Thursday, February 29, 1968

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,406 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1969.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,686 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, General Administration, to 31st March, 1969.

161. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$174,586 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Agent-General's Office and British Columbia House, London, England, to 31st March, 1969.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$334,678 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1969.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,435,908 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Data Processing Centre, to 31st March, 1969.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,494 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Industrial and Trade Office, to 31st March, 1969.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,096 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, British Columbia House, San Francisco, to 31st March, 1969.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1969.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Advertising and Publicity, to 31st March, 1969.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$530,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Trade Promotion, to 31st March, 1969.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Provincial Exhibits, British Columbia Building, to 31st March, 1969.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Grants to British Columbia Research Council, to 31st March, 1969.

The Committee reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting. *Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.42 p.m.

Friday, March 1, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. E. Leonard.

On the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black, Bill (No. 38) intituled An Act to Amend the Public Libraries Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, the following Bills were 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:—

Bill (No. 43) intituled An Act to Amend the Evidence Act.

Bill (No. 44) intituled An Act to Amend the Real Estate Act.

Bill (No. 42) intituled An Act to Amend the Strata Titles Act.

On the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black, Bill (No. 46) intituled To Amend the Mental Health Act, 1964, and, Consequentially, the Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance 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.

Mrs. *Dailly* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, regulations issued by the Department of Education relating to essential classroom construction.

Mr. Speaker stated that although it appeared that the specific regulation referred to in the member's statement had only recently been published, there had already been wide debate on the general question of school construction during both the Throne and Budget debates.

Mr. Speaker further stated that the question to be determined by him was not the "urgency" of the matter but rather the "urgency" of debate at this time. Mr. Speaker quoted from the 16th edition of May, at page 371, as follows: "The motion has been refused when an ordinary Parliamentary opportunity will occur shortly or in time," and upon that authority ruled the motion out of order as an opportunity for debate would occur during the Estimates of the Department of Education, which have not yet been considered by the House.

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled An Act to Amend the Forest Act a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. McGeer, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Macfarlane, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled An Act to Amend the Department of Commercial Transport Act.

Bill (No. 29) intituled An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled An Act to Amend the Assessment Equalization Act.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:----

YEAS-42

Messieurs

Hall	Nimsick	Jordan, Mrs.	Mussallem
Hartley	Harding	Dawson, Mrs.	McDiarmid
Berger	Strachan	Kiernan	Capozzi
Williams, R. A.	Macdonald	Williston	Vogel
Vulliamy	LeCours	Bennett	Loffmark
Stupich	Chabot	Bonner	Brothers
Parkinson	Skillings	Black	Campbell
Barrett	Little	Wenman	Chant
Dailly, Mrs.	Jefcoat	Smith	Peterson
Calder	Shelford	Phillips	Richter
Eddie	McCarthy, Mrs.		

NAYS-6

		Messieurs	
Williams, L. A. Gardom	Clark McGeer	Macfarlane	Perrault

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled An Act to Amend the Mineral Act.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled An Act for the Protection of Personal Privacy.

The debate continued.

Bill 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. 2) intituled An Act to Facilitate the Implementation of Section 3 (c) of the Agreement Made the Eighth Day of July, 1963, between Canada and British Columbia Consequential upon the Columbia River Basin Treaty Made between Canada and the United States of America was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. L. R. Peterson (Minister of Labour) presented the Fifty-first Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the year ended December 31, 1967.

43 Mrs. Dailly asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

With reference to the cost of school textbooks in British Columbia:-

1. What was the total cost to the Government for textbooks in the fiscal year 1966/67?

2. What was the average textbook cost per pupil in the fiscal year 1966/67?

3. What were the names of the companies or individuals supplying the textbooks, and what amount was paid to each relevant company or individual?

The Hon. L. R. Peterson replied as follows:-

"1. \$1,770,308.66.

"2. \$3.88.

"3. Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. Inc., \$102,213.54; Thomas Allen Ltd., \$2,691.68; Appleton Century Crofts, \$2,739.95; Bellhaven House, \$11,692.50; The Book Society of Canada Ltd., \$12,216.27; Wm. C. Brown Co., \$696.10; Clarke, Irwin & Company Ltd., \$109,946.97; Clarke & Stuart Company Ltd. (Willson Stationers Ltd.), \$1,789.75; Collier-Macmillan (Canada) Ltd., \$33-689.84; The Copp Clark Publishing Company Ltd., \$921,229.66; J. M. Dent & Sons, Canada, Ltd., \$456,122.84; Doubleday, Canada, Ltd., \$13,590; Evergreen Press Ltd., \$46,884,32; Federal Government Publications Branch, \$415; W. H. Freeman & Company, \$9,656.77; W. J. Gage Ltd., \$326,690.51; General Publishing Company Ltd., \$107.300; Gideons International, \$233.62; Ginn and Company, \$291,662,66; Mary Glasgow & Baker Ltd. (Scholastic Tab.), \$812,50; Harper Brothers Publishing Inc., \$602.08; Holt, Rinehart & Winston of Canada, Ltd., \$198,910.16; Neil A. Kjos Music Co., \$555.82; House of Grant, Canada, Ltd., \$8,260; Institute of Applied Arts, \$7,700; Longmans Canada Ltd., \$216,985.38; McAinsh & Co., \$30,907; McClelland & Stewart Ltd., \$5,310; McGraw-Hill Company of Canada, Ltd., \$234,575; Macmillan Company of Canada, Ltd., \$237,190.22; William Morrow & Company, \$398.20; Musson Book Company Ltd., \$23,214.75; Thomas Nelson & Sons, Canada, Ltd., \$86,641.35; Oxford University Press, \$5,746.95; Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, Canada, Ltd., \$27,894.20: Oueenswood House Ltd., \$29,196.42; Queen's Printer, Province of British Columbia, \$21,766.04; Random House of Canada, Ltd., \$13,186.66; The Ryerson Press. \$56,135.40; Saunders of Toronto Ltd., \$6,268.44; School Publications & Specialties, \$604.80; Charles Scribner's Sons, \$151.73; St. John Ambulance Association, \$1,156; Waterloo Music Company Ltd., \$3,588."

