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Prayers by Rabbi Philip Bregman, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Temple Sholom, Vancouver.

This being the first day of the fifth meeting of the Thirty-ninth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 13th day of December, 2012, the Members took their seats.

The Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature:

Fellow British Columbians. Members of the Legislative Assembly.

I hope you enjoyed British Columbia's first Family Day.

And to all British Columbians who celebrate the Chinese New Year, Gung Hay Fat Choy and Gung Xi Fa Cai.

Since this chamber was last addressed from this chair, we have lost some beloved members of our British Columbia family. I would like to acknowledge a few of them here today.

We join First Nations in mourning Chief Clifford Bolton father of my predecessor the Honourable Steven Point who is with us today. We also mourn Chief Robert Sam and Chief Bert Mack.

We mourn the loss of former members of this legislature: Bill Barlee, Herb Capozzi, James Lorimer, Jean Webber, and Ralph Loffmark. And those who served its members: Garth Gislason, and former Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Ian Horne, who served with distinction for nearly four decades.

We also recognize the passing of 66 B.C. public service employees.

We honour people who strengthened our communities: Tom Campbell, Jim Green, Norman Patterson, Anne Martin, Ernest Palfrey, Bill Hodgson, Bob Gillespie, Glenn Wong, Andrew Harvie, Fredrick Bryant, Henry Hollett, Nathan Divinsky, Wesley Jantzen, Dorothy Kostrzewa, Jim Murray, and Honorary Aide de Camp Jack Patten.

We honour those who served to protect and keep us safe: David Blakeman, Adrian Oliver and Daniel Botkin.

And those who risked their lives to preserve our values in wartime: Walter Ball, Kenneth Callaghan, Alexander Louie, Ernest Wesson and Hugh Wright.

We recognize those who shared their success and passion with a grateful province: Milton Wong, Ike Barber, Wendy McDonald, Edgar Kaiser Jr. and Tom Foord.

And those who helped to shape our province and our view of the world: John Macintyre, Nicholas Bawlf, Lloyd Dyck, Jack Jensen, Jack Frazer, Basil Stuart-Stubbs, Ida Clarkson, Clyde Hertzman and Lance Morgan.

We pause to remember those who made us cheer: Sarah Burke, Tess Beauchamp and Paul Cyr.

And those whose tragic passing touched our hearts, forever: Amanda Todd, Robert Luggi Jr. and Carl Charlie.

Our lives are better for these citizens having lived theirs. They taught us many things: Grace. Selflessness. Perseverance. Resilience.

As our province faces the risks of an uncertain world, we are inspired by these British Columbians and we honour their memory.

We will be hopeful and optimistic, and we will emulate their resilience so that it defines our character and our beautiful province.

Strengthening Our Economy

Fellow British Columbians. We are living in a time of great change. The world is much different than it was even five years ago.

Many traditionally leading economies have faltered, their difficulties triggered by short-sighted fiscal policies and a failure of courage and discipline in good times.

Other economies are embracing change, looking for partners to usher in a new age of prosperity that is shifting the global economic balance and placing our province at the crossroads of history.

Our province has remained resilient and has been protected from much of the instability that surrounds us.

The course your government has charted is rooted in discipline, perseverance and innovation.

Today, British Columbia's economy is more diversified than ever. We once relied principally on one customer for our goods, now we rely on many. Our products are finding new markets, and investment is coming from new sources.

Controlled government spending is keeping taxes low and reducing the deficit. As a result, we can afford steady and planned infrastructure investments, despite volatility.

We are building an economy that is rich in support for those who need it — the most important measure of economic success.

British Columbians have built a safe harbour to grow and protect jobs in these turbulent times. But it is easier to dismantle a safe harbour than it is to build it.

The easy route is to spend more taxpayers' dollars than are collected — to drive deeper into debt and drive investment away.

The easy route is to not answer when new opportunity knocks, for fear the task ahead might be too big to handle and demand bold action.

This is not the route we have taken to get to this moment. British Columbians stand at these crossroads, having worked hard to get here, ready for what's next.

Your government believes in the courage of British Columbians to seize this moment.

We have a tremendous opportunity to strengthen our economy and secure a better tomorrow for another generation of British Columbians. Whether we reach out and grasp it is entirely up to us.

Continuing to Seize Opportunities in Asia

Economies across the Pacific are not just emerging — they have emerged. Before the end of this decade, Asia and South Asia will comprise over half of the global economy.

By 2030, well over three billion people in Asia will be part of the middle class, with China and India accounting for about two billion of those citizens.

While the United States remains our closest friend and biggest trading partner, we must continue our efforts to bring the opportunity that Asia presents closer to our shores and to the people of British Columbia.

Our province is blessed with deep historical, cultural and commercial ties to Asia.

Whether it is through providing disaster relief assistance, going on trade missions or hosting international film awards, your government is continuing to strengthen ties.

These connections are fueling mutual growth for both British Columbia and Asia Pacific markets.

British Columbia exports to China have increased close to 500 per cent since 2001, and our exports to India have increased by 60 per cent in the past year.

Your government anticipated a generational opportunity by taking steps to make B.C. the most diversified Asia-oriented economy in Canada. This diversity of markets has protected and created jobs. It did not happen by accident.

Trade missions to Asia, led by your Premier, have garnered \$2 billion in direct investment. New trade offices are open in Hong Kong, Mumbai and Chandigarh.

Solidifying our presence in the Asia Pacific and South Asia is essential, just as it is essential to strengthen Asian business presence here in British Columbia.

In countries like India, China, Malaysia, Japan, Singapore, Vietnam, Philippines and Korea, leading companies are growing in strength.

These companies are looking to expand markets and create more substantive operations in North America.

Your government will not sit back and wait for opportunity to knock. Your government will grasp it.

In the weeks ahead, your government will launch a new, integrated organization that will partner with Canada, the business community and educational institutions to help seize the opportunity.

