

**Wednesday, May 21, 1980**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *Wm. Merritt*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, Bill (No. 16) intituled *Consumer and Corporate Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1980* 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. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement relating to the Referendum held in the Province of Quebec on May 20, 1980.

Mr. *Barrett* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Howard* rose on a point of order relating to tabling of a document referred to during Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

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

- (No. 2) *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 1980.*
- (No. 4) *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1980.*
- (No. 5) *Special Purpose Appropriation Act, 1980.*
- (No. 6) *Forest and Range Resource Fund Act.*
- (No. 23) *Trade and Convention Centre Act.*

The Administrator was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by *Ian M. Horne*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to these Bills.”

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

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**Thursday, May 22, 1980**

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TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *David Smith*.

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

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o’clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

**Friday, May 23, 1980**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by *Brig. T. Smith*.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

**11** Mrs. *Daily* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services the following questions:

1. What was the number of persons employed in both established and temporary positions in the Public Service as at February 29, 1980?

2. What was the number of persons employed in both established and temporary positions in each of the B.C. Buildings Corporation, the B.C. Systems Corporation, and the B.C. Ferry Corporation as at February 29, 1980?

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* replied as follows:

	Established	Temporary	Total
"1. Public Service .....	33,560	8,120	41,680
"2. B.C. Buildings Corporation .....	1,241	65	1,306
B.C. Systems Corporation .....	426	35	461
B.C. Ferry Corporation .....	2,275	469	2,744."

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

As sports consultant, what are Mr. Eric Whitehead's terms of reference and cite the authority under which this appointment was made—

1. At what salary will he be paid?
2. What is the duration of his appointment?
3. Was there a competition for the position?
4. If the answer to No. 3 is "yes," who were the other applicants?

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* replied as follows:

"The contractor will act as a special sports consultant to the Ministry and will (a) act as a direct personal liaison between the said Ministry and all sport-governing organizations throughout the Province, including Sports B.C. and the B.C. Ski Council, (b) promote relations between the Ministry and those organizations, (c) examine problem areas related to the foregoing and make recommendations to the Ministry and the organizations, (d) advise the organizations on ongoing sport-related programs, and (e) as and when directed by the Ministry, undertake and perform, on behalf of the Ministry, such other tasks and functions related to the Ministry's sports, recreation and cultural programs.

"The authority for this appointment rests with the Minister and the Treasury Board, to expend funds provided by the *Supply Act*.

"1. \$2,000 per month.

"2. 12 months.

"3. This is not a position and there was no competition."

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

1. Are any files kept on employees in the Public Service other than a ministry personnel file and a Public Service Commission personnel file?

2. Are there any files maintained which contain information of a personal or confidential nature about Public Service employees?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is "yes," then do employees have access to all such files to review or correct such information?

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* replied as follows:

"1. Those are the only individual files that are kept on all public servants.

"2. Yes.

"3. In the Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services, any such files are open to inspection by the employee concerned and any correction will be received and placed in the same file. I am unable to answer for other individual ministries."

And then the House adjourned at 12.56 p.m.

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Monday, May 26, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *John Laszczyk*.

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

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) tabled a document relating to the Federal-Provincial Conference of First Ministers on the Constitution held in Ottawa, February 5 and 6, 1979.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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**Tuesday, May 27, 1980**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rabbi *H. Markowitz*.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

*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.

Wednesday, May 28, 1980

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. K. Strom.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. J. H. Heinrich (Minister of Labour) replied to a question by the Member for Comox relating to compensation benefits for former Alcan employees.

By leave, the Hon. J. H. Heinrich (Minister of Labour) replied to a question by the 2nd Member for Victoria relating to shower facilities for workers exposed to lead compounds.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$129,448 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1981.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,155,166 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Deputy Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1981.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,137,221 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Finance and Administration, to 31st March, 1981.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,863,929 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Field Operations, to 31st March, 1981.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200,310 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Economics and Marketing Services, to 31st March, 1981.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,793,224 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Financial Assistance Program, to 31st March, 1981.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$233,196 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Information Services, to 31st March, 1981.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$239,987 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Milk Board, to 31st March, 1981.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,170,317 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 1981.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,078,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March, 1981.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$408,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March, 1981.