110 Mrs. *Dailly* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

With reference to the British Columbia Institute of Technology, Burnaby:---

1. How many persons applied for entry in 1967 and how many were accepted and undertook training?

2. Were any applicants rejected because of a lack of training facilities in 1967?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, how many persons were rejected and what specific courses had they applied for?

The Hon. L. R. Peterson replied as follows:-

"1. In the school-year 1966/67 a total of 1,580 qualified applicants applied for training at the British Columbia Institute of Technology, of which 1,422 were accepted, and of these only 1,306 actually registered and undertook training.

"2. Yes.

" 3. The British Columbia Institute of Technology rejected 158 persons. The 158 rejections were in the following specific programmes:—

Technology	Applicants Rejected
Broadcast Communications-	
Production Option	47
Technical Option	4
Building	8
Business Management—	
Accounting Option	3
Administrative Option	6
Computer Programming Option	24
Marketing Option	4
Civil and Structural	8
Electrical and Electronics	10
Nursing Option	33
Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Management	7
Surveying	4
Total	158 "

156 Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

Regarding the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria, and the Simon Fraser University:—

1. How many students were registered in each of these universities respectively for the school-year 1966/67?

2. How many of these students in each case were (a) residents of British Columbia, (b) residents of Canada, and (c) residents of countries other than Canada?

3. Are the entrance fees to each course the same for both citizens and non-citizens?

The Hon. L. R. Peterson replied as follows:-

"1. University of British Columbia: Winter session, 17,219; summer session, 5,244. University of Victoria: Winter session, 3,423; summer session, 956. Simon Fraser University: Fall semester, 4,064; spring semester, 4,156; summer semester, 1,599.

" 2. University of British Columbia—	British Columbia	Residence Other Canadian Provinces	Other Countries
Winter session Summer session University of Victoria—		1,233 212	881 214
Winter session Summer session Simon Fraser University (undergraduate students only)—		nformation not avail	
Fall semester Spring semester Summer semester	3,166	557 624 291	175 167 109

"3. Tuition fees for various courses in the several faculties of the abovementioned universities are the same for citizens and non-citizens."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, March 4, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. Gracey.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 4, 1968.

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. 49) intituled An Act to Amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act, 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 after today.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pensions Act, 1961, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 4, 1968.

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. 48) intituled *An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pensions Act*, 1961, 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 after today.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled An Act Respecting Superannuation Benefits for Persons Employed in School District Colleges and Regional Colleges, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 4, 1968.

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. 47) intituled An Act Respecting Superannuation Benefits for Persons Employed in School District Colleges and Regional Colleges, 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 after today.

On the motion of the Hon. D. R. J. Campbell, Bill (No. 63) intituled An Act to Provide for the Registration of Qualified Social Workers was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

The Hon. L. R. Peterson (Minister of Labour) presented the Department of Labour Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1967.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. D. Blencoe.

On the motion of the Hon. D. R. J. Campbell, the following Bills were 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:—

Bill (No. 40) intituled An Act to Amend the Adoption Act.

Bill (No. 37) intituled An Act to Amend the Protection of Children Act.

On the motion of Mr. Berger, Bill (No. 66) intituled Landlord and Tenant Act, 1968, was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,016 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1969.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$131,808 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Administration, to 31st March, 1969.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$113,086 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets and Statistics Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$233,856 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,616 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$102,390 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Entomology Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,862 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Apiary Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$809,454 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$273,294 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dairy Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$115,908 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Poultry Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,366 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,620 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1969.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1969.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$163,824 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$345,317 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development and Extension Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$101,896 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,728 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, 4-H Clubs, to 31st March, 1969.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,006 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Milk Board, to 31st March, 1969.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$117,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1969.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1969.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1969.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1969.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Subsidies on Agricultural Lime, to 31st March, 1969.

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

24 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following question:—

Are there any heads of families receiving social assistance who do not qualify for medical cards because they are classified as unemployed employables and, if so, how many?

The Hon. D. R. J. Campbell replied as follows:-

"Yes, statistics not maintained."

194 Mr. *Barrett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. Did any unemployed employables receive social assistance in any social welfare region in the Province in 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, and 1967?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total number of recipients in all or any regions of the Province in each year?

The Hon. D. R. J. Campbell replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. Approximately one-third of case load."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.13 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5, 1968

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farm Labour Service, to 31st March, 1969.

27. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$20 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farms, to 31st March, 1969.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$154,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Crop Insurance, to 31st March, 1969.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Land-clearing and Domestic Water Assistance, to 31st March, 1969.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, *Pound District Act*, to 31st March, 1969.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, *Grasshopper-control Act*, to 31st March, 1969.

32. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding 1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Natural Products Marketing (B.C.) Act, to 31st March, 1969.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Pest Control, to 31st March, 1969.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Aid in Construction of Storage Facilities, Farm Commodities, to 31st March, 1969.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, *Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act*, to 31st March, 1969.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.02 p.m.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. S. Parsons.

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

George R. PEARKES, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled An Act to Establish the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 6, 1968.

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. 65) intituled An Act to Establish the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, 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 after today.

On the motion of Mr. Wolfe, Bill (No. 62) intituled An Act to Confer Certain Powers on the City of Vancouver was introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Wolfe asked leave of the House, without notice, to suspend the Rules in order to refer the Bill to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Leave was not granted.

On the motion of Mr. *Wolfe*, the Bill was *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. LeCours, Bill (No. 68) intituled An Act to Amend the Inferior Courts Practitioners Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting. On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled An Act Respecting Collective Bargaining and Mediation, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Eddie, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. W. N. Chant (Minister of Public Works) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1966.