This new organization will leverage British Columbia's economic strengths, unique relationships and knowledge of Asia to make Vancouver and Canada's west coast the hub for Asian and South Asian corporate offices and investment activity.

Adding Maximum Value to B.C. Natural Gas

Fellow British Columbians. Your government is also moving decisively to seize one of the greatest economic opportunities our province has ever seen.

The nations of the world, especially in Asia, are seeking clean energy solutions.

Countries like Japan, still recovering from a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami, are looking to transition to cleaner, safer forms of energy — away from thermal coal, away from nuclear, to a future powered by natural gas.

They are looking to British Columbia.

In B.C., we are blessed with an abundance of natural gas, the cleanest non-renewable fuel on the planet. We have a surplus that can meet the real and pressing needs of other economies, especially those on our Pacific doorstep. In doing so, we can help protect our planet.

Seizing this opportunity requires that we add new value to this resource, converting it for transport to markets outside our continent for the first time.

This can trigger a possible \$1 trillion in cumulative GDP benefit to our province over the next 30 years.

An estimated 39,000 new full time jobs, on average, will be created during a 9 year construction period. Once all facilities reach full production, there could be over 75,000 new annual full time jobs.

These jobs can be created in every part of our province, in many different sectors and sustained for generations to come.

Construction jobs. Facility jobs. Highly skilled trades jobs. Jobs in the professional services. Jobs for First Nations. Jobs for businesses that support the industry. Technology jobs.

For our province, two new major revenue streams can be created.

The first comes from revenues generated from the growth in employment and business activity — new revenues in a growing economy that will greatly enhance government's ability to provide services families depend upon, year after year.

The second stream of revenue comes from new royalty revenues directly for the province — British Columbia's share of resource profits. This could exceed one hundred billion dollars over the next 30 years.

This resource belongs to the people of British Columbia, both here today and those to follow. It must be spent wisely — not just for the benefit of today's citizens but also for our children and grandchildren.

To protect this second stream of revenue for generations to come, your government is establishing the British Columbia Prosperity Fund.

Future royalties will be designated to this fund, ensuring British Columbia families can benefit from the prosperity created by natural gas in our province.

This will be a transformational change for our province and we cannot afford to be short-sighted.

A main focus of the B.C. Prosperity Fund will be to reduce provincial debt. We have an obligation to make good on this debt, rather than ask our children to pay it for us.

Each year, British Columbia spends approximately \$2.4 billion on interest to service the total provincial debt.

Imagine how that money could be used to support the services families depend on instead of giving it over to bondholders in New York and London.

The B.C. Prosperity Fund can also target measures to improve social services and make life more affordable for families.

Whether it is eliminating the provincial sales tax, or making long-term investments in areas like education or vital infrastructure that strengthen communities — these are the kinds of opportunities the B.C. Prosperity Fund can provide.

Fellow British Columbians. This is the opportunity before us, but only if we seize it. It is not years away. It is now. Our province faces fierce competition from Australia and other natural gas producers.

If we do not win the opportunity now, there may be no opportunity to win tomorrow. We did not win the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games in 2010 — we won them in 2003.

One year ago, your government released a natural gas strategy to drive growth and investment.

Today, the measure of confidence in British Columbia's strategy is clear. Since last year, over \$6 billion dollars in investments have been made for the development of Liquefied Natural Gas for export.

It is estimated that up to \$1 billion has already been spent in preparation for constructing Liquefied Natural Gas facilities and transportation networks.

Your government has set a target of having three liquefied natural gas facilities operational by 2020. Today, work is underway by ten partnerships to establish liquefied natural gas facilities in our province.

Partnerships between pipeline companies and energy companies are forming. New offices are opening in British Columbia as a result.

By staying on course, your government is confident these and other projects will make our province the second-largest exporter of natural gas in the world; generating jobs and wealth for British Columbians and providing cleaner energy to countries that need it. With over a half century of experience, British Columbia is a world leader in the safe recovery of natural gas. Our province has the most stringent environmental and safety regulations anywhere.

Clear, strong and rigorous environmental standards are not a burden, but a hallmark that supports growth and confidence. There is no amount of potential revenue that justifies environmental compromise.

Your government is also working closely with British Columbians to prepare for this opportunity.

In particular, your government will continue to work with communities in the northwest of the province, where facilities will be sited, and with communities in the northeast, where the resource is recovered.

Your government is also working alongside First Nations to ensure they do not simply benefit from these investments, but are leaders in growing this opportunity for the entire province.

Chief Councillor Ellis Ross and the Haisla First Nation have demonstrated the kind of leadership that will help turn this tremendous opportunity for British Columbia into lasting prosperity.

We are delighted that Chief Councillor Ross is here with us today.

The Power of the Resource Economy

Natural gas is a key part of our province's rich and varied natural resource economy.

The forestry industry was hard hit by market challenges and the pine beetle infestation but remained resilient. By working with your government, the industry seized opportunities in markets like China and is now looking at new opportunities in India.

British Columbia's agriculture industry is also growing, and increasing trade with new markets. Seafood exports to China set a record in 2011, and B.C. wine exports have increased 300 per cent since 2008.

Seizing new markets in Asia is a central feature of your government's agriculture strategy to help the industry grow to a \$14 billion-a-year industry by 2017.

In mining we continue to be a world leader in responsible development. In just over one year, the industry is more than halfway to beating government's target of 17 new and expanded mines.

These industries provide thousands of family-supporting jobs, enable new skills, drive research and innovation, and are the lifeblood of their communities.

Revenues help make community investment possible — new and improved schools like Port Edward Elementary Heritage Mountain Middle School and Chilliwack Secondary; or new and improved hospitals like Fort St. John, Surrey Memorial, and BC Children's and Women's Hospitals.

This is what a strong economy delivers for its citizens.

Strengthening Economic Prosperity for First Nations

Fellow British Columbians. Your government has formed partnerships with First Nations — partnerships defined by collaboration, cooperation and respect.

