

Wednesday, July 12, 1989

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Minister of Regional Development and Minister of State for Mainland/Southwest) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 84) intituled *Regional and Economic Development Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 11, 1989.

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

The Hon. *R. M. Johnston* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 80) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act (No. 3), 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1989.

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

The Hon. *R. M. Johnston* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 78) intituled *Islands Trust Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1989.

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

Mr. *Pelton* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

July 11, 1989

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services begs leave to report as follows:

That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 404) intituled *Applied Science Technologists and Technicians Amendment Act, 1989* has not been proved and recommends that the Bill not proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. C. A. PELTON, *Chairman*

The Report was read and received.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Harcourt*, Bill (No. M 221) intituled *An Act to Continue the Moratorium on Offshore Oil Drilling and Exploration* 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 Mr. *Harcourt*, Bill (No. M 222) intituled *An Act to Prohibit the Dumping of Toxic Materials in British Columbia and Its Coastal Waters* 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 House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

Bill (No. 77) intituled *Indian Land Tax Cooperation Act* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 60) intituled *Litter Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 58) intituled *Waste Management Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1989* 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. 69) intituled *Hospital Amendment Act, 1989* 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. 46) intituled *Labour and Consumer Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1989* 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. 47) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1989* 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. 79) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 37) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—26

<i>Long</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Crandall</i>	<i>J. Jansen</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Vant</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Loenen</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Pelton</i>	<i>S. Hagen</i>		

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<i>G. Janssen</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Boone</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Edwards</i>		

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act, 1989* 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. 73) intituled *Mineral Tax Act* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 9.55 p.m.

Thursday, July 13, 1989

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

20. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$282,636 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1990.

21. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$33,040,836 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1990.

22. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March 1990.

23. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$800,000 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 1990.

24. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$2,240,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Mineral Development and Exploration Incentives, to 31st March 1990.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

Thursday, July 13, 1989

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *D. Parker* (Minister of Forests) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 86) intituled *Forest Amendment Act, 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 13, 1989.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Jones*, Bill (No. M 223) intituled *Freedom of Information 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 called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Savage* (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries) made a ministerial statement relating to an international conference on drift-net fishing in the North Pacific being held in Victoria.

Mr. *Hanson* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled *Islands Trust Act* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 39) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled *Hospital Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled *Labour and Consumer Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled *Indian Land Tax Cooperation Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 59) intituled *Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Statutes Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled *Mineral Tax Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 54) intituled *Natural Gas Price Act* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 53) intituled *Parole Act* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 10.16 p.m.

Friday, July 14, 1989

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Kempf* rose on a matter of privilege relating to remarks attributed to the Minister of Forests made in Committee of Supply on July 13, 1989, and advised the Chair he was gathering the necessary material to present the matter later today.

By leave, the Hon. *C. H. Richmond* moved—

That in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations in respect of the Report of the Royal Commission on Electoral Boundaries for British Columbia, December 1988, the said Committee shall have the following additional powers, namely:

- (a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during any period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chairman shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Chalmers* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations, with respect to electoral boundary changes, as follows:

FIRST REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

July 14, 1989

MR. SPEAKER:

The Select Standing Committee on Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations charged with the responsibility of examining, inquiring into and making recommendations, unanimously with respect to the Report of the Royal Commission on Electoral Boundaries for British Columbia, December 1988, presents herewith, its First Report.

Having been referred the Royal Commission Report on March 29, 1989, your Committee met on April 25, May 9, May 30, June 15, July 6 and July 13, 1989; and its subcommittee met on May 1, July 11 and July 12 for a total of 12 meetings, to date. The Final Report of the Fisher Royal Commission made recommendations and set forth general principles with respect to the establishment and continued review of those boundaries to reflect changing conditions which your Committee is addressing.

Your Committee, working together harmoniously throughout this historic venture, is pleased to report that all of the recommendations presented in this First Report have been adopted unanimously.

Your Committee recommends that:

1. The House enact legislation to increase the size of the Legislature to 75 members and to abolish dual member ridings.

2. Legislation be enacted to establish an independent, non-partisan Electoral Boundaries Commission to regularly review electoral boundaries so that they will continue to reflect the basic principles of fair and balanced representation for all British Columbians.