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

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of Vote 10 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—28

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

## NAYS—22

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* moved that the proceedings in relation to the third reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *School Amendment Act, 1980* be discharged and declared null and void, and the said Bill recommitted in respect of section 1 thereof.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture) tabled a report intituled Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries 1979-80.

**22** Mr. *Hall* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. How many copies of the 1980-81 Provincial Budget have been printed?
2. How many copies of the 1980-81 Provincial Budget have been distributed by the Government?
3. What is the total amount of money spent by the Government in printing these copies of the 1980-81 Provincial Budget?
4. What is the total amount of money spent by the Government in advertising the 1980-81 Provincial Budget?
5. In which publications were advertisements placed for the 1980-81 Provincial Budget, and in each case, what was the cost of the advertisement?

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

- "1. 25,000 copies.
- "2. 15,466 copies.
- "3. \$29,028.78.
- "4. \$55,108.43.
- "5. The advertisements were carried by daily and weekly newspapers and other publications throughout the Province, as well as by the *Financial Post* and *Financial Times*. A list of the publications in which the advertisements were placed, together with the cost per publication, follows:

Publication	No. of Insertions	Total Cost \$
Prince George Citizen .....	1	192.00
Victoria Times/Colonist.....	2	1,020.00
Kamloops Daily Sentinel .....	2	276.00
Penticton Herald.....	2	276.00
Vancouver Sun and Province .....	2	3,360.00
Vernon Daily News.....	2	288.00
New Westminster Columbian .....	2	840.00
Kelowna Courier .....	1	162.00
Nanaimo Free Press .....	1	144.00
Pazifische Rundschau .....	2	264.00
Alaska Highway News.....	2	300.00
Peace River Block News.....	2	300.00
Prince Rupert Daily News.....	2	324.00
Trail Daily Times .....	2	360.00
Terrace Daily Herald .....	2	336.00
Nelson Daily News .....	2	348.00
Cranbrook Daily Townsman .....	2	276.00
Alberni Valley Times .....	2	396.00
Kimberley Daily Bulletin .....	2	240.00
Chinese Times .....	2	188.20
Chinatown News .....	2	350.00
Chinese Voice .....	2	145.20
L'Eco D'Italia .....	2	330.00
B.C. Catholic .....	2	290.40
Abbotsford Sumas Matsqui News .....	2	204.60
Agassiz Harrison Advance.....	2	112.20
Aldergrove Star.....	2	158.40



Publication	No. of Insertions	Total Cost \$
Armstrong Advertiser .....	2	112.20
Ashcroft Cache Creek Journal .....	2	112.20
Barrier Bulletin .....	2	72.60
Bella Coola Thunderbird .....	2	99.00
Bowen Island Undercurrent .....	2	42.00
Burnaby Boundary Road .....	2	349.80
Burnaby Today .....	2	382.80
Burns Lake District News .....	2	145.20
Cache Creek Pioneer .....	2	165.00
Campbell River Courier/Upper Island .....	2	330.00
Campbell River Mirror .....	2	158.40
Castlegar News/Mirror .....	2	211.20
Chase Shuswap Weekly .....	2	79.20
Chilliwack Progress .....	2	204.60
Clearwater Times .....	2	105.60
Colwood, Juan de Fuca News .....	2	204.60
Comox Totem Times .....	2	105.60
Courtenay Comox District Free Press .....	2	191.40
Courtenay North Island Advertiser .....	2	165.00
Cranbrook Courier Merchandiser .....	2	198.00
Cranbrook Kootenay Advertiser .....	2	231.00
Creston Review .....	2	118.80
Creston Valley Advance .....	2	138.60
North Delta Sentinel .....	2	277.20
Delta Optimist .....	2	178.20
Duncan Cowichan Leader .....	2	191.40
Duncan Pictorial .....	2	237.60
Duncan Cowichan News .....	2	191.40
Enderby Commoner .....	2	112.20
Esquimalt Lookout .....	2	145.20
Fernie Free Press .....	2	165.00
Fort Nelson News .....	2	138.60
Fort St. James Courier .....	2	112.20
Fort St. John Town and Country .....	2	198.00
Fraser Lake Bugle .....	2	112.20
Ganges Gulf Islands Driftwood .....	2	151.80
Gibsons Sunshine Coast News .....	2	158.40
Golden Gazette .....	2	99.00
Golden Star .....	2	112.20
Grand Forks Gazette .....	2	145.20
Hope Standard .....	2	132.00
Invermere Valley Echo .....	2	132.00
Kamloops News .....	2	184.80
Kaslo Pennywise .....	2	257.40
Kelowna Capital News .....	2	165.00
Kerrisdale Revue .....	2	330.00
Kitimat News Advertiser .....	2	165.00
Ladysmith Chemainus Chronicle .....	2	138.60
Lake Cowichan Lake News .....	2	112.20
Langford Goldstream Gazette .....	2	191.40
Langley Advance .....	2	191.40
Langley Suburban Shopping News .....	2	231.00
Lillooet Bridge River News .....	2	125.40
Lumby Logger .....	2	118.80
Maple Ridge Gazette .....	2	184.80
Maple Ridge Meadow News .....	2	217.80