2 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

With reference to home purchase grants:----

1. How many applications have been received?

2. How many applications have been accepted?

3. What is the total amount paid to date to applicants?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:----

"1. 28,345.

"2 and 3. See page 27 of the 1968 Budget Speech."

11 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

With reference to natural-gas sales by British Columbia Hydro:-

1. Was a net profit made on the sale of gas during the last reported financial year?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the amount of that profit?

3. Was a net loss made on the sale of gas during the last reported financial year?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what was the amount of the loss?

5. What was the total cost of gas purchased during the last reported financial year?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. \$6,536,770.

" 3. No.

"4. Not applicable.

"5. \$17,468,778."

In answer to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *McGeer*:—

63 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

With respect to contingent liabilities listed on page E 27 of Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1967, what were the specific investments held in the sinking fund as of March 31, 1967, of:—

1. B.C. Hydro pursuant to section 19 of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Act, 1964?

2. Pacific Great Eastern Railway pursuant to section 17 of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Construction Loan Act, 1954?

3. British Columbia Ferry Authority pursuant to section 28 of the British Columbia Ferry Authority Act?

4. The holdings in the sinking funds of Nos. 1, 2, and 3 above as of January 29, 1968?

The Hon. Minister of Finance stated that, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such return upon the table of the House, and thereupon presented such Return.

In answer to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *McGeer*:—

64 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What were the specific assets of the Centennial Cultural Fund under section 2, chapter 7, S.B.C. 1967, as of January 29, 1968?

The Hon. Minister of Finance stated that, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such return upon the table of the House, and thereupon presented such Return.

104 Mr. Harding asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

Regarding the Columbia River project-Mica Dam:---

1. Has any assessment been levied and placed upon the assessment roll for British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's ancillary buildings, roads, improvements, etc., in the Mica Dam area?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the assessment values and tax returns for the years 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968 (estimated)?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.		
" 2.		
Year	Assessed Value	Tax Returns
1965	Nil	Nil
1966	\$2,091,220	\$49,970
1967	2,677,771	73,585
1968	2,714,956	Not available "

159 Mr. *Hall* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following question:—

Regarding the Department of Social Welfare, Surrey, as of December, 1966, and December, 1967, what was the total number of recipients of supplementary Social Allowances?

The Hon. D. R. J. Campbell replied as follows:---

"1. As of December 31, 1966, there were 1,047 cases receiving supplementary Social Allowance and health services.

"2. As of December 31, 1967, there were 990 cases receiving supplementary Social Allowance and health services."

161 Mr. Hall asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

Regarding the Department of Social Welfare, Surrey:-

1. What was the total number of recipients of social welfare assistance during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December, 1966 and 1967?

2. In each of the months in No. 1, how many were (a) heads of families, (b) dependents, (c) single men, and (d) single women?

The Hon. D. R. J. Campbell replied as follows:-

"1 and 2.

Number of Social Welfare Recipients for the District of Surrey
1966

	Family Heads	Dependents	Single Men	Single Women	Total
January		2,536	221	281	3,871
February		2,559	234	280	3,886
March	781	2,437	223	288	3,729
April	765	2,330	196	323	3,614
May	744	2,193	202	296	3,435
June	770	2,368	184	281	3,603
July		2,289	157	281	3,475
August	722	2,169	154	263	3,308
September	754	2,274	193	295	3,516
October	751	2,234	205	304	3,494
November		2,246	219	313	3,540
December		2,624	261	331	4,071
		1967			
January		2,730	260	319	4,180
February		2,807	260	327	4,294
March	909	2,856	286	311	4,362
April	831	2,640	265	333	4,069
May	808	2,429	243	342	3,822
June		2,344	226	335	3,674
July	546	2,256	180	332	3,314
August	690	2,063	167	325	3,245
September		2,014	183	319	3,187
October	698	2,089	213	318	3,318
November		2,324	236	337	3,657
December		2,604	277	324	4,045 "

188 Mr. *Hartley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following question:—

What was the take of each of the following animals in Game Management Areas Nos. 2 and 15 during the years 1958 to 1967: Bull moose, antlerless moose, mule deer (bucks), mule deer (antlerless), whitetail deer (bucks), whitetail deer (antlerless), elk (bulls), and elk (antlerless)?

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan replied as follows:---

"Sex data by management area not available prior to 1965.

"Game Management Area No. 15: 1965, moose, 22 bulls, 4 antlerless; mule deer, 686 bucks, 338 antlerless. 1966, moose, 12 bulls; mule deer, 912 bucks, 354 antlerless.

"Game Management Area No. 2: 1965, moose, 4 bulls; mule deer, 1,375 bucks, 1,038 antlerless; elk, 2 bulls. 1966, moose, 23 bulls; mule deer, 3,613 bucks, 1,946 antlerless; elk, 20 bulls."

189 Mr. *Hartley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:—

Have there been any prosecutions under the *Pollution Control Act*, 1967?
 If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many prosecutions have been made under the *Pollution Control Act*, 1967?

"1. No.

"2. Not applicable."

193 Mr. Barrett asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following question:—

With reference to medical identity cards issued to recipients of social assistance, excluding supplementary social assistance paid to pensioners, how many persons were eligible for health services as at November 30, 1967, or at the latest date available?

The Hon. D. R. J. Campbell replied as follows:----"December 31, 1967, 41,712."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, March 7, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. E. Bergbusch.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, seconded by Mr. Strachan, it was Resolved,—

That the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia expresses its best wishes and congratulations to E. K. DeBeck, Esq., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, on the occasion of his eighty-fifth birthday.

Motion agreed to nemine contradicente.

On the motion of Mr. Calder, Bill (No. 70) intituled An Act to Amend the Evidence Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Bill (No. 36) intituled An Act to Extend the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to Approve Variations of Trust in the Interests of Beneficiaries and to Sanction Dealings with Trust Property was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 7, 1968

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,852 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1969.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$309,722 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration, General Administration, to 31st March, 1969.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1969.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.17 p.m.