3. The Electoral Boundaries Commission carry out its mandate within the following guidelines:

(a) the principle of representation by population be achieved, recognizing the imperatives imposed by geographic and demographic realities, the legacy of our history and the need to balance the community interests of the people of the province;

(b) to achieve that principle, the Commission be permitted to deviate from a common statistical provincial electoral quota by no more than 25%, plus or minus; and

(c) the Commission would be permitted to exceed the 25% deviation principle where it considered that very special circumstances were found to exist.

4. That the Electoral Boundaries Commission consist of the following members:

(a) a judge or retired judge of the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal;

(b) a person, not a member of the Legislative Assembly or an employee of the government, nominated by the Speaker, after consultation with the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition; and

(c) the Chief Electoral Officer.

5. The members of the commission, persons who they may employ or retain to assist them be paid by a standing statutory appropriation.

6. The first commission shall be appointed during the first session of the legislature after the second general election that follows enactment of the new legislation and thereafter during the first session of the legislature following every second subsequent general election.

7. The commission should be empowered to hold public hearings and submit its report within 12 months after it was appointed. Further public hearings should be held on the report during the 6 month period after the report is first submitted to the Speaker.

8. The final report should be laid before the Legislative Assembly at the earliest possible opportunity and if the Legislative Assembly by resolution approves, or approves with alterations, the proposals of the commission, the government will be required to introduce legislation to establish the new districts in accordance with the resolution.

9. To implement the Fisher Commission's recommendations and establish electoral boundaries for the new 75 electoral districts while the House is not in session, that legislation be enacted as follows:

(1) If the Legislative Assembly is not in session, the Lieutenant Governor in Council is empowered, by regulation, to establish the names and the areas and boundaries of the electoral districts from which the 75 members of the Legislative Assembly are elected.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall not enact a regulation under subsection (1) unless the Select Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations has made a unanimous report to the Legislative Assembly recommending the names and specifying the areas and boundaries of the electoral districts.

(3) To assist the Committee in preparing its report, the chief electoral officer and any public officers required by the chief electoral officer shall, on the request of the chairperson of the committee, assist the Committee in the manner requested by the chairperson.

(4) A report under subsection (2) shall be made by January 15, 1990.

(5) A report under subsection (2) shall be deemed to be made to the Legislative Assembly if it is submitted to the Clerk of the Assembly.

(6) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall, not later than January 31, 1990, enact a regulation under subsection (1) in accordance with the report under subsection (2).

(7) A regulation under subsection (1) that does not comply with subsection (2) or (6) has no effect.

(8) A report under subsection (2) shall set out, with precision and clarity, the recommended names, areas and boundaries of the proposed electoral districts and the regulation under subsection (1) shall be prepared and enacted accordingly.

(9) The government shall, at the next ensuing session of the Legislative Assembly, after the enactment of a regulation under subsection (1), introduce a Bill to establish the boundaries of the electoral districts, but only in accordance with the regulation under subsection (1).

(10) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall not, before the Bill referred to in subsection (9) is enacted, amend or repeal a regulation under subsection (1), and any regulation that purports to do so has no effect.

(11) The electoral boundaries established under or in accordance with this section remain in effect until they are adjusted or changed under the other provisions of this Act.

10. All non-legislative measures that are necessary to effect your Committee's comprehensive recommendations to the House be implemented as soon as practicable.

11. The Board of Internal Economy of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia review on a regular basis the requirements of each Member, in particular, those Members representing rural and northern ridings in the province in respect of their ability to effectively and efficiently serve their constituents as well as their constituencies.

Your Committee is of the opinion that this regular review by the Board of Internal Economy will, in the Commissioner's words, "facilitate the servicing of . . . many of the province's electoral districts and enhance the access of citizens to their representative."

Your Committee is currently formulating a resolution on the sections entitled Names and Descriptions of Recommended Electoral Districts and the Electoral Boundaries Map contained in the Report of the Royal Commission on Electoral Boundaries for British Columbia, December 1988.

Your Committee wishes to convey its appreciation to the Honourable Judge Thomas K. Fisher, Commissioner, Royal Commission on Electoral Boundaries for British Columbia for the thorough and insightful document the Committee has been asked to review. The work of this Committee has been made much easier as a result of the effort brought to bear upon this subject, initially, by the Commissioner and his staff.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

L. CHALMERS, *Chairman*

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Report was adopted.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, on behalf of the Hon. *J. Savage* (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 45) intituled *Milk Industry Amendment Act, 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 13, 1989.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Barlee*, Bill (No. M 224) intituled *An Act to Restore the Integrity of the Agricultural Land Commission* 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.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 83) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 13, 1989.