British Columbia is a leader in Canada in the area of resource revenue sharing. These agreements bring predictability for First Nations, for governments, for business and investors, and support economic growth.

This is a record to be proud of. Your government will ensure that national and other provincial governments have a chance to learn how this success was possible.

Your government set a goal to sign 10 non-treaty economic development agreements within the first two years of the jobs plan — this goal was met in just over a year.

Seeking economic progress with First Nations is matched by a commitment to respect special places and protect the environment.

Working closely with industry, your government has honoured the leadership of the Talhtan people to protect the Klappan and the salmon-bearing headwaters of the Skeena, Nass and Stikine Rivers.

There remains a long road ahead as we continue to build and strengthen our relationships. The journey has started and must continue.

Respecting and partnering with First Nations communities across our province is fundamental to achieving our mutual goals.

Your government will continue to find innovative ways to work together so that all British Columbians benefit from the jobs being created and economic prosperity before us.

Skills Training a Foundation for a Growing Economy

Fellow British Columbians. Skills training is about investing in the future of British Columbia. Our citizens must be first in line for new jobs that are created as we seize and secure the future for our province.

Our growing economy will create one million job openings across our province between now and 2020 — 43 per cent of which will require people with trades and technical training.

Over the past decade, the training and credential granting system in our province has been transformed to reflect economic trends and better match skills to jobs.

Your government is making investments in targeted training: from electricians in the Fraser Valley to masons in Kamloops; from carpenters on the North Island to construction workers, miners and pipe-fitters in the North.

Today, there are more than 34,000 registered apprentices, double the number in 2001.

Your government is actively encouraging young people, women, members of First Nations and the underemployed to consider careers in the trades. This involves working with employers on a number of fronts to expand the number of skilled trades people in British Columbia by:

- hiring apprentices through tax relief like the Training Tax Credit and the new Marine Training Tax Credit; and,
- pursuing measures that will encourage employers to increase the number of apprentices they sponsor.

The mission is clear: the training our citizens receive must be the training that will get them a job today and prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow.

Your government is investing \$75 million in new capital and equipment to complement \$500 million in annual investments in skills and trades training programs.

This is in addition to an annual \$1.9 billion investment for post-secondary education across the province — a 47 per cent increase since 2001.

This substantial investment supports some of the world's greatest institutions of learning.

British Columbia's universities and technical institutions are second to none, teaching skills that produce professionals in diverse fields from engineering to the creative arts — this not only helps British Columbia thrive in the knowledge economy, but helps shape it.

Making Investments in Transportation and Critical Infrastructure

A strong, skills-driven economy allows your government to plan for the future and invest in the critically important major projects that drive our economy forward.

Since 2001, your government has partnered with the federal government and private sector partners to secure over \$22 billion in investments to build and improve North America's best transportation gateway.

Your government continues to invest in critical transportation projects, creating thousands of construction and highly skilled jobs.

Projects like:

- Four-laning of the Trans Canada Highway from Kamloops to Alberta;
- Replacing the George Massey Tunnel to help end a chokepoint for commuters;
- Four-laning of Highway 97 between Fort St John and Dawson Creek;
- The South Fraser Perimeter Road, which will fully open this year — connecting Highway 1 to Deltaport; and,
- The Evergreen Line, which in 2016 will commence rapid transit for the first time to the communities of Coquitlam and Port Moody.

These investments are possible because our economy is growing.

Your government is also moving forward with major power generation projects like Site C.

British Columbia has sufficient power to meet today's needs. However, planning for the future is not about meeting present needs, it's about having the foresight to meet the demands of tomorrow.

Your government is creating new opportunities in mining, manufacturing and natural gas. These require electricity, as will the nearly half a million new British Columbians who will live in our province by the year 2020.

Our province will need additional sources of electricity to sustain and support that growth. Site C is an important part of the work ahead, as are new sources of green energy, in which your government will continue to invest.

Your government is ensuring that today's citizens and communities have the transportation and electricity networks that connect us to each other and to the world.

Growing Business

These networks help create the conditions for job creation. But it is businesses small, medium and large, not government, that create jobs.

Competitive tax rates also help make this possible. British Columbia has one of the lowest general income tax rates in Canada.

Business also needs regulation that works, while not adding a huge burden. British Columbia has reduced regulatory requirements by 42 per cent, and is the only province to have a regulatory reform law.

But there is more we can do.

In the coming weeks your government will renew its commitment to small business owners, to keep our province the most small business-friendly jurisdiction in Canada.

Small business owners have identified their priorities: access to qualified workers, greater mentorship to help business grow, and better collaboration between different levels of government.

Your government will act on these and other priorities.

Securing the Future

Fellow British Columbians. A wealthy economy allows government to be rich in support of citizens who need it. A growing economy that creates new sources of wealth allows government to do more.

Investing in skills training, seizing new opportunities in natural gas, making B.C. a place where people have confidence to start and grow a business. These are the actions that give government the capacity to provide greater benefits to citizens.

This is the path that British Columbia is charting, and must continue to follow.

Health Care and Innovation

A high-quality, innovative and accessible health care system is an essential component of a strong economy.

With a budget in excess of \$16.1 billion dollars, investments in health care have increased by \$6.9 billion since 2001.

These new investments pay for new physicians, nurses and nurse practitioners who are treating patients throughout our province.

These investments helped increase the number of operations and diagnostic tests to ensure patients are being diagnosed early and treated appropriately.

And they have enabled British Columbia to have the best outcomes in our country when it comes to the prevention and treatment of cancer.

While health-care investments have increased, so has the creativity of our health-care professionals to make each dollar go further.

Through bulk purchasing agreements among health authorities, \$200 million will be saved by 2014 that can be directed to front-line health care.

Our shared services initiative has reduced health-care overhead to ensure that dollars can go to providing direct patient care.