Friday, March 8, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Brig. V. Underhill.

Mr. *Barrett* rose claiming a matter of privilege, namely, whether a member had a right to require the attendance of a witness before a Select Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order 72 (1), the Chairman of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing having ruled to the contrary.

Mr. Speaker referred to his ruling made on the 14th day of February last that decisions made in the Select Standing Committees of the House must be settled in the Committee and not reported to the House.

Mr. Speaker stated that, in view of the claim of "privilege" being made in the present instance, and about which he had some doubt, he would reserve his decision for further consideration.

On the motion of the Hon. D. R. J. Campbell, Bill (No. 67) initialed An Act to Facilitate the Improvement of the Scenery Bordering Highways was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, Bill (No. 64) intituled An Act to Amend the Wildlife Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$606,271 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1969.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$876,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1969.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$137,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1969.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1969.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$363,220 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1969.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$439,123 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Official Reporters, to 31st March, 1969.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Conference of Commissioners on Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, 31st March, 1969.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Coroners' Conference, to 31st March, 1969.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Magistrates' Conference, to 31st March, 1969.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Prosecutors' Conference, to 31st March, 1969.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$529,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, *Magistrates Act*, to 31st March, 1969.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,376,134 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Registration, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1969.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$168,718 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Registration, Companies Office, to 31st March, 1969.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,097,101 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Registration, Motor-vehicle Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$239,616 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Trustees, Public Trustee's Office, to 31st March, 1969.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,880 be granted to her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Insurance and Real Estate Office, to 31st March, 1969.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,394 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Securities Commission Office, to 31st March, 1969.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,022 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Credit Unions Office, to 31st March, 1969.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$236,510 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Fire Marshal's Office, to 31st March, 1969.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,642 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Censor of Moving Pictures Office, to 31st March, 1969.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,992 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Racing Commission, to 31st March, 1969.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,094,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Police Services, Policing by Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to 31st March, 1969.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Police Services, Sundry Incidental Police Expenses, to 31st March, 1969.

62. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Police Services, Grant re Police Academy, to 31st March, 1969.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 6.05 p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, March 8, 1968

FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$277,671 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Corrections Office, to 31st March, 1969.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,315,614 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Probation Offices, to 31st March, 1969.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,175 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Probation Hostels, to 31st March, 1969.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,848 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Parole Board, to 31st March, 1969.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$464,794 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Alouette River Unit, to 31st March, 1969.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$86,683 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Narcotic Drug Treatment, to 31st March, 1969.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,782,066 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1969.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$575,636 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Women's Gaol and Camp, to 31st March, 1969.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$616,818 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Chilliwack Forest Camps, to 31st March, 1969.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$691,504 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Prince George Gaol and Forest Camp, to 31st March, 1969.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$673,724 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Kamloops Gaol and Forest Camps, to 31st March, 1969.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,637,087 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Haney Correctional Institution (Including Forest Camps and New Haven), to 31st March, 1969.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$758,840 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Vancouver Island Unit and Camps, to 31st March, 1969.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Commercial Transport, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1969.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,308 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Commercial Transport, General Administration, to 31st March, 1969.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,814 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Commercial Transport, Engineering Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$591,098 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Commercial Transport, Weigh-scale Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 8.03 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. M. Fowler.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Bill (No. 69) intituled An Act to Amend the Coroners Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. Hartley, Bill (No. 71) intituled An Act Respecting Agreements for Sale of Farm Machinery and Parts was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. D. R. J. Campbell, the Rules were suspended to permit the moving of the following motion:—

Moved by the Hon. D. R. J. Campbell, seconded by the Hon. F. X. Richter,-

Resolved, That Bill (No. 62) intituled An Act to Confer Certain Powers on the City of Vancouver, introduced for first reading in the Legislature on March 6, 1968, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills to hear and examine submissions from interested parties on all aspects of the Bill and to report its findings to the House.

Motion agreed to.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. J. E. Fagan.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 20) intituled An Act to Amend the Forest Act, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 8, 1968.

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 5: To amend the proposed subsection (1) of section 58 of the Act as follows:---

(a) By striking out the words "sixty-five cents" in the third line of subclause (v) of clause (a) and substituting the words "seventy cents"; and

(b) By striking out the words "sixty-five cents" in the second line of subclause (iii) of clause (b) and substituting the words "seventy cents".

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 proposed amendments to Bill (No. 20) intituled *An Act to Amend the Forest Act*, a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 20).

Resolution reported. Report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Clark*, the following Bills were 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:—

Bill (No. 72) intituled An Act Respecting the Broadcasting of Debates and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

Bill (No. 73) intituled An Act to Amend the Municipal Act.

On the motion of Mr. Barrett, Bill (No. 74) intituled An Act Respecting the Rehabilitation of Prisoners was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

3 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

With reference to Columbia River power development:----

1. What is the total amount expended to December 31, 1967?

2. Was this expenditure made direct from the moneys obtained from the United States of America under the Columbia River Treaty?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is no, was the expended money borrowed and, if so, where from and at what rate of interest?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is no, where was the expended money obtained?

5. What is the estimated expenditure for the year 1968?

6. What are the latest estimates as to the total capital cost of (a) Duncan storage, (b) Arrow storage, (c) Mica storage, (d) Mica at-site generation, and (e) general costs?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. \$261,212,623 including interests during construction and overhead costs.

"2. Yes.

"3 and 4. Not applicable.

" 5 and 6. Not finalized."