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

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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. *Kempf* rose on a matter of privilege relating to remarks attributed to the Minister of Forests made in Committee of Supply on July 13, 1989.

The Hon. Minister of Forests made a statement regarding the same matter of privilege.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that he would consider the matter and deliver his decision on Monday next.

The Hon. *R. M. Johnston* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 75) intituled *Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 14, 1989.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 81) intituled *Social Service Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 14, 1989.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 82) intituled *Temporary Use Tax Validation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 14, 1989.

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

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, on behalf of the Hon. *J. Savage* (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 85) intituled *Food Choice and Disclosure Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 14, 1989.

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 Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 87) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 14, 1989.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

Monday, July 17, 1989

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *S. D. Smith* (Attorney General) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 71) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
Government House,
July 11, 1989.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Blencoe*, Bill (No. M 225) intituled *Capital Commission Amendment 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.

Ms. *Edwards* presented a petition relating to logging in the Elk Valley.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, (Bill No. M 226) intituled *An Act to Protect Parks and Wilderness Areas* 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 Ms. *Marzari*, (Bill No. M 227) intituled *An Act For Better Child Care* 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."

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

At the commencement of last Friday's sitting, the Honourable Member for Omineca rose in his place stating he had a matter of privilege which he wished to raise at the earliest

opportunity and was presently getting his material in order so that the matter could be presented to the House in a formal way.

Later the same day, the Member stated his matter of privilege and tendered a form of motion he would propose he move, should the Chair find the matter raised qualifies *prima facie* as a matter of privilege.

The essence of the Member's statement relates to remarks of the Honourable Minister of Forests made in Committee of Supply on July 13, 1989 at which time the Minister observed the Member for Omineca has a relative working with the Forest Service and goes on to state, "The young man is probably very capable but cannot be looked upon as being representative of all the employees of the Forest Service."

The Chair notes that the Member for Omineca immediately rose on a point of order, objecting to the reference, and requested a withdrawal. At that point, the *Hansard Report* indicates clearly that the Honourable Minister immediately withdrew his remarks without reservation, and at that particular point the matter appeared to be at an end.

The Member for Omineca has raised the same issue as a matter of privilege, having had an opportunity to review the remarks after the *Hansard Blues* were circulated earlier Friday.

At this point it might be useful to re-define parliamentary privilege for members as outlined in the 17th edition of Sir Erskine May, at page 42. In that volume, parliamentary privilege is described as "the sum of the peculiar rights enjoyed by each House collectively as a constituent part of the High Court of Parliament and by the Members of each House individually, without which they could not discharge their functions . . . the privileges of parliament are rights which are absolutely necessary for the direct execution of its powers. They are enjoyed by individual Members because the House cannot perform its functions without the unimpeded use of the services of its Members; and by each House for the protection of its Members and the vindication of its own authority and dignity."

Individual privileges of Members of Parliament may be summarized as follows:

1. Privilege of freedom of speech.
2. Privilege of freedom from arrest or molestation.
3. Privilege of access to the Crown.

Having considered the definition of privilege, the Chair must ask itself whether or not the matter raised is such that immediate intervention of the House is required.

I have examined the statement of the Honourable Member for Omineca with great care. The Chair finds it difficult to convert what is essentially a personal complaint into a *prima facie* matter of privilege. However, one might view the Minister's remarks during the exchange in question, the Minister withdrew those remarks without reservation and it is the Chair's view that that ends the matter. Accordingly, a *prima facie* matter of privilege has not been made out in accordance with the long-established rules as above described.

J. REYNOLDS, *Speaker*

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Bills:

- Bill (No. 19) *Municipal Amendment Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 37) *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 39) *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 43) *British Columbia Enterprise Corporation Loan Privatization Act.*
 Bill (No. 46) *Labour and Consumer Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 47) *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 51) *Financial Institutions Act.*
 Bill (No. 52) *Motor Vehicle Amendments Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 56) *Mines Act.*
 Bill (No. 57) *Mining Right of Way Act.*
 Bill (No. 58) *Waste Management Amendment Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 59) *Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Statutes Amendment Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 60) *Litter Amendment Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 67) *School Act.*
 Bill (No. 68) *Independent School Act.*
 Bill (No. 69) *Hospital Amendment Act, 1989.*
 Bill (No. 73) *Mineral Tax Act.*
 Bill (No. 77) *Indian Land Tax Cooperation Act.*
 Bill (No. 79) *Income Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989.*

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.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

Bill (No. 86) intituled *Forest Amendment Act, 1989* 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. 78) intituled *Islands Trust Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 54) intituled *Natural Gas Price Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 55) intituled *Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. W. B. Strachan, adjourned to the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 53) intituled *Parole Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 1989*.