Publication	No. of Insertions	Total Cost \$
McBride Robson Valley Courier .....	2	92.40
Merritt Herald .....	2	158.40
Merritt Merrittonian .....	2	79.20
Nicola Valley News .....	2	112.20
Merritt Weekend News Advertiser .....	2	158.40
Mission Fraser Valley Record .....	2	191.40
Nakusp Arrow Lake News .....	2	105.60
Nanaimo Times.....	2	198.00
Nelson Pennywise.....	2	257.40
Nelson West Kootenay Today .....	2	297.00
New Denver Nakusp Pennywise.....	2	257.40
Okanagan Falls Viewpoint.....	2	105.60
Oliver Chronicle.....	2	132.00
100 Mile Free Press .....	2	158.40
Osoyoos Times .....	2	132.00
Parksville Arrowsmith Star .....	2	125.40
Parksville Progress.....	2	191.40
Penticton Tri Lake Recorder .....	2	165.00
Penticton Western News Advertiser.....	2	198.00
Port Coquitlam Herald .....	2	165.00
Port Hardy North Island Gazette .....	2	171.60
Powell River News .....	2	191.40
Powell River Town Crier .....	2	191.40
Princeton Similkameen Spotlight .....	2	125.40
Quesnel Cariboo Observer.....	2	171.60
Revelstoke Review.....	2	132.00
Richmond News.....	2	330.00
Salmon Arm Observer .....	2	138.60
Salmon Arm Shoppers Guide .....	2	198.00
Sechelt Peninsula Times .....	2	165.00
Sechelt The Press .....	2	158.40
Sidney Review.....	2	191.40
Smithers Interior News.....	2	165.00
Sooke Mirror.....	2	112.20
Sparwood Crowsnest Clarion .....	2	79.20
Squamish Times and Citizen .....	2	396.00
Summerland Review.....	2	132.00
Surrey Leader.....	2	191.40
Surrey Shopper and Super Shopper .....	2	699.60
Surrey Times.....	2	178.20
Terrace Northern Times.....	2	250.80
Ucluelet Tofino, Westcoaster .....	2	92.40
Vancouver Chinese Canadian News .....	2	264.00
Vancouver Free Press .....	2	283.80
Vancouver Herald.....	2	303.60
Vancouver Highland Echo.....	2	316.80
Jewish Western Bulletin .....	2	442.20
Vancouver The Link.....	2	264.00
Vancouver Marpole Review.....	2	231.00
Mount Pleasant Review .....	2	231.00
Vancouver Overseas Times.....	2	297.00
North Shore News .....	2	495.00
Le Soleil de Columbie .....	2	198.00
South Burnaby Revue .....	2	264.00
South Vancouver Revue .....	2	389.40
Columbian Weekly .....	2	382.80