12 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:---

With reference to Red Star Petroleum Company:---

1. What is the current price per gallon paid by Red Star for gasoline?

2. What is the current price per gallon received by Red Star in gasoline sales?

3. What was the total revenue and total expenditure in 1966/67?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. Red Star Petroleum pays the following prices for gasoline: (a) Portage Mountain project, 17.96 cents; (b) Arrow project, 20.7 cents; (c) Mica project, 21.02 cents; and (d) passenger transportation system, special blend gasoline, 13.7 to 14.7 cents (depending on location). The above prices include Federal sales tax but do not include Provincial road tax of 13 cents or 1 cent per gallon as appropriate.

"2. Red Star Petroleum is not in the business of selling gasoline; however, gasoline is charged to the contractor on the Portage Mountain project and Columbia River project as follows: Portage Mountain project, 23.97 cents per gallon; Arrow project, 25 cents per gallon; and Mica project, 25.02 cents per gallon.

"This charge is not treated as revenue of Red Star Petroleum as the spread between Red Star's cost price and billing price to the contractor is credited to the cost of the respective projects. In the case of the passenger transportation system, that service is charged with gasoline at Red Star's cost. Red Star leases two servicestations to outside parties, receiving only a commission on the gasoline sold by these two stations.

"3. Fiscal year ended March 31, 1967: Revenue, \$24,095; expenses (repairs to property, taxes, provision for depreciation, etc.), \$8,158."

26 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

With reference to the Peace River power project:---

1. What is the total amount spent to date on the project?

2. What is the total amount spent to date on the Portage Mountain Dam?

3. What is the total amount spent to date on transmission-lines?

4. What is the latest estimated cost of the first stage of this project?

5. What is the latest estimated cost per mill of the first power to be delivered to the Lower Mainland?

6. What is the latest estimated cost of the whole project?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:---

"1. \$405,337,449 to December 31, 1967.

"2. \$98,552,524 to December 31, 1967.

"3. \$88,274,159 to December 31, 1967.

"4, 5, and 6. Not finalized."

29 Mr. *Perrault* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Did the dedication for the W. A. C. Bennett Dam involve the expenditure of (a) Provincial Government funds and (or) (b) funds from the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority?

2. If the answer to either of the above is yes, what was the amount in each case?

3. Were any guests present for this ceremony as guests of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and (or) the Provincial Government?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what are the names of these guests?

5. Were any members of the Provincial Legislature transported to the ceremony and entertained there by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and (or) the Provincial Government?

6. If the answer to No. 5 is yes, what are their names?

7. What was the total cost of the dedication ceremony to (a) British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, (b) the Government of British Columbia, and (c)private contractors and suppliers?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:---

"1. (a) No and (b) yes.

"2. Arrangements for the ceremony were undertaken by certain members of the B.C. Hydro staff. Because of the difficulty of isolating such expenditures as specifically related to the ceremony an itemized cost figure is not available.

"3. An estimated 3,500 persons attended the ceremony on September 12, 1967. A general invitation was extended to the public through the press and radio (a copy of the advertisement which appeared in a number of newspapers is tabled).

"4. All those who attended could be considered to be guests of B.C. Hydro.

"5. Yes, along with other guests.

"6. Guest names not published.

"7. (a) See No. 2 above, (b) none, and (c) information not available."

50 Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. When did construction of the Mica hydro project commence?

2. What is the scheduled date for completion of the Mica hydro project?

3. How many acres will be flooded in the Mica basin?

4. Have clearing specifications in regard to the Mica reservoir been issued as vet?

5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, when were these clearing regulations issued?

6. If the answer to No. 4 is no, when will these clearing regulations be issued?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. November 2, 1964.

"2. October 31, 1973.

"3. 105,000 acres.

"4. No.

" 5. Not applicable.

"6. Announcement will be made at a later date."

In answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. McGeer:---

65 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What were the specific investments of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District sinking fund as of January 29, 1968?

66 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:---

What were the detailed investments of the Civil Servants' Superannuation Fund as of January 29, 1968?

67 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What were the detailed investments of the Retirement Fund as of January 29, 1968?

68 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:---

What were the specific assets of the Provincial Home-acquisition Fund under section 7, chapter 39, S.B.C. 1967, as of January 29, 1968?

69 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What were the specific assets of the Queensborough Bridge Account under section 4, chapter 61, S.B.C. 1967, as of January 29, 1968?

The Hon. Minister of Finance stated that, in his opinion, the replies should be in the form of Returns and that he had no objection to laying such Returns upon the table of the House, and thereupon presented such Returns.

134 Mr. Harding asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

Regarding the highway from Revelstoke to Mica Creek in the Revelstoke-Slocan riding:---

1. When is this project expected to be completed?

2. What has been the cost of this project to December 31, 1967?

3. (a) What is the estimated cost of completing the paving of this project, and (b) will this paving programme be completed in 1968?

4. Is the cost of this project shared with the Department of Highways?

5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, what amount or percentage will be paid by (a) British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and (b) Department of Highways?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. Completed in 1967.

"2. \$21,511,000.

"3. (a) Not applicable and (b) not known until completed.

"4. Cost sharing for the construction of this highway is still under discussion with the Department of Highways.

"5. See No. 4 above."

140 Mr. Harding asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

Regarding the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority access road on the east side of Duncan Lake in the Revelstoke-Slocan riding:—

1. What was the total length of road to be built?

2. Have all contracts for this construction been let, and, if yes, what was the total cost of the project?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, (a) who were the contractors, (b) what was the amount of each contract, and (c) what was the mileage involved in each contract?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:---

"1. Thirty-six miles of road.

"2. Yes, estimated cost is \$2,500,000.

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"3. (a) Section 1, Interior Contracting Company Limited; Section 2, P. F. Law Construction Limited; (b) Section 1, \$1,200,000; Section 2, incomplete, estimated, \$1,300,000; and (c) Section 1, 18 miles; and Section 2, 18 miles."

143 Mr. Harding asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

Regarding the Duncan Dam reservoir:---

1. How many acres were flooded in the Duncan Dam reservoir?

2. How many acres were (a) cleared prior to the flooding of the reservoir, (b) cleared in the year 1967, and (c) remain to be cleared?