Bill (No. 61) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 1989*.

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Offence Amendment Act, 1989*.

Bill (No. 64) intituled *Attorney General Amendment Act, 1989*.

By leave, Bill (No. 71) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1989* 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 following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today:

Bill (No. 81) intituled *Social Services Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989*.

Bill (No. 82) intituled *Temporary Use Tax Validation Act*.

Bill (No. 83) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 1989*.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 87), a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Rose, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 10 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18, 1989

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$327,244 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1990.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$368,123,785 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1990.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Suppression Program, to 31st March 1990.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,143,941 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Forest Resource Development Subsidiary Agreement (ERDA), to 31st March 1990.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, July 18, 1989

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Minister of Regional Development and Minister of State for Mainland/Southwest) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Economic Development, April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988.

The Hon. *P. A. Dueck* (Minister of Health) 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. 91) intituled *Health Disciplines Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 17, 1989.

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

On the motion of Mr. *G. Hanson*, Bill (No. M 228) intituled *An Act to Establish an Institute of Aboriginal Languages for British Columbia* 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 Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. M 229) intituled *Forest Inventory Update 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.

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. M 230) intituled *Forest Waste Reduction 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.

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. M 231) intituled *Forest Practices 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 called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,531,225 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier and Executive Council Operations, to 31st March 1990.

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

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* advised the House of the hours of sitting for tomorrow.

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training and Minister Responsible for Science and Technology) 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. 89) intituled *Trinity Western University Foundation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 18, 1989.

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled *Forest Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled *Social Service Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled *Temporary Use Tax Validation Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

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. 90) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 1), 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 18, 1989.

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

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. 92) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 18, 1989.

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

Bill (No. 61) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Offence Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled *Attorney General Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Science Council Act*.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Milk Industry Amendment Act, 1989*.

Bill (No. 85) intituled *Food Choice and Disclosure Act*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

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<i>Long</i>	<i>Bruce</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Messmer</i>
<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Mercier</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Edwards</i>	<i>J. Jansen</i>	<i>Dirks</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Huberts</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>S. D. Smith</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Rose</i>	<i>S. Hagen</i>	<i>Vant</i>
<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Marzari</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Barlee</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Brummet</i>

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Bill (No. 87) read a second time.

By leave, Bill (No. 87) was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 9.59 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19, 1989

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Wednesday, July 19, 1989

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* made a statement on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. Dick Eldridge, Mr. Joe Walushka and Mr. Don Sebastian, members of the Sergeant-at-Arms' Staff.

Mr. *Rose* made a statement.

On the motion of Mr. *Harcourt*, Bill (No. M 232) intituled *Forestry Value Added 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.

On the motion of Mr. *Harcourt*, Bill (No. M 233) intituled *Forestry Research and Development 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.

On the motion of Mr. *Rose*, Bill (No. M 234) intituled *An Act to Reduce Poverty in Old Age* 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 Ms. *Smallwood*, Bill (No. M 235) intituled *Rights of Children in Care Act 1989* 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.

The Hon. *C. C. Michael* (Minister of Government Management Services) tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Systems Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1989.

The Hon. *R. M. Johnston* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) tabled the Annual Report and financial statements of BC Transit, 1988/89.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. C. H. Richmond (Minister of Social Services and Housing) tabled the 1987 Annual Report of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 55) intituled *Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 55) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal later today, by leave.

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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.

By leave, Bill (No. 55) intituled *Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Milk Industry Amendment Act, 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled *Food Choice and Disclosure Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Science Council Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled *Trinity Western University Foundation Act* was read a second time.

By leave, Bill (No. 89) was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled *Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1989* 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. 90) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 1), 1989* 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. 92) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989* 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.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 9.56 p.m.

Thursday, July 20, 1989

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *S. D. Smith* (Attorney General) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Attorney General, April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988.

Ms. *Marzari* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-fourth Parliament.

Resolved, That the Report be taken as read and received.

On the motion that the Report be adopted, a debate arose.

Report adopted.