Your government knows that more must be done to ensure we have a health-care system that meets the demands of a population that is both changing and aging.

An innovative health-care system must respond to the changing needs of its citizens and embrace practices beyond traditional western medicine. In the months ahead, your government will begin work to create the environment for a school of traditional Chinese medicine at a British Columbian post-secondary institution.

In the coming weeks, your government will also introduce legislation to establish a seniors' advocate and will bring forward a plan to address elder abuse.

Your government will also outline improvements for patients in rural and urban areas as well as improvements to primary health care that will have lasting benefits to people throughout our province.

Making Life More Affordable

Your government put measures in place that ease the burden on families throughout our province.

The minimum wage has been increased three times. Tax-saving measures are helping parents keep their children active in sport and the arts, helping seniors make renovations to remain in their homes, and helping first-time new home buyers.

Balanced changes have also been made to income-assistance policies that help vulnerable families attain better financial security, assist individuals with disabilities and help people avoid the cycle of income-assistance dependence.

These and other efforts are making a difference. Since 2003, B.C.'s child poverty rate has dropped by 45 per cent, with 75,000 more children lifted out of poverty.

This represents the second-lowest child poverty rate in B.C. since 1980.

Today, more than one million citizens pay no income tax, and more than 800,000 residents do not pay MSP premiums.

Your government has also invested close to \$3.2 billion over the last decade to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals, seniors, and families in communities throughout B.C.

In the coming days, your government will introduce additional measures to support families and help secure their future — measures to:

- improve access to quality early childhood services;
- improve access and affordability of childcare; and,
- measures to help families of young children save for post-secondary education.

Controlling Spending to Balance the Budget

The job of keeping life affordable equally depends on controlled spending to keep taxes low.

Balancing the budget is a challenge in today's world, but it is also a mark of success and is key to creating confidence in British Columbia as a safe harbour.

Your government is determined to balance B.C.'s budget, year after year after year, so our children can make their own choices when it is their time to lead.

Fiscal discipline has helped reduce the tax burden families face. For many citizens, our province has one of the lowest overall provincial tax burdens and the lowest provincial personal income taxes in Canada.

This must be protected. And this is why the Minister of Finance will present British Columbia with a balanced budget in the days ahead.

Fair and Reasonable Labour Agreements

Tough choices are necessary to reach a balanced budget, and your government was clear that borrowing money to support public-sector wage increases was not possible.

However, government and public sector unions were creative and successfully worked together to reach fair and respectful agreements, within their existing budgets, that cover more than half of all provincial employees.

They deserve praise for setting aside some of their own interests to support the interests of all British Columbians.

Provincial public servants work hard, and often work in very difficult, sometimes dangerous situations. We all owe them our gratitude.

Fellow British Columbians. Stability matters and few things will provide more stability for our citizens than long-term labour peace in our province's classrooms.

The goal is a 10-year agreement that would allow a child entering grade 2 next year to graduate high school without a single labour disruption.

If we continue with the same bargaining approach that has been followed for 30 years with teachers, a child could experience as many as five labour disruptions during his or her education.

Labour peace in our schools offers students and teachers alike the opportunity to do their most important work: learning, teaching, developing, and growing the passions and talents of our children.

Standing Up for British Columbia families

Fighting for a better tomorrow for British Columbia means taking a principled stand on critical issues that concern B.C.'s families.

Anti-Bullying

We all have an obligation to help our children stand up to bullying — and to stand up to it ourselves.

Bullying can tear the soul of a child and rip families apart. It deprives a child of their childhood, which deprives the whole community of the energy and spirit of that child.

Your government is a national leader in the effort to stop bullying.

The E.R.A.S.E. Bullying program provides vital information, links and tips for parents and students, and a new online reporting tool to report instances of bullying, threats and other safety concerns.

British Columbia will be the first province to have consistent threat assessment guidelines across all school districts, backed by community protocols and the most comprehensive training program in Canada.

Our province is far better when children have the confidence to stand up to bullying and when their parents, teachers and friends stand strong with them.

Five Conditions

British Columbia is taking a stand on the Enbridge Northern Gateway project and other proposals for heavy-oil projects seeking to traverse our province.

Your government will not allow heavy-oil pipelines into our province unless five clear conditions are met.

The first three conditions require:

- successful completion of the environmental review process;
- world-leading marine oil spill response, prevention and recovery systems for B.C.'s coastline and ocean; and,
- world-leading practices for land oil spill prevention, response and recovery systems.

The fourth condition requires that the legal requirements regarding Aboriginal and treaty rights are addressed.

Only when these first four conditions are met, would your government proceed to the fifth condition, which requires a fair share of the fiscal and economic benefits that reflects the level, degree and nature of the risk borne by our province, our environment and by our taxpayers.

Protecting the British Columbia Prosperity Fund

Your government will stand up for British Columbia for generations to come.

Earlier I spoke about the British Columbia Prosperity Fund. Your government is committed to ensuring the B.C. Prosperity Fund remains an endowment for future generations.

Your government is resolute that the Prosperity Fund cannot become a backstop or excuse for poor fiscal management of government.

The B.C. Prosperity Fund belongs to the people of this province, and it will be protected for them.

Facing the Future

Fellow British Columbians. Your government has charted a clear, focused path — a path based on stability, resilience and economic growth.

It is a path that sees beyond short-term gains and paves the way for the next generation. It is a path that can continue to strengthen our economy today to secure a brighter future tomorrow.

Your government wants a British Columbia where every citizen can find work in their own community, where our children are not shackled by inherited public debt.

Where British Columbia can make its own way in the world, standing tall as a leader in Canada.

British Columbians have a great deal to be proud of today.

Great things are being achieved for families and for future generations.

But for all of our accomplishments, we cannot be complacent. The global economy is still chaotic. Risk remains and we are not immune.

To keep British Columbia moving forward, bold and courageous action is needed. We are at an historic crossroads, like generations before.