3. (a) What was the cost to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority for reservoir clearing in 1967, and (b) if no additional acreage was cleared, how was the money spent?

4. (a) Has a clearing programme for the entire reservoir basin been drawn up, (b) if yes, what is the estimated cost, (c) how much will be spent each year, and (d) how long will the programme take?

5. If the answer to No. 4 (a) is no, what firm plans, if any, does British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority have for any clearing in the Duncan Dam reservoir?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. Acres flooded, 11,500 (not including original lake area).

"2. (a) 2,000 acres, (b) 276 acres, and (c) 9,500 acres.

"3. (a) \$167,700 and (b) not applicable.

"4. (a) No; (b), (c), and (d) not applicable.

" 5. The British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority will clear the balance of the reservoir in accordance with the requirements of the clearing specifications."

150 Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

Regarding new townsites established along the Arrow Lakes due to the Columbia River development:—

1. What is the total expenditure by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority to December 31, 1967, on the (a) Burton townsite, (b) Edgewood townsite, and (c) Fauquier townsite?

2. How many housing units were completed and occupied in each townsite to December 31, 1967?

3. How many housing units are under construction in each townsite to December 31, 1967?

4. How many building lots were available to the general public in each townsite as of December 31, 1967?

5. Are there any plans for making available additional building lots in each townsite, and, if yes, what are the plans for each of the above townsites?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. (a) \$184,000, (b) \$102,500, and (c) \$828,500.

"2. Burton, 14; Edgewood, 17; and Fauquier, 20.

"3. Burton, 2; Edgewood, nil; and Fauquier, 2.

"4. Other than for relocation purposes, none.

"5. There are no present plans for providing additional building lots but area is available if expansion is necessary."

In answer to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Stupich:---

151 Mr. Stupich asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:---

With respect to the trust liabilities listed on page E 26 of the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1967, what were the corresponding assets, and what rate of interest was being earned on each investment?

The Hon. Minister of Finance stated that, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House, and thereupon presented such Return.

209 Mr. *Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

Regarding White Swan Cleaners Limited:-

1. What specific services were received or goods supplied for the \$1,707 paid in 1966/67 (Public Accounts, p. 192), and which department or departments received the goods or services?

2. Have any moneys been paid to this company during the fiscal year?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, (a) what is the total amount paid, (b) what specific services or goods were applied, and (c) which department or departments received the goods or services?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:---

"1. Drycleaning services, Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Tranquille School.

" 2. No.

"3. Not applicable."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 1968

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,310 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1969.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$209,472 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Administration, to 31st March, 1969.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$94,482 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of General Educational Services, Curriculum Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$138,660 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of General Educational Services, Research and Standards Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$188,756 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of General Educational Services, Post-secondary and Adult Education Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$476,127 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of General Educational Services, Secondary Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1969.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,434 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of General Educational Services, Elementary Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1969.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$643,930 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of General Educational Services, Textbook Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,297,642 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Local Educational Services, Inspection of Schools and School Services, to 31st March, 1969.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$683,788 bc granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Special Educational Services, Jericho Hill School, to 31st March, 1969.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$441,528 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Teacher Registration and Examinations, Teacher Registration and Examinations, to 31st March, 1969.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,606 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Finance Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$83,107,066 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Post-secondary Education and Training, to 31st March, 1969.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Capital Expenditures, Provincial Technical and Vocational Schools and Vocational Grants to School Districts, to 31st March, 1969.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,950,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants to School Districts, to 31st March, 1969.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,440,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Superannuation Fund, to 31st March, 1969.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,400,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Textbooks, Maps, Etc., to 31st March, 1969.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$245,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Night-school Grants, to 31st March, 1969.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$183,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Training Programmes, to 31st March, 1969.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March, 1969.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$215,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Community Programmes Grants, to 31st March, 1969.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals, Grants, and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1969.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1969.

103. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Advances re Rural School and Library Taxes, to 31st March, 1969.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.56 a.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 1968

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. C. Crawley.

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 36) intituled An Act to Extend the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to Approve Variations of Trust in the Interests of Beneficiaries and to Sanction Dealings with Trust Property.

Bill (No. 37) intituled An Act to Amend the Protection of Children Act.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled An Act to Amend the Public Libraries Act a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. L. A. Williams, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 39) intituled An Act to Facilitate the Donation of Human Tissue for Therapeutic and Research Purposes was read a second time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled An Act to Amend the Adoption Act a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Barrett, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

Bill (No. 42) intituled An Act to Amend the Strata Titles Act.

Bill (No. 43) intituled An Act to Amend the Evidence Act.

Bill (No. 44) intituled An Act to Amend the Real Estate Act.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled To Amend the Mental Health Act, 1964, and, Consequentially, the Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance Act a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Harding, for Mr. Parkinson, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled An Act Respecting Superannuation Benefits for Persons Employed in School District Colleges and Regional Colleges a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Vulliamy, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 48) intituled An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pensions Act, 1961, was read a second time and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled An Act to Amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Vulliamy, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled An Act to Amend the Forest Act.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:---

YEAS-44

Messieurs

Hall	Eddie	Shelford	Smith
Hartley	Nimsick	McCarthy, Mrs.	P hillips
Berger	Harding	Jordan, Mrs.	Mussallem
Williams, R. A.	Strachan	Dawson, Mrs.	Capozzi
Vulliamy	Macdonald	Kiernan	Vogel
Stupich	LeCours	Williston	Loffmark
Parkinson	Chabot	Bennett	Brothers
Barrett	Skillings	Bonner	Campbell
Dowding	Little	Black	Chant
Dailly, Mrs.	Jefcoat	Wolfe	Peterson
Calder	Tisdalle	Wenman	Richter

NAYS-6 Messieurs

Williams, L. A. Clark Macfarlane Perrault Gardom McGeer

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled An Act Respecting Collective Bargaining and Mediation.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 1968

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

committed at the next straine after roday.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, Bill (No. 76) intituled An Act to Amend the Universities 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.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 4) intituled An Act to Amend the Notre Dame University of Nelson Act.