By leave, Ms. *Marzari* tabled a document entitled Guidelines for Public Accounts Committees in Canada.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 75) intituled *Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,477,838 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, to 31st March 1990.
2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,725,283 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Auditor General, to 31st March 1990.
3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,765,661 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ombudsman, to 31st March 1990.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.26 p.m.

Thursday, July 20, 1989

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) tabled answers to questions taken on notice during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *P. A. Dueck* (Minister of Health) tabled the following:

The Annual Report of the British Columbia Health Care Research Foundation, 1988-89.

The Annual Report of the Division of Vital Statistics of the Province of British Columbia, 1988.

The Annual Report of the Ministry of Health, 1987/88.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$301,553 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Services and Housing, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1990.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,577,739.736 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Services and Housing, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1990.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Services and Housing, British Columbia Home Program, to 31st March 1990.

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

Bill (No. 90) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 1), 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, on division, read a third time and passed.

In consideration of section 28 of Bill (No. 90) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS — 25

<i>Long</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>S. D. Smith</i>	<i>Mercier</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Loenen</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Huberts</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>S. Hagen</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Peterson</i>	<i>J. Jansen</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Parker</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	<i>Vant</i>
<i>McCarthy</i>			

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<i>G. Janssen</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>
<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>		

Bill (No. 92) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Section 22 of Bill (No. 92) passed, on division.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* moved—

That the reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 24th and 27th of April, the 3rd, 9th, 17th, 25th and 30th of May, the 6th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th and 29th of June, and the 6th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th of July, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* moved —

That, towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the public service of the Province, there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund:

1. The sum of \$13 billion, 122 million, 720 thousand, 738 towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990, the sum to include that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 1989*, and section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 1989*; and
2. The sum of \$415 million, 530 thousand, 622 for recoverable disbursements required for the purposes referred to in Schedule D of the main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990, the sum to include that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 1989*, and section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 1989*.

Motion agreed to.

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. 88) intitled *Supply Act (No. 3), 1989* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 17, 1989.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker ruled that, pursuant to Standing Order 81, the Bill might proceed all stages this day.

Bill (No. 88) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. B. Couvelier*, Bill (No. 88) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 88) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* moved —

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until Mr. Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Third Session of the Thirty-fourth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

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

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Bills:

- Bill (No. 45) *Milk Industry Amendment Act, 1989.*
- Bill (No. 53) *Parole Act.*
- Bill (No. 54) *Natural Gas Price Act.*
- Bill (No. 55) *Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act.*
- Bill (No. 61) *Land Title Amendment Act, 1989.*
- Bill (No. 63) *Offence Amendment Act, 1989.*
- Bill (No. 64) *Attorney General Amendment Act, 1989.*
- Bill (No. 70) *Wildlife Amendment Act, 1989.*
- Bill (No. 71) *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1989.*
- Bill (No. 72) *Science Council Act.*
- Bill (No. 75) *Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 1989.*
- Bill (No. 78) *Islands Trust Act.*
- Bill (No. 81) *Social Service Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989.*
- Bill (No. 82) *Temporary Use Tax Validation Act.*
- Bill (No. 83) *Securities Amendment Act.*
- Bill (No. 85) *Food Choice and Disclosure Act.*
- Bill (No. 86) *Forest Amendment Act, 1989.*
- Bill (No. 87) *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.*
- Bill (No. 89) *Trinity Western University Foundation Act.*
- Bill (No. 90) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 1), 1989.*
- Bill (No. 92) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1989.*

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 D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Bill:

- Bill (No. 88) *Supply Act (No. 3), 1989.*

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor 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, 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 7.45 p.m.

Thursday, April 5, 1990

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Ian M. Horne, Esquire, Q.C., Clerk of the House, announced: "On November 1, 1989, by letter to His Honour the Hon. DAVID S. LAM, C.M., B.A., M.B.A., LL.D., Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Hon. *John Reynolds*, Member for West Vancouver-Howe Sound, resigned as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *Rose*, that *C. Stephen Rogers*, Esquire, Second Member for Vancouver South, do take the Speaker's Chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so Resolved.

Ian M. Horne, Esquire, Q.C., Clerk of the House, having declared *C. Stephen Rogers* duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he took the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the table.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

Prayers by Rev. *Tom Cowan*.

