit the disruption of the important public business of this House under Standing Order 35 (May, 16th Edition, at page 373).

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

On the motion of the Hon. J. A. Nielsen, the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. A. McMechan*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, March 15, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Howard*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Industrial Development Amendment Act, 1984*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday, a matter arose during oral question period which the Chair feels should be clarified.

A question was put to the acting Minister of Labour and in response to that question the Premier rose to reply. The Chair expressed some unease, as I did not wish to see an unusual or unanticipated practice develop.

I have now had an opportunity to consult the authorities and am satisfied that questions addressed to the Ministry may be answered by the Minister responsible for the subject matter raised by the question, whether or not that Minister was named in the question, or by the Leader of the Government.

Obviously, it is impossible for the Chair to be aware of the internal operations of the Cabinet. As President of the Executive Council, the Premier is able to assist the House and his intervention to respond to an oral question does not require leave of the House.

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,866,952 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Resource and Environmental Management, to 31st March 1985.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,530,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Emergency Assistance, to 31st March 1985.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Friday, March 16, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Father *William Hill*.

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) tabled Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Annual Report for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982.

Mr. *Howard* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the increase in the bank rate.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$191,758 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,589,082 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1985.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing, Ministry Enterprises, to 31st March 1985.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing, British Columbia Home Program, to 31st March 1985.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today, the Honourable Member for Skeena sought, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, an "increase yesterday in the bank rate."

The matter of a sudden and dramatic increase in the bank rate might well qualify under Standing Order 35 but for the fact that administrative responsibility of the Provincial Government is not involved. Another authority, namely, the Federal Government, has responsibility for the Canadian banking system (May, 16th Edition, page 373).

The Chair further observes that had the matter of increased bank rates otherwise qualified, the Honourable Member's application would have failed in any event, as argument was improperly injected in the statement made by him (May, 16th Edition, page 370).

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

Monday, March 19, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *R. M. Gardner*.

Mr. *Barrett* advised the House of the death of Ms. Phyllis F. Young, former Minister of Consumer Services.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would convey to the family of Ms. Young the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$190,978 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,117,362 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1985.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$246,719 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Milk Board, to 31st March 1985.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$824,463 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March 1985.

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

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 5) intituled *University of Victoria Special Appropriation Act, 1984* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

32 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. How many contracts for consultants have been approved by Treasury Board for fiscal 1979/80, 1980/81, 1981/82 and 1983/84?
2. Which ministries made use of these consultants?
3. For each ministry, what were the fees paid to each consultant and how many hours were contracted for by each consultant?

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* replied as follows:

"Names of all individuals and companies receiving payment for supplies or services rendered to the Provincial Government are listed in the Schedule of Payments of Public Accounts for each fiscal year. No separate record of payment for 'consultants' is kept. Public Accounts for the fiscal years 1979/80, 1980/81 and 1981/82 have been presented to the Legislature and are therefore public documents. Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1983/84 are only now being compiled and their completion is some months away.

“Since no separate record of consultants’ payments is maintained, it would not be possible to provide a breakdown of consultant services used by individual ministries nor to provide the fees paid and hours contracted for by individual consultants.”

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20, 1984

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. W. Widdicombe*.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled *University of Victoria Special Appropriation Act, 1984* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Resource Revenue Stabilization Fund Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>		
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Gardom</i>		
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
	<i>McCarthy</i>		

NAYS—14

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
	<i>Brown</i>		
<i>Mitchell</i>			<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

Bill (No. 6) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* moved that leave be given for the Select Standing Committees of this House to meet for the purpose of organization while the House is sitting.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Tuesday, March 20, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Ree*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1984* 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."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$174,580 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,186,203 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Operations and Administration, to 31st March 1985.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$174,590,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Revenue Sharing, to 31st March 1985.

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

Mr. *Howard* asked leave to table a document referred to during debate.

Leave was not granted.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, March 22, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. McCalman*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,449 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,833,909 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1985.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, March 22, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

The Deputy Speaker declared a short recess.

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 titles to the following Bills:

(No. 5) *University of Victoria Special Appropriation Act, 1984*.

(No. 10) *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 1984*.

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. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Friday, March 23, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Pastor *I. White*.

Mr. *Michael* made a statement relating to the Canadian winners of a gold medal in figure skating, Ms. Barbara Underhill and Mr. Paul Martini.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would convey a message of congratulations, on behalf of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, to the recipients of the award.

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Industry and Small Business Development) tabled the Financial Statements of the British Columbia Railway Company dated December 30, 1983.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$190,839 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,373,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services, Provincial Secretary and Government Services, to 31st March 1985.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,915,859 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services, Government Information Services, to 31st March 1985.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,884,946 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services, Culture, Heritage and Recreation, to 31st March 1985.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,250,416 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services, Government Personnel, Pensions and Employee Benefits Administration, to 31st March 1985.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services, Pensions and Employee Benefits Contributions, to 31st March 1985.