Previous generations of British Columbians have bestowed on us values that serve as bedrock on which we all stand and face our own future.

Values that make us a generous society, that give us the courage to be adventurous and the wisdom to act on opportunity when it presents itself.

Members of this Assembly once dreamed of opening our province to the Pacific, at a time when our country was singularly focussed on its ties across the Atlantic or south of the border.

People in this place once dreamed of clean, hydro-electric power that could supply the needs of generations and power a new economy.

We have achieved those dreams.

The promise of a new opportunity is now before us. British Columbians have worked hard to get to this moment, building an economy that is the envy of many.

Now is our time to step forward, with confidence.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Horgan*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Linda Reid*, Member for Richmond East Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. *Horgan*, seconded by the Hon. *M. de Jong*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Dawn Black*, Member for New Westminster Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Horgan*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Harry Bloy*, Member for Burnaby-Lougheed Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice), it was *Ordered* —

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

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Premier) moved that the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Aboriginal Affairs;
2. Education;
3. Finance and Government Services;
4. Health;
5. Public Accounts;
6. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
7. Crown Corporations;
8. Children and Youth;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *M. de Jong* (Convener), *Gordon Hogg*, *Joan McIntyre*, *Eric Foster*, *Pat Pimm*, *Maurine Karagianis*, *John Horgan*, and *Shane Simpson*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved —

That effective immediately, the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows for the duration of the Fifth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament, which commenced on February 12, 2013:

1. That Standing Order 2 (1) is deleted and the following substituted:

Sittings

Daily sittings.

2. (1) The time for the ordinary meeting of the House shall, unless otherwise ordered, be as follows:

Monday:	Two distinct sittings:
	10 a.m. to 12 noon
	1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Two distinct sittings:
 10 a.m. to 12 noon
 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Two distinct sittings:
 10 a.m. to 12 noon
 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

2. That Standing Order 3 be deleted and the following substituted:

Hour of interruption.

3. If at the hour of 6:30 p.m. on any Monday and Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, the business of the day is not concluded and no other hour has been agreed on for the next sitting, the Speaker shall leave the Chair:

On Monday until 10 a.m. Tuesday
 On Tuesday until 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday
 On Wednesday until 10 a.m. on Thursday
 On Thursday until 10 a.m. on Monday

subject to the provisions of Standing Order 2 (2) (b).

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hansen*.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Provincial Sales Tax Transitional Provisions and Amendments Act, 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 12, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *P. Bell* (Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Destination BC Corp. Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 7, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *B. Bennett* (Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 8, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Hansen* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Conflict of Interest Commissioner and a Merit Commissioner for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Hansen* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Hansen* moved—

That this House recommend to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Ms. Fiona Spencer as a statutory Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Merit Commissioner for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Public Service Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 385).

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Hon. *C. Clark* (Premier) moved—

That this House recommend to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Mr. Paul Fraser, Q.C., as a statutory Officer of the Legislative Assembly to exercise powers and duties assigned to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 287).

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) made a ministerial statement regarding the Moose Hide Campaign to end violence against Aboriginal women and children.

Mr. *Fraser* made a statement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Ms. *Barnett* moved, seconded by Mr. *Horne*—

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

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

Thursday, February 14, 2013

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Les*.

Mr. *Foster* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint an Auditor General for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

Mr. *Horgan* rose on a point of order seeking clarification from the Auditor General as to his intention with respect to the Committee’s recommendation.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made representations.

Mr. *B. Simpson* made representations.

The Speaker advised that he would communicate with the Auditor General on the matter.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Provincial Sales Tax Transitional Provisions and Amendments Act, 2013*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, February 14, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mike Charlie, Jr., Songhees First Nation.

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Tla'amin Final Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
February 7, 2013

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave, the Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) moved—

That Chief Clint Williams of the Tla'amin First Nation be permitted to address the Legislative Assembly from the Bar of the House.

Motion agreed to.

Chief Williams was conducted to the Bar of the House and addressed the Legislative Assembly.

The House recessed until 2:08 p.m.

The Hon. *T. Lake* (Minister of Environment) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
February 7, 2013

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Ms. *McIntyre* presented the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth Annual Report, 2011-12 for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *McIntyre* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Horne* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services: Report on the Budget 2013 Consultations for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Horne* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Horne* presented the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services: Annual Review of the Budgets of the Independent Legislative Offices for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Horne* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *I. Chong* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Monday, February 18, 2013

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

2 By leave, Mr. *Fleming* moved—

Be it resolved that this House urge the Government of British Columbia to immediately withdraw from the 2010 Environmental Assessment Equivalency Agreement, signed between the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office and the National Energy Board, in order to take back provincial jurisdiction over the Enbridge Northern Gateway environmental review to ensure that the environmental, social and cultural interests of British Columbians are heard and protected.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, February 18, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. MacDiarmid* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Emergency and Health Services Amendment Act, 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 18, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Dix*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Government Advertising Act, 2013* 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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Rustad* presented the Report of the Special Committee on Timber Supply: Growing Fibre, Growing Value for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Rustad* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *B. Bennett* (Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development) tabled the Islands Trust Annual Report, 2011-2012.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Tla’amin Final Agreement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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 second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2013*, a debate arose.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Destination BC Corp. Act*, a debate arose.

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 second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2013*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

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<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Heed</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Mungall</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Corrigan</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Yap</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Sultan</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Trasolini</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>O'Mahony</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>MacDiarmid</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lake</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Horne</i>	<i>Huntington</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Pimm</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Foster</i>	<i>Thorne</i>
<i>McNeil</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Bloy</i>			

Bill (No. 5) 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 6.33 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thorne*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *T. Lake* (Minister of Environment) reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance), it was *Ordered*—

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

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:
Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2014; and
Supplement to the Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2014;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
February 18, 2013

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

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *C. Clark* (Premier) “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
February 18, 2013

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Budget and Fiscal Plan, 2013/14 – 2015/16 required under section 7 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Government’s Strategic Plan, 2013/14 – 2015/16 required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology and Minister Responsible for

Multiculturalism; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Citizens' Services and Open Government; Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas and Minister Responsible for Housing; Ministry of Environment including Environmental Assessment Office; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour; Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Social Development; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

Crown Agency Service Plans: BC Assessment Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.; BC Innovation Council; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; British Columbia Council for International Education; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Industry Training Authority; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Pacific Carbon Trust; Partnerships BC; Private Career Training Institutions Agency; Provincial Capital Commission; Royal BC Museum Corporation; Trades Training Consortium of British Columbia; Transportation Investment Corporation;

List of Organizations that have been exempted from Section 13 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, and for which service plans are not being filed.