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of a member was read by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Deputy Clerk, as follows:

“OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TOURISM
 “AND DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
 “VICTORIA, B.C., OCTOBER 6, 1989

“*Ian M. Horne, Q.C.*,

“*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*

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

“*Re: By-Election, Cariboo Electoral District, September 20, 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. *David Zirnhelt* as the Member to represent the Cariboo Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours sincerely,

“*MELVIN H. SMITH, Q.C.*,

“*Deputy Minister of Tourism and
 Deputy Provincial Secretary*”

(ENCLOSURE)

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICE,

“VICTORIA, B.C., OCTOBER 6, 1989

“*Melvin H. Smith, Q.C.*,

“*Deputy Minister of Tourism and Deputy Provincial Secretary,*

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

“*Re: By-Election, September 20, 1989, Cariboo Electoral District*

“DEAR SIR — The May 11, 1989, notice from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly advising of the death of the First Member of the Electoral District of Cariboo, created a vacancy in the membership of the Legislative Assembly.

“A Writ of Election was issued on August 23, 1989, requiring that a by-election be held to fill the vacancy. Accordingly, September 20, 1989, was designated as Election Day.

“The completed Writ of Election has been returned to me and I hereby certify the election of *David Zirnhelt*, as the Second Member to represent the Cariboo Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours very truly,

“*HARRY M. GOLDBERG,*

“*Chief Electoral Officer,*

“*Elections British Columbia*”

On the motion of the Hon. *H. Dirks* it was *Ordered* —

That the letter of the Deputy Minister of Tourism and Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of the member be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *David Zirnhelt*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by Mr. *Harcourt* and Mr. *Rose*, and took his seat.

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of a member was read by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Deputy Clerk, as follows:

“OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
“VICTORIA, B.C., DECEMBER 29, 1989

“*Ian M. Horne*, Q.C.,

“*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*,

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

“*Re: By-Election, Oak Bay-Gordon Head Electoral District, December 13, 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. *Elizabeth Cull* as the Member to represent the Oak Bay-Gordon Head Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours sincerely,

“*MELVIN H. SMITH*, Q.C.,

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*”

(ENCLOSURE)

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICE,

“VICTORIA, B.C., OCTOBER 6, 1989

“*Melvin H. Smith*, Q.C.,

“*Deputy Minister of Tourism and Deputy Provincial Secretary*,

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

“*Re: By-Election, December 13, 1989, Oak Bay-Gordon Head Electoral District*

“DEAR SIR — The November 15, 1989, resignation of *Brian Smith*, the Member for the Electoral District of Oak Bay-Gordon Head, created a vacancy in the membership of the Legislative Assembly.

“A Writ of Election was issued on November 15, 1989, requiring that a by-election be held to fill the vacancy. Accordingly, December 13, 1989, was designated as Election Day.

“The completed Writ of Election has been returned to me and I hereby certify the election of *Elizabeth Cull*, as the Member to represent the Electoral District of Oak Bay-Gordon Head in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours very truly,

“*HARRY M. GOLDBERG*,

“*Chief Electoral Officer*,

“*Elections British Columbia*”

On the motion of the Hon. *H. Dirks* it was *Ordered* —

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

Ms. Elizabeth Cull, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by Mr. *Harcourt* and Mr. *Rose*, and took her seat.

Mr. *Clark* rose on a matter of privilege relating to the disclosure of legislation to municipalities and the public, prior to introduction of such legislation in the House.

Mr. Speaker stated that while matters of privilege are brought forward on the first available occasion, all that is permitted on a day of formalities is that the matter of privilege be brought to his attention to preserve the Member's right and thereafter, on the first available day, the matter of privilege may be fully stated.

Mr. Speaker referred Honourable Members to a decision of Mr. Speaker *Dowding* and further informed the Member that the first available opportunity under normal proceedings would be when the House meets the following day.

Ms. *Marzari* gave notice of her intention to raise a matter of privilege, namely, that the Public Accounts had not been presented to the House this day.

Mr. Speaker stated that the Honourable Member, having given notice of the matter at the earliest opportunity, would be entitled to bring the matter to the attention of the Chair at a later time.

Ms. *Hagen* gave notice of her intention to raise a matter of privilege, namely, that the Honourable Minister of Education had announced, on January 31, 1990, that legislation would be introduced relating to referenda for certain education funding.

Mr. Speaker stated that the Honourable Member, having given notice of the matter at the earliest opportunity would be entitled to bring the matter to the attention of the Chair at a later time.

