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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SPECIAL SESSION 1951

Thursday, October 25th, 1951.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Twenty-second Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable CLARENCE WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 12th day of September, 1951.

His Honour CLARENCE WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In opening the Third Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of British Columbia, I do so for the specific purpose of dealing with legislation designed to extend the benefits of old-age pensions to persons in lower age brackets, and to make other modifications in our existing old-age pension laws.

The legislation to be placed before honourable members of this Assembly may well be regarded as yet another humanitarian measure that will bring added contentment and well-being to the people of this Province.

Inasmuch as the Session has been called for a special purpose, I have no further observations to make other than to express the joy and felicitation with which the people have welcomed to this Province Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Since last we met, His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI has suffered a serious illness. It is our sincere hope that he will be quickly restored to health so that he may long be spared to reign over us.

May the blessing of Divine Providence attend your deliberations.

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

Prayers by the Very Rev. G. R. Calvert.

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

The Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Esquimalt was read, as follows:—

“ CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER,
“ VICTORIA, October 23rd, 1951.

“ Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death on the twenty-first day of November, 1950, of Charles Taschereau Beard, a member thereof for the Esquimalt Electoral District:

“ And whereas on the sixteenth day of August, 1951, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“ Now I do hereby certify that on the twenty-third day of October, 1951, the said writ was returned by the Returning Officer with his certificate endorsed thereon that the voters of the said district have chosen *Franklin John Mitchell* to represent the Esquimalt Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“ F. HURLEY,
“ *Chief Electoral Officer.*

“ *E. K. DeBeck, Esq.,*
“ *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*
“ *Victoria, B.C.*”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Straith*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Esquimalt be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Franklin John Mitchell*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *H. E. Winch* and Mr. *Calder*, and took his seat.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Interpretation Act ’ ” was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration forthwith, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Straith*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—
“ We, His 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.”

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on this 25th day of October, 1951, and all following days of the Session there will be three distinct sittings on each day, one from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second from 2.30 to 6 p.m., and the third from 8.30 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Standing Orders numbered 60, 68, and 123 be suspended for this Session.

The Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Old-age Assistance," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 25th, 1951.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Old-age Assistance," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 25th, 1951.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Thursday, October 25th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Old-age Assistance" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 25th, 1951.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for Old-age Assistance" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas it has been necessary for Mr. *Alexander Campbell Hope*, member for Delta, to be absent from the Third Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of British Columbia owing to illness:

And whereas section 54 of the "Constitution Act," R.S.B.C. 1948, in part states that "if any member of the Legislative Assembly, without the permission of the Legislative Assembly, fails during a whole Session to give his attendance in the Legislative Assembly . . . his election shall thereby become void and the seat of such member shall be vacated":

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the said Mr. *Hope* be granted leave of absence from the current Session of the Legislature, and that his absence shall in no way impair his position as duly elected member of this Assembly.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1951,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 25th, 1951.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1951,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for a Reduction in the Allowances to be paid to Members attending the Session of the Legislative Assembly at which this Act is passed," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 25th, 1951.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for a Reduction in the Allowances to be paid to Members attending the Session of the Legislative Assembly at which this Act is passed," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Friday, October 26th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Douglas B. Carr*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for a Reduction in the Allowances to be paid to Members attending the Session of the Legislative Assembly at which this Act is passed" was read a second time, and, by leave of the House, *Ordered* to be committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1951,'" was read a second time, and, by leave of the House, *Ordered* to be committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Haggen*,—

That this Legislature request the Government to urge upon the Federal Government consideration of granting old-age pensions to all persons over the age of 65 without a means test and without further additional financial responsibility being imposed upon the Provinces.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	

NAYS—34.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Gould</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Mowat</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Cates</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>McDonnell</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Whisker</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Ash</i>	

Mr. *Harding* moved, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*,—

Resolved, That this Assembly urge the Dominion Government to take effective measures to combat inflation and the rapidly rising cost of living, such as the immediate reimposition of price controls and the payment of subsidies where necessary, so as to protect the health and living standards of the Canadian people.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*,—

Whereas the Legislature on the 1st day of March, 1911, passed an Act cited as “Strathcona Park Act,” in which certain tracts of land on Vancouver Island were reserved and set apart as a public park and pleasure-ground for the benefit, advantage, and enjoyment of the people of British Columbia:

And whereas the said Act provides that “no person shall locate, settle upon, use, or occupy any portion of the Park”:

And whereas the proposal to dam Buttle Lake will affect that part which is within Strathcona Park area, and therefore under the terms of the legislation should only be done with the consent of the Legislature through any required amending legislation:

And whereas public hearings have been held and completed relative to the aforementioned proposal, disclosing wide variance of opinion:

Therefore be it Resolved, That all information relative to the proposal and the public hearings be filed with this Legislature:

And be it further Resolved, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the entire situation with a view to recommending to the Government the opinion of the members on this vital subject.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gillis</i>

NAYS—34.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Gould</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Mowat</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Cates</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Whisker</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Ash</i>	

The Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* presented the following papers:—

Return pursuant to section 169 of the “Mineral Act.”

Return pursuant to section 167 of the “Placer-mining Act.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

Friday, October 26th, 1951.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mitchell*,—

Whereas the people of British Columbia are gravely concerned about the high and increasing cost of food:

And whereas milk is accepted by health authorities as a basic food, particularly essential for children:

And whereas a decreased consumption of milk by children must materially affect child welfare in health and the capacity to assimilate education:

And whereas producers, distributors, and consumers alike are unable to agree on the future of the industry:

And whereas the reported selling and slaughtering of dairy herds in this Province must further aggravate an already serious situation:

And whereas the production, distribution, and cost to consumers of milk has become a major public issue:

And whereas there is no sign of a settlement of the controversy and difficulties:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering and recommending a solution for this urgent problem to the consideration of the Government.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	

NAYS—31.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Gould</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Mowat</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Cates</i>
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<i>Whisker</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	

Mr. *Haggen* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas on the 18th day of April, 1951, the Legislature passed an Act cited as the "Hospital Insurance Act Inquiry Act," and pursuant to same the Lieutenant-Governor in Council did appoint a Hospital Insurance Inquiry Board:

And whereas a publicity release dated October 24th, 1951, was issued by the Minister of Health and Welfare relative to certain interim recommendations:

And whereas no information has been forthcoming as to whether the recommendations referred to by the Minister were the only ones made by the Hospital Insurance Inquiry Board:

And whereas it is in the public interest that the citizens of British Columbia should know the content matter of all recommendations made, whether or not they are agreed to by the Government:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare file with the House all recommendations that may have been made to date by the Hospital Insurance Inquiry Board:

And be it further Resolved, That should any interim recommendations have been made that in the view of this Government require legislative action, that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing any such said recommendations with a view to making its opinion known to the Government as to the advisability of legislation being introduced at the present Session.

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*,—
To strike out all the words in the last paragraph.

A debate arose.

The amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was Resolved,—

Whereas Mr. *Alexander Campbell Hope*, member for Delta, has been absent from the Third Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of British Columbia owing to illness:

And whereas the said Mr. *Hope* is in Victoria but has been unable to attend the said Session owing to illness as aforesaid:

And whereas under the circumstances it is deemed just and reasonable that notwithstanding the absence of the said Mr. *Hope* the same expenses and sessional allowance be paid to him as to the other members:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, pursuant to section 2 of Bill No. 4 as passed at this Session, the same expenses and sessional allowance be paid to the said Mr. *Hope* as provided for the other members of the Legislative Assembly attending the said Session.

The Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* presented a return of an interim report of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Inquiry Board.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11.15 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 9.40 p.m.

Saturday, October 27th, 1951.

FIFTEEN MINUTES PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Speaker.

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

Edwin Keary DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 2) An Act to provide for Old-age Assistance.

(No. 3) An Act to provide for Allowances for Blind Persons.

(No. 4) An Act to provide for a Reduction in the Allowances to be paid to Members attending the Session of the Legislative Assembly at which this Act is passed.

(No. 5) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1951."

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

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

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

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:—

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing the Third Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of British Columbia, I desire to express my appreciation for the attention you have given to the matters submitted for your consideration.

The legislation you have enacted in order to extend old-age pensions to persons in the lower age-group, as well as better conditions for the blind, will, I feel sure, improve the welfare of our citizens.

I thank you for your attendance and pray the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon you all.

The Hon. Mr. *Straith*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

NANCY HODGES, *Speaker*.