Bill (No. 5) intituled An Act to Amend the Provincial Home-owner Grant Act.

Bill (No. 6) intituled An Act to Amend the Provincial Home-acquisition Grant Act and to Make Additional Appropriation for the Purposes of That Act was committed, reported complete without amendment.

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The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 4 the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, the Rules were suspended and it was Ordered that the division on section 4 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:—

Y	EAS-	-26

Messieurs

LeCours	McCarthy, Mrs.	Black	Vogel
Chabot	Jordan, Mrs.	Wolfe	Loffmark
Skillings	Dawson, Mrs.	Wenman	Brothers
Little	Kiernan	Smith	Campbell
Jefcoat	Williston	Phillips	Chant
Tisdalle	Bennett	Mussallem	Richter
Tisdalle Shelford	Bennett Bonner		Richter

Nays—22

Messieurs

Williams, L. A.	Williams, R. A.	Macfarlane	Eddie
Gardom	Vulliamy	Perrault	Nimsick
Clark	Stupich *	Dowding	Harding
Hall	Parkinson	Dailly, Mrs.	Strachan
Hartley	Barrett	Calder	Macdonald
Berger	McGeer		

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 6) a debate arose. The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:----

YEAS-49

Messieurs

Williams, L. A.	Perrault	Little	Black
Gardom	Dowding	Jefcoat	Wolfe
Clark	Dailly, Mrs.	Tisdalle	Wenman
Hall	Calder	Bruch	Smith
Hartley	Eddie	Shelford	Phillips
Berger	Nimsick	McCarthy, Mrs.	Mussallem
Williams, R. A.	Harding	Jordan, Mrs.	Vogel
Vulliamy	Strachan	Dawson, Mrs.	Loffmark
Stupich	Macdonald	Kiernan	Brothers
Parkinson	LeCours	Williston	Campbell
Barrett	Chabot	Bennett	Chant
McGeer	Skillings	Bonner	Richter
Macfarlane			

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled An Act to Amend the Land Act was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 1) intituled An Act for the Protection of Personal Privacy was committed, section 1 reported complete without amendment.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

The Committee asked leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. McLean.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Strachan*, the Rules were suspended to permit the moving of the following motion:—

Moved by Mr. Strachan, seconded by the Hon. L. R. Peterson,-

Resolved, That this House urges the representatives of the Southern Interior lumber industry and the International Woodworkers of America to resume negotiations immediately and to proceed with such negotiations continuously until a settlement is reached and the present strike settled.

Motion agreed to nemine contradicente.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:---

Honourable Members,—On Friday last, pursuant to Standing Order 26, the honourable member for Coquitlam asked for consideration by the House of an alleged breach of privilege arising from the Chairman's ruling in the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, that members of the Committee have no absolute right to require witnesses to be summoned under Standing Order 72 (1). On February 14th last a similar question was raised as a point of order and, following the authority of Beauchesne, 4th edition, at page 240, I ruled that the ruling of the Chairman in a Select Standing Committee should be settled in the Committee and not reported to the House.

However, because of the concern which the House and, no less, the Speaker must have at all times to preserve the privileges of the House and its members, I asked the indulgence of the House for time to consider whether or not in the present instance a matter of privilege or a point of order was in issue. The 17th edition of May, at page 42, describes "Parliamentary privilege" as "the sum of the peculiar rights enjoyed by each House collectively as a constituent part of the high court of parliament and by the members of each House individually, without which they could not discharge their functions. . . The privileges of parliament are rights which are absolutely necessary for the due execution of its powers. They are enjoyed by individual members because the House cannot perform its functions without unimpeded use of the services of its members; and by each House for the protection of its members and the vindication of its own authority and dignity. When any of these immunities, both of the members individually and of the assembly in its collective capacity, which are known by the general name of ' privileges,' are disregarded or attacked by any individual or authority, the offence is called ' a breach of privilege ' and is punishable under the law of parliament."

In the same edition of May the privileges which attach to members of parliament individually are enumerated as follows: (1) Privilege of freedom of speech; (2) privilege of freedom from arrest or molestation; (3) privilege of access to the Crown.

In Bourinot's "Parliamentary Procedure," 4th edition at page 303, "questions of privilege" are described in general terms as referring to all matters affecting the rights and immunities of the House collectively, or to the position and conduct of members in their representative character.

The power of this House to define those privileges is sanctioned by the Constitution Act, R.S.B.C. 1960, chapter 71, and such privileges have been largely codified in the Legislative Assembly Privileges Act, R.S.B.C. 1960, chapter 215.

As explained by Dawson in the 2nd edition of "Government of Canada" at page 399, the privileges of the individual member are primarily designed to enable the member to attend his parliamentary duties without interference and to encourage members to speak and act freely without fear of undesirable consequences.

The same learned author in his text "Procedure in the Canadian House of Commons," at page 52, rather critically comments that "Three hundred years ago the Earl of Clarendon wrote: 'It is not to be believed how many sober and wellminded men had their understanding perverted by the mere mention of privilege of parliament.' In a somewhat different sense these words might easily be applied to the Canadian House of Commons. At best, the privilege in the Canadian House is little understood and little used. At worst, it is looked on as being a convenient excuse to make any remark in the House which cannot be made in the normal course of business. There have always been matters raised on points of privilege which have, on examination, proved not to be privilege, and Speakers have tried unsuccessfully to prevent abuses of the rule." I do not infer that these remarks are applicable to the matter under consideration, but they are, perhaps, of passing interest.