And then the House adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Donaldson*.

The Hon. *M. MacDiarmid* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Seniors Advocate Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 18, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

KEITH BRACKEN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
February 20, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *B. Simpson*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Fall Fixed Election Amendment Act, 2013* 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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Ms. *McNeil* presented the Select Standing Committee on Health Interim Report, 2011-12 for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *McNeil* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) tabled the Final Report of the 2010 British Columbia Judges Compensation Commission, Report to the Attorney General of British Columbia and the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of British Columbia, pursuant to section 5 (3) of the *Judicial Compensation Act*, September 20, 2010.

Mr. *D. Routley* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.55 p.m.

Thursday, February 21, 2013

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Simons*.

Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier) reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Ralston* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, February 21, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report 10: An Audit of Biodiversity in B.C., Assessing the Effectiveness of Key Tools, February 2013.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Criminal Records Review Amendment Act, 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 18, 2013.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Community Safety Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 18, 2013.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Monday, February 25, 2013

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McIntyre*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

3 By leave, Mr. *Pimm* moved—

Given the significant international potential for British Columbia’s natural gas and the new jobs and increased provincial revenue this demand will create, be it resolved that this House fully support this important sector and encourage its growth.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, February 25, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Provincial Sales Tax Transitional Provisions and Amendments Act, 2013* was committed.

The House recessed until 5.37 p.m.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Provincial Sales Tax Transitional Provisions and Amendments Act, 2013* was again committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

KEITH BRACKEN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Justice Reform and Transparency Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
February 20, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Chouhan*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Workplace Bullying Prevention Act, 2013* 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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

By leave, Mr. *Dix* tabled a letter from Commonwealth Campus Corporation to Ms. Jane Schackell, QC, Fairness Advisor, Wood Innovation & Design Centre, November 14, 2012 with reference to Complaint – WIDC Procurement Process.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills examine, inquire into and make recommendations on the matter of the *Members’ Conflict of Interest Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 287).

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee by the House, the Committee is empowered:

- 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 a 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 retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

The said Select Standing Committee is to be composed of *Colin Hansen* (Convener), *Harry Lali*, *Donna Barnett*, *Jagrup Brar*, *Murray Coell*, *Mike Farnworth*, *Randy Hawes*, *Jenny Wai Ching Kwan*, *Mary McNeil*, and *Jane Thornthwaite*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Provincial Sales Tax Transitional Provisions and Amendments Act, 2013* was again committed.

The House recessed until 4:54 p.m.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Provincial Sales Tax Transitional Provisions and Amendments Act, 2013* was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Hon. *I. Chong*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

KEITH BRACKEN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Senate Nominee Election Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
February 21, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) tabled the following documents:

BC Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2011-2012; and,
British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012.

The Hon. *D. McRae* (Minister of Education) made a ministerial statement regarding anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day in British Columbia.

Mr. *Austin* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier) reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The debate resumed on the main motion.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.53 p.m.

Thursday, February 28, 2013

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Barnett*.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report No. 11: Health Benefits Operations: Are the Expected Benefits Being Achieved, February 2013.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, February 28, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

KEITH BRACKEN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
February 21, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Ms. *Huntington*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Election Finance Amendment Act, 2013* 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Hansen* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills re examination of the revision of the *Insurance Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 226) pursuant to the *Statute Revision Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 440) for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament, June 20, 2012.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

1. That the reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly during the Fifth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, with the exception of the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* which is referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, and in addition that the following reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

- Summary Report: Results of Completed Projects (December 2011)
- Development Initiative Trusts: An Audit of Legislative Compliance and Public Accountability Practices in the Three Statutory Trusts (April 2012)
- Audits of Two P3 Projects in the Sea-to-Sky Corridor (July 2012)
- The Status of IT Controls in British Columbia's Public Sector: an analysis of audit findings (July 2012)
- Follow-up Report: Updates on the implementation of recommendations from recent reports (October 2012)
- Observations on Financial Reporting: Summary Financial Statements 2011/12 (December 2012)
- Summary Report: Results of Completed Projects and Other Matters (December 2012)
- Securing the Justin System: Access and Security Audit at the Ministry of Justice (January 2013)

2. That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be the committee referred to in sections 6, 10, 13 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act*.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Committee be empowered:

- (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 a 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 retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

The said Select Standing Committee is to be composed of *Bruce Ralston* (Convener), *Douglas Horne*, *Spencer Chandra Herbert*, *Kathy Corrigan*, *Eric Foster*, *Colin Hansen*, *Randy Hawes*, *John Horgan*, *Vicki Huntington*, *Kevin Krueger*, *John Les*, *Joan McIntyre*, *Lana Popham*, *John Rustad*, and *Shane Simpson*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Hon. *M. MacDiarmid*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the title to the following Act:
Bill (No. 2) *Provincial Sales Tax Transitional Provisions and Amendments Act, 2013*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to this Act."

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Monday, March 4, 2013

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

8 By leave, Mr. *Brar* moved—

Be it resolved that this House urge the Government of British Columbia to ensure that all retailers are registered for the PST before April 1st, 2013; the day the province is scheduled to return to the PST.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, March 4, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawes*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Ms. *McIntyre*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *The Hooper Family Foundation (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2013* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Premier) made a ministerial statement apologizing for the creation of a draft document on multicultural outreach.