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

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

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* moved, seconded by Mr. *Howard*—

That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills review the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and make recommendations for appropriate amendments, with a view to improving and better facilitating all aspects of proceedings in the House and Committees thereof. For this purpose, the Committee shall have power to meet while the House is sitting and during any adjournment of the House, and power to adjourn from place to place, and shall report, from time to time, its recommendations to the House before the conclusion of this Session.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, Motions 1 and 27 on the Order Paper were withdrawn.

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Resource Revenue Stabilization Fund Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Income Tax (Health Care Maintenance) Amendment Act, 1984*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Tuesday, March 27, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

Prayers by the Right Rev. *J. T. Frame*.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* informed the House of the death of the Honourable Bora Laskin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, and made a statement.

Mr. *Macdonald* made a statement.

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* made a statement.

The Deputy Speaker stated he would convey to the family of the late Chief Justice the condolences and sympathy of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Mrs. *Wallace*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *An Act to Regulate Smoking in Public Places* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mrs. *Wallace*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Groundwater Regulation Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

On the motion of the Hon. *H. W. Schroeder*, the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, March 27, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

ROBERT G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Builders Lien Amendment Act, 1984* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 23, 1984.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Report of the Assessment Appeal Board of British Columbia for the 1983 Assessment Year.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Labour) tabled the 67th Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1983.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$218,797 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,213,139 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Administration and Services Department, to 31st March 1985.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$461,206,535 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Highway Operations Department, to 31st March 1985.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Hydro Development—Highway Construction, to 31st March 1985.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,035,515 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Motor Vehicle Department, to 31st March 1985.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,627,154 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Motor Carrier Commission and Branch, to 31st March 1985.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,695,879 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Transportation Policy Department, to 31st March 1985.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,228,694 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Air Services Branch, to 31st March 1985.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,807,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Crown Corporation Assistance, to 31st March 1985.

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

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Partnership Amendment Act, 1984*, was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Income Tax (Health Care Maintenance) Amendment Act, 1984*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—25

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>			<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	
<i>Segarty</i>		<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Ree</i>		<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	
<i>Davis</i>			

NAYS—15

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		<i>Macdonald</i>

Bill (No. 2) 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. 3) intituled *Hotel Room Tax Amendment Act, 1984*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—24

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>			<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	
<i>Segarty</i>		<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Ree</i>		<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	

NAYS—14

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

Bill (No. 3) 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. 4) intituled *Home Owner Grant Amendment Act, 1984*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—25

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>			<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	
<i>Segarty</i>		<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	

NAYS—15

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>		<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>	
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

Bill (No. 4) 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. 13) intituled *Hydro and Power Authority Amendment Act, 1984*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. W. Schroeder*, the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Thursday, March 29, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. Faraday*.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Hydro and Power Authority Amendment Act, 1984*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>			
<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>		<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Davis</i>			

NAYS—14

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Passarell</i>			<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>	
	<i>Skelly</i>		
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

Bill (No. 13) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

On the motion of the Hon. *H. W. Schroeder*, the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, March 29, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Blencoe* asked leave to present a Petition.

Upon leave being granted, a document was tabled by Mr. *Blencoe*.

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Industry and Small Business Development) tabled the British Columbia Cellulose Company Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1983.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General) made a statement to the House announcing the appointment of *E. George MacMinn*, Esq., Deputy Clerk of the House, as Queen's Counsel.

Mr. *Lauk* made a statement relating to the same matter.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,674 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Industry and Small Business Development, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1985.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,881,339 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Industry and Small Business Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1985.

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

The House proceeded to "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Industrial Development Amendment Act, 1984*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Industry and Small Business Development) that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—26

<i>Reid</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Davis</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	

NAYS—12

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	
	<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Cocke</i>
	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		<i>Macdonald</i>

Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1984* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Friday, March 30, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Price*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 73 (6), *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Deputy Clerk, read the following Report:

REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
March 30, 1984

In the matter of the several documents presented as a Petition to the House on the 29th day of March 1984 by the Honourable Second Member for Victoria;

The said documents are irregular in the following respects, namely:

The form thereof does not conform with Appendix A to the Standing Orders, and further, does not conform to the requirements of Standing Order 73 (5), and further, contains no prayer for relief.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IAN M. HORNE, Q.C., *Clerk of the House*

By leave, Mr. *Blencoe* presented Report No. 1 of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