Publication	No. of Insertions	Total Cost \$
Vancouver Courier.....	2	448.80
Vancouver News.....	2	297.00
West Ender.....	2	396.00
Western News.....	2	349.80
Vanderhoof Nechako Chronicle.....	2	99.00
Vanderhoof Omineca Advertiser.....	2	125.40
Vedder Mountaineer.....	2	118.80
Vernon Advertiser.....	2	198.00
Vernon This Week.....	2	171.60
Victoria Oak Bay Star.....	2	151.80
Victoria Sportscaster.....	2	118.80
Victoria Monday Magazine.....	2	382.80
Westbank News Advertiser and Kelowna Rutland Progress.....	2	224.40
Whistler Question.....	2	151.80
White Rock Peace Arch News.....	2	204.60
Williams Lake Tribune.....	2	171.60
Williams Lake Laketown News.....	2	145.20
Valemont Canoe Mountain Echo.....	2	99.00
Chetwynd Echo.....	2	112.20
Coquitlam Enterprise.....	2	316.80
Mackenzie Times.....	2	108.90
North and West Vancouver Citizen.....	2	435.60
Richmond Review.....	2	396.00
Surrey Delta Messenger.....	2	336.60
White Rock and Surrey Sun.....	2	224.40
Financial Post.....	1	4,788.00
Financial Times.....	1	2,870.00."

And then the House adjourned as 5.59 p.m.

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**Thursday, May 29, 1980**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *H. Emery*.

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

By leave, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled The Garibaldi Advisory Panel General Report — Part I dated July 1978.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

The Chairman further reported that, on the motion the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—19

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>			<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

## NAYS—28

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

By leave, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) tabled a copy of Minutes of the One Hundred and Forty-first Meeting of the Provincial Capital Commission held on October 3, 1979.

**35** Mr. *Skelly* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Parks and Housing the following questions:

1. When was Tom Toynbee appointed a director of the Housing Corporation of British Columbia?

2. When did Tom Toynbee cease to be a director of the Housing Corporation of British Columbia?

3. Since February 1977, how many housing units were (a) initiated by the Housing Corporation of British Columbia and (b) completed by the Housing Corporation of British Columbia?

4. How many directors' meetings did Mr. Toynbee attend?

5. During Mr. Toynbee's term as a director and as chairman of the board of the Housing Corporation of British Columbia, what salaries, expenses, or other remuneration did he receive?

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

"1. February 4, 1976, appointed director; June 1977, appointed chairman of the board; May 1978, appointed chief executive officer; December 1978, appointed president; August 1979, resigned as president, remained chairman.

"2. Is chairman of the board of directors at the present time.

"3. (a) 194 and (b) 684.

"4. 26 out of 30.

"5. Year	Fees \$	Retainer \$	Expenses \$
1976 .....	1,250	1,500	166
1977 .....	10,400	2,000	1,163
1978 .....	17,650	2,000	1,866
1979 .....	23,300	1,000	2,505."

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

**Friday, May 30, 1980**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Captain *A. Swan*.

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

The Hon. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Health) made a statement relating to the increase in Medical Plan premiums contained in a press release of May 29.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) made a statement relating to the bond rating of the Province of British Columbia, and by leave, tabled a copy letter from Moody's Investors Service, N.Y., dated May 22, 1980.

By leave, Mr. *Barber* tabled a copy of the minutes of the One Hundred and Forty-first Meeting of the Provincial Capital Commission held on October 3, 1979.

Mr. *Barber* rose on a point of order, namely, that an unparliamentary expression had been used yesterday while he was absent from the House, and asked for a withdrawal.

Mr. Speaker stated he would review the matter.

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 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following statement:

*Honourable Members:*

Earlier today in response to a point of order by the 1st Member for Victoria, I undertook to examine the "blues" of yesterday to determine whether the Minister of Finance had used unparliamentary words in commenting on certain questions raised by the Honourable Member in question period.

In debate when the Speaker hears unparliamentary expressions or when a member draws such expressions to the attention of the Chair, the Speaker immediately asks for withdrawal. The Chair makes the decision based on practice and tradition, and the member must withdraw when so instructed, failure to do so being an offence against the House. In the case at hand, the 1st Member for Victoria complained that the Minister's statement indicated that he had deliberately misled the House. The member indicated that he had inadvertently misdescribed a document and the Minister pointed out he had not alleged that the member had deliberately misled the House.

A statement that a member has deliberately misled the House is clearly unparliamentary and subject to intervention by the Chair.

My examination of the "blues" reveals that the Minister made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In question period today the Honourable 1st Member for Victoria, who is not in his seat, in developing a series of questions alleged that the