Mr. *Dix* made a statement.

The Hon. *M. MacDiarmid* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

KEITH BRACKEN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
February 22, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Krueger* presented a petition regarding restricting non-resident commercial truck traffic along Highway 5A between Kamloops and Merritt.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thorne*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—45

<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Falcon</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>
<i>Stewart</i>	<i>McNeil</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>MacDiarmid</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Pimm</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>Lake</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Horne</i>	<i>Huntington</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Slater</i>
<i>Yap</i>			

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<i>James</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Corrigan</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Dix</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Trasolini</i>	<i>Thorne</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>D. Routley</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>O'Mahony</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>B. Routley</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Bains</i>		

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 27, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Simons*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Social Media Password Protection Act, 2013* 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. *Thornthwaite*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Standards of Care for Breeders of Companion Animals 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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Tla’amin Final Agreement Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Hon. *S. Bond* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2013* was committed.

Section 1 of Bill (No. 5) passed, on division.

Section 2 of Bill (No. 5) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Donaldson*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Ms. *Conroy* presented a petition regarding seniors in care facilities.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) tabled the following documents:
Crown Proceeding Act Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2012;
Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2011-2012;
British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 2011/2012; and
Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 2011/2012.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2013*, a debate arose.

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.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2013* was again committed.

Section 6 of Bill (No. 5) passed, on division.

In consideration of section 4 of Bill (No. 5), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—67

<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Elmore</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Mungall</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>
<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Corrigan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Trasolini</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>O'Mahony</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lake</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>MacDiarmid</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Yap</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>D. Routley</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Huntington</i>	<i>Thorne</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Horne</i>	<i>Pimm</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>McNeil</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Foster</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	

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Bill (No. 5) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2013* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Destination BC Corp. Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.57 p.m.

Thursday, March 7, 2013

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Simons*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2013*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Thursday, March 7, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding a proposal by David Black to build an oil refinery in Kitimat.

On the motion of Mr. *Fleming*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Cosmetic Use of Pesticides Control Act, 2013* 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. *B. Simpson*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Carbon Neutral Government Repeal Act, 2013* 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Coell* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Inquire into the Use of Conducted Energy Weapons and to Audit Selected Police Complaints: Progress Reported in Implementing the 2009 Braidwood Report Recommendations and Processing Police Complaints, March 2013 for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Coell* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Criminal Records Review Amendment Act, 2013*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 11) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Justice Reform and Transparency Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 15) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Community Safety Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 12) 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. 13) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2013* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Destination BC Corp. Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 2013

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Dalton*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

12 By leave, Mr. *Pimm* moved—

Be it resolved that this Legislature support hydraulic fracturing in British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, March 11, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

Members have asked me to seek clarification regarding the intentions of the Auditor General of British Columbia with respect to his acceptance of a recommendation contained in the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint an Auditor General and media reports concerning an offer of employment as Auditor General for the State of Victoria, Australia.

I can inform the House that the Auditor General of British Columbia will be vacating his office on or before May 28, 2013.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Auditor General Amendment Act, 2013* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
March 4, 2013.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Dix*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Promoting Youth Vote Act, 2013* 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Huntington* presented a petition regarding the protection of farmland.

The Hon. *B. Bennett* (Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2012.

The Hon. *T. Lake* (Minister of Environment) made a ministerial statement regarding the second anniversary of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Mr. *Fleming* made a statement.

The Hon. *S. Cadieux* (Minister of Children and Family Development) made a ministerial statement regarding Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week in B.C.

Ms. *Hammell* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Destination BC Corp. Act* was again committed.

Section 28 of Bill (No. 3) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 3) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Justice Reform and Transparency Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Criminal Records Review Amendment Act, 2013* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thornthwaite*.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) tabled the Government Response to the Report of the 2010 Judges Compensation Commission, March 2013.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

13 The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) moved—

Be it resolved that pursuant to section 6(2) of the *Judicial Compensation Act* the Legislative Assembly:

- a. reject the following recommendations of the *Final Report of the 2010 British Columbia Judges Compensation Commission* as laid before this Assembly on February 20, 2013 as unfair and/or unreasonable for the reasons outlined in the *Government Response to the Report of the 2010 Judges Compensation Commission* filed in this House today; and
- b. set the remuneration, allowances or benefits that are to be substituted for the rejected recommendations;

as follows:

1. The recommended salary increase for April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 of an amount based on the cumulative change in the British Columbia Consumer Price Index (the “BC-CPI”) over the preceding three-year period is rejected. The salary increase for April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 is set at 1.5%.

2. The recommended increase in the pension accrual rate for judges from 3% to 3.5% effective April 1, 2013 is rejected. The pension accrual rate is set at 3%.

3. The recommended increase in the pension contribution period for judges from age 71 to age 75 effective April 1, 2011 is rejected. The end of the pension contribution period is set at age 71.

4. The recommendation that the cost of long-term disability benefits for judges over age 65 be separately funded by government outside of the budget of the Office of the Chief Judge is rejected. The cost of long-term disability benefits for these judges will remain within the budget of the Office of the Chief Judge.

5. The implementation date for the recommendation that judges be enrolled in the government flexible benefits plan is rejected. Instead of an implementation date of April 1, 2011, the judges will be enrolled in the government flexible benefits plan commencing September 1, 2013.

6. The recommendation that, effective April 1, 2011, the Senior Judges Program be expanded to increase the possible number of sitting days for senior part-time judges is accepted in part, with the following substitution:

The statutory limitation on a senior part-time judge’s salary may be exceeded by no more than 20% when

- i. the Chief Judge authorizes the senior part-time judge to sit in excess of that part-time judge's scheduled sittings for the year; and
- ii. the extra sittings are necessary, in the Chief Judge's opinion, to meet urgent and unforeseen needs of the court, including needs arising from the illness or injury of another judge.