REPORT NO. 1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 29, 1984

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has received correspondence from John A. Bovey, dated August 16 and August 18, 1983, Chairman of the Public Documents Committee, established under authority of section 3 of the *Document Disposal Act* (R.S.B.C. 1979, chapter 95) and, having read the submission on behalf of the Public Documents Committee, recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Document Disposal Act*, approval be given for the destruction of various public documents as listed in the submission to the Public Accounts Committee for 1982 and 1983 insofar as the following ministries of Government are concerned:

Ministry of Attorney General;
Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs;
Ministry of Education;
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources;
Ministry of Environment;
Ministry of Finance;
Ministry of Forests;
Ministry of Health;
Ministry of Human Resources;
Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing;
Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services; and
Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBIN BLENCOE, *Chairman*

The Report was read and received, and by leave, adopted.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, it was *Resolved*—

That from and out of the consolidated revenue fund there may be paid and applied in the manner and at the times the Government may determine

1. the sum of \$1 billion 944 million towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1985, and being substantially $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total amount of the votes of the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1985, as laid before the Legislative Assembly at the present session, and
2. the sum of \$99 million for recoverable disbursements, being substantially $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total amount required for the purposes referred to in Schedule C of the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1985.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered forthwith.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, the report of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on March 30, 1984 was taken as read and received, read a second time, and agreed to.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, it was *Ordered*, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, it was *Resolved*—

That from and out of the consolidated revenue fund there may be paid and applied in the manner and at the times the Government may determine

1. the sum of \$1 billion 944 million towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1985, and being substantially $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total amount of the votes of the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1985, as laid before the Legislative Assembly at the present session, and
2. the sum of \$99 million for recoverable disbursements, being substantially $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total amount required for the purposes referred to in Schedule C of the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1985.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented Bill (No. 17) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1) 1984*.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the Bill.

Resolution reported.

Report considered forthwith and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave, on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17), a debate arose.

Bill (No. 17) read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

The Bill was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time.

Bill (No. 17) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Partnership Amendment Act, 1984*, was committed, reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Income Tax (Health Care Maintenance) Amendment Act, 1984* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Hotel Room Tax Amendment Act, 1984* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Home Owner Grant Amendment Act, 1984* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Hydro and Power Authority Amendment Act, 1984* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave, report on Bill (No. 8) intituled *Partnership Amendment Act, 1984*.

Bill (No. 8) read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Deputy Clerk, read the titles to the following Bills:

(No. 2) *Income Tax (Health Care Maintenance) Amendment Act, 1984.*

(No. 3) *Hotel Room Tax Amendment Act, 1984.*

(No. 4) *Home Owner Grant Amendment Act, 1984.*

(No. 6) *Resource Revenue Stabilization Fund Act.*

(No. 8) *Partnership Amendment Act, 1984.*

(No. 13) *Hydro and Power Authority Amendment Act, 1984.*

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.”

Ian M. Horne, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:

(No. 17) *Supply Act, (No. 1), 1984.*

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., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Pulp and Paper Collective Bargaining Assistance Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 30, 1984.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* the House adjourned at 12.44 p.m.

Monday, April 2, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *J. Struthers*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Pulp and Paper Collective Bargaining Assistance Act*, a debate arose.

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

Motion negatived on the following division:

YEAS—18

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Passarell</i>			<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

NAYS—29

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Mowat</i>		<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3, 1984

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. K. Young*.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Pulp and Paper Collective Bargaining Assistance Act*.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *H. W. Schroeder*, the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, April 3, 1984

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Howard* tabled a copy of a document referred to during oral question period.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Pulp and Paper Collective Bargaining Assistance Act*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Mowat</i>		<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

NAYS—15

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
	<i>D'Arcy</i>		<i>Howard</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		<i>Macdonald</i>

Bill (No. 18) read a second time and by leave *Ordered* referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 18) was committed and reported complete with amendment.

The Chairman further reported that, in consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 18), the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—29

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Mowat</i>		<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

NAYS—14

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
	<i>D'Arcy</i>		<i>Howard</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		<i>Macdonald</i>

The Chairman further reported that, in consideration of section 9 of Bill (No. 18), the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—28

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Mowat</i>		<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

NAYS—15

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
			<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

The Chairman further reported that, in consideration of an amendment to section 10 of Bill (No. 18), the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—26

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	
<i>Mowat</i>		<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

NAYS—16

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
			<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

The Chairman further reported that, in consideration of section 14 of Bill (No. 18), the Committee had divided and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—27

<i>Parks</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
		<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

NAYS—15

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
			<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Wallace</i>			<i>Macdonald</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

By leave of the House, report on Bill (No. 18) considered and then Bill (No. 18) was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1984*, was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1984*, was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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. 18) *Pulp and Paper Collective Bargaining Assistance Act*.

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., 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. *H. W. Schroeder*, the House adjourned at 5.44 p.m.