Mr. Speaker tabled a Special Report to the Legislative Assembly by the Auditor General of British Columbia — The Lottery Fund: An Audit of the Granting Process.

Mr. Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was about to enter the Chamber.

MR. SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour, the House of Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me. If in the performance of those duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me and not to the assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to the Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates and access to your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this Third Session of the Thirty-Fourth Parliament of British Columbia, I compliment your commitment and dedication over the past year.

The Assembly debated and approved over 85 pieces of legislation. The budget approved by this Legislature was a balanced budget meeting all basic needs of British Columbians. It set the framework for essential programs in the social and economic portfolios.

You passed the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*. This progressive legislation establishes an independent Electoral Boundaries Commission to regularly review electoral boundaries.

The Royal Commission on Education studied the significant challenges and opportunities facing our education system as we move towards the 21st century. You are to be commended on approving, in this session, a new *School Act* and a new *Independent School Act*.

Another major report receiving your attention, The Report of the Justice Reform Committee, "Access to Justice", made recommendations to ensure the Justice System of the Province of British Columbia is accessible, understandable, relevant, and efficient.

A *Supreme Court Act*, *Small Claims Act*, *Court Rules Act* and amendments to a variety of statutes in the *Justice Reform Statutes Amendment Act, 1989*, are positive steps in the reform of our Justice System.

I note, with great satisfaction, the process of extensive and broadly based consultation that preceded these new directions in education and justice services.

The economy of the Province continued to be buoyant during 1989. Increased trade and domestic demand, brought about by new capital investment, has enabled British Columbia to generate record levels of employment growth.

In recognition of the need to strengthen trading relations, you adopted legislation creating the British Columbia Trade Development Corporation.

You passed the *Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act*, to enable my Government to achieve a long standing goal and enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada and the pipeline company for the construction of a pipeline across the Strait of Georgia.

This alternative energy source to a growing part of the Province will not only enhance economic growth, but diminish environmental threats.

My Government's ongoing concern with our environment saw you pass the *Waste Management Amendment Act, 1989*. This measure was a clear signal that we are not prepared to sacrifice our unique and special environment.

Environmental protection, and reclamation of land and water courses affected by mining operations, were an important theme of a new *Mines Act*.

Legislation was also approved amending the *Wildlife Act*. This initiative recognizes our concern for the protection of endangered species.

A new *Financial Institutions Act* and *Credit Union Incorporation Act* created a modern and efficient regulatory framework to govern financial institutions. To strengthen the Securities Commission, and to improve the protection of investors, you approved significant amendments to the *Securities Act*. The *Personal Property Security Act* regulates almost all credit transactions involving personal property. This legislation will benefit both consumers and the business sector.

You approved important amendments to the *Workers Compensation Act*. This legislation provides a mechanism for labour, management and public interest representatives collectively, to establish overall policy and direction for this program.

You approved the *Residential Property Tax Increase Limitation Act, 1989*, a measure to provide some tax relief against inflated residential property land values.

The *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1989*, provided for better protection for residents of long-term rooming-houses and lower-cost hotels. In addition, the legislation established a more efficient and less costly method of settling disputes between landlords and tenants.

The *Continuing Care Act* established mechanisms to protect the health and safety of those in continuing care.

As the most rapidly growing segment of our population, the need for strategies to improve the lives of British Columbia's seniors resulted in the passage of the *Seniors Advisory Council Act*. This enactment provides for a formal consultative process to guide my Government's response to current and future issues relating to seniors.

To address consumer concerns respecting the use of chemicals in food production and ensure environmentally sensitive food processing methods, you passed the *Food Choice and Disclosure Act*.

As a further deterrent to those who breach our motor vehicle traffic laws, you approved legislation providing for the imposition of fines for moving violations.

These measures are only a few highlights of your most recent deliberations.

Honourable Members, on behalf of all British Columbians, I thank you for the careful consideration you have given to the many significant matters which have come before you.

I now relieve you of your legislative duties.

The Hon. *H. Dirks* (Provincial Secretary) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 3 o'clock p.m. today, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Pursuant to section 55 (3) of the *Constitution Act*:

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Oak Bay-Gordon Head (*Mr. B. R. D. Smith*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective November 14, 1989, was delivered to Mr. Speaker.

And then the House prorogued at 10.45 a.m.

C. STEPHEN ROGERS, *Speaker*