With reference to the Speaker's discretion in permitting a matter of privilege to be raised, the authorities are clear that the Speaker must be satisfied that a prima facie case of breach of privilege has been made out. The following are instances where the claim of privilege has not been sustained: (1) Disallowance of a question by the Speaker; (2) allegations of obstruction of the business of the House; (3) disagreement with a ruling by the Speaker. May, 17th edition, page 377.

In the present instance I recall to the House that the honourable member did not, as is the usual practice, present any motion dealing with the matter raised. It is noted in Beauchesne, 4th edition, at page 102, that a question of privilege "should be dealt with by a motion giving the House power to impose a reparation or apply a remedy."

A study of decisions of other Speakers of this House has not disclosed to me any earlier consideration of the matter in question, but I am satisfied that matters involving points of order cannot be dealt with as matters of privilege (reference, Speakers' Decisions, Vol. 1, at page 119). I am, however, mindful that it is not the duty of the Speaker to decide the question of substance whether a breach of privilege has, in effect, been committed, because that is a question which can only be decided by the House itself.

In the light of the foregoing definitive statements of what matters involve the "privileges" of parliament and its members, the cited instances where prima facie cases of privilege were held not to be made out, and in the absence of any motion, I must conclude that the matter raised by the honourable member is not within the scope of Standing Order 26 to which I have earlier referred, and I therefore so rule.

W. H. MURRAY, Speaker.

4 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

With reference to the payment of \$274,800,000 received October 1, 1964, under the Columbia River Treaty:---

1. Was any of this money expended to December 31, 1967?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the details of these expenditures?

3. Was any interest earned by all or part of the \$274,800,000 to December 31, 1967?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what is the total amount of interest earned?

5. What is the total amount unexpended, including any interest to December 31, 1967?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

" 1. Yes.

"2. Duncan storage, \$30,090,387; Arrow storage, \$144,119,555; Mica storage, \$85,184,179; general development costs, \$1,818,502; total including interest during construction and overhead, \$261,212,623.

" 3. Yes.

"4. \$50,997,963, including interest on Duncan flood-control benefits and additional Duncan downstream power benefits received subsequent to September 16, 1964.

"5. \$77,630,845, including Duncan flood-control benefits and additional Duncan downstream power benefits received subsequent to September 16, 1964."

5 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following question:—

With respect to the interest earned by Columbia River Treaty funds, what were the sources and the interest paid by each during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1967, and the nine months ended December 31, 1967?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

Income from investments-	Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1967	Nine Months Ended December 31, 1967
Province of Quebec	\$3,030,000	\$2,102,400
Bank of Montreal	303,189	
Kinross Mortgage Corporation	2,064,619	654,887
Other short-term investments	254,452	280,670
	\$5,652,260	\$3,037,957
Income from temporary advances to the Authority for general purposes	\$3,593,261	\$1,233,535
Interest charged to construction, Duncan, Arrow, and Mica storage projects	6,743,427	8,111,402
Total	\$15,988,948	\$12,382,894 "

36 Mr. *Perrault* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Of the ferries acquired by the British Columbia Ferry Authority in the purchase of the Black Ball ferry system, (a) which are still in service, and (b) if those no longer in service have been disposed of, by ship (i) how many were sold for scrap, (ii) how many are in operation under new ownership, and (iii) how much was returned to the Authority from their disposition?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:---

"(a) M.V. 'Sechelt Queen' (formerly 'Chinook') and the 'Langdale Queen' (formerly 'Kahloke') and (b) (i) none, (ii) three, (iii) \$40,290."

185 Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

Regarding the reservoir area behind the Mica Dam:-

1. How many acres of privately owned timber will be flooded?

2. How many private owners are involved and what is the acreage in each case?

3. Has the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority obtained any of the

private timber holdings and, if yes, how many acres and what was the price?

4. On what basis is the purchase of privately held timber made?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:—

"1. Crown granted lots, 994 acres; timber berths, 4,346 acres; timber licences, 7,573 acres; total, 12,913 acres.

"2. Crown grants, 7 owners; timber berths, 2 owners; timber licences, 1 owner; total, 10 owners.

"Crown grants: Crosby Estate, 95 acres; Sutton, 185 acres; Coleman, 341 acres; Kicking Horse, 110 acres; Can. Western Lumber Company, 99 acres; D. Landsburg, 164 acres; total, 994 acres.

"3. Yes, \$19,702; 185 acres at \$9,436; 95 acres at \$10,226.

"4. (a) Timber is cruised by an accredited forester and (b) stumpage value is based on the average timber-sale stumpage for the Nelson Forest District adjusted for hauling distance to point of use."

220 Mr. *Parkinson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

Regarding the British Columbia Hospital Districts Financing Authority:— 1. Has the Authority purchased any debentures from regional hospital districts?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how much money was involved in each debenture issue (a) by regional hospital district and (b) the date of purchase?

3. Has the Authority borrowed any money by the sale of debentures?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what were (a) the dates of sale, (b) the amount of each debenture issue, and (c) the effective rate of interest of each debenture issue?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. No.

"2. Not applicable.

"3. No.

"4. Not applicable.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 1968

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Bill (No. 75) intituled An Act to Amend the Consumer Protection 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.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 20) intituled An Act to Amend the Forest Act, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 14, 1968.

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 5: To amend the proposed subsection (1) of section 58 of the Act by striking out the words "thirty cents" in the seventh line of subclause (iv) of clause (a) and substituting the words "forty cents".

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 proposed amendments to Bill (No. 20) intituled An Act to Amend the Forest Act,

a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 20).

Resolution reported. Report adopted.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

A ruling of the Chairman in Committee was appealed to the House.

Without the Committee rising, the question was put in the House, "Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?"

The Chairman's ruling was sustained.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,684 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1969.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$561,824 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Labour Standards Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$103,860 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,564,447 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$217,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Labour Relations Branch, to 31st March, 1969.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Government Grants to Increase Workmen's Compensation Pensions, to 31st March, 1969.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1969.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1969.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m. 6