The recommended implementation date is accepted, as is the recommendation that the change should be reviewed after three years.

That the Legislative Assembly accept the remaining recommendations contained in the report.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Emergency and Health Services Amendment Act, 2013*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 7) read a second time.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2013*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—45

<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>McNeil</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>MacDiarmid</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Pimm</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Heed</i>	<i>Horne</i>	<i>Huntington</i>
<i>Lake</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Slater</i>
<i>Yap</i>			

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<i>James</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>B. Routley</i>
<i>Corrigan</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>D. Routley</i>	<i>Trasolini</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Thorne</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>O'Mahony</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Lali</i>			

Bill (No. 18) 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. 7) intituled *Emergency and Health Services Amendment Act, 2013* Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *B. Routley* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Popham* presented a petition requesting a halt to the commercial introduction of the genetically modified apple to B.C.

The Hon. *P. Bell* (Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour) sought leave to table a document.

Leave not granted.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Statement of 2011/12 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A and Schedule B;

Public Service Benefit Plan Act Annual Report, March 31, 2012;

Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses (for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2013) Revised Schedule F (No. 2), January 25, 2013; and,

Consolidated Revenue Fund Guarantees and Indemnity Authorized and Issued for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2012.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 8) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Auditor General Amendment Act, 2013*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 14) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Seniors Advocate Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Criminal Records Review Amendment Act, 2013* was again committed.

By leave, the Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Justice) moved—

That the proceedings with respect to section 1 of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Criminal Records Review Amendment Act, 2013* be declared null and void and that the Committee reconsider section 1 for the purposes of considering a proposed amendment.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 11) reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cantelon*.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report 12: Audit of the Legislative Assembly’s Financial Records: Update, 2012/13.

On the motion of Ms. *Conroy*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Representative for Seniors Act, 2013* 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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding the Raven Underground Coal Project.

The Hon. *M. MacDiarmid* (Minister of Health) made a ministerial statement regarding Purple Day in support of epilepsy awareness.

Mr. *Farnworth* made a statement.

Mr. *Hansen* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, March 13, 2013.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Hansen* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *The Hooper Family Foundation (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2013* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary Act* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Auditor General Amendment Act, 2013* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

By leave, Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to unanimously appoint an Acting Auditor General, pursuant to section 7 of the *Auditor General Act*, to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Auditor General. The said Special Committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition is empowered:

- 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 a period in which the House is adjourned; and
- c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;

and the Chair shall report to the House as soon as possible, or deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, present the report to the House, or the Speaker may lay the report before the House in a new Parliament, as the case may be.

The said Special Committee shall be composed of the following Members: *Douglas Horne* (Convener), *Colin Hansen*, *John Rustad*, *Kathy Corrigan* and *Bruce Ralston*.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013* was committed.

Section 23 of Bill (No. 8) passed, on division.

Section 33 of Bill (No. 8) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 8) reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Emergency and Health Services Amendment Act, 2013* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.57 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2013

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Horne*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Emergency and Health Services Amendment Act, 2013* was again committed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 7) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 7) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2013* was committed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 18) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 18) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 18) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—45

<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>McNeil</i>	<i>MacDiarmid</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Pimm</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Horne</i>	<i>Huntington</i>
<i>Lake</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Yap</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Slater</i>
<i>Abbott</i>			

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<i>James</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>B. Routley</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Corrigan</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>D. Routley</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Thorne</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>O'Mahony</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Sather</i>

Bill (No. 18) was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Premier) tabled the Review of the Draft Multicultural Strategic Outreach Plan, March 2013.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Seniors Advocate Act* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Gentner* presented a petition regarding support for transitional housing.

Mr. *Hansen* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills Review of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, March 2013 for the Fifth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Hansen* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Ralston* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts Summary of Activities, 2011-12, March 2013 for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Ralston* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Seniors Advocate Act* was again committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment by Ms. *Conroy* on the Order Paper to section 2 of Bill (No. 10), the Committee divided.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—40

<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hogg</i>
<i>Stewart</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hayer</i>
<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McNeil</i>	<i>MacDiarmid</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Pimm</i>
<i>Lake</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Horne</i>	<i>Coell</i>

YEAS—32

<i>James</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Thorne</i>
<i>Corrigan</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>O'Mahony</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>Horgan</i>	<i>D. Routley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>B. Routley</i>	<i>Huntington</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Lali</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>	<i>Slater</i>

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 10) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 10) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Community Safety Act* was committed and reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 12) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—69

<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Elmore</i>
<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Stewart</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>O'Mahony</i>
<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Corrigan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>B. Routley</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lake</i>	<i>MacDiarmid</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coons</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Yap</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>van Dongen</i>
<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Slater</i>
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Horne</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Coell</i>
<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>D. Routley</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Pimm</i>	<i>Thorne</i>
<i>McNeil</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Foster</i>	<i>Gentner</i>
<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Sather</i>

NAYS—2

<i>Huntington</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>
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Bill (No. 12) was read a third time and passed.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 3) *Destination BC Corp. Act*.

Bill (No. 4) *Tla'amin Final Agreement Act*.

Bill (No. 5) *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2013*.

Bill (No. 6) *Local Government Statutes Amendment Act, 2013*.

Bill (No. 7) *Emergency and Health Services Amendment Act, 2013*.

Bill (No. 8) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013*.

Bill (No. 10) *Seniors Advocate Act*.

Bill (No. 11) *Criminal Records Review Amendment Act, 2013*.

Bill (No. 12) *Community Safety Act*.

Bill (No. 14) *Auditor General Amendment Act, 2013*.

Bill (No. 15) *Justice Reform and Transparency Act*.

Bill (No. 18) *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2013*.

Bill (No. Pr 401) *The Hooper Family Foundation (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2013*.

Bill (No. Pr 402) *Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 13) *Supply Act (No. 1), 2013*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Fifth Session of

the Thirty-ninth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The 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 has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the 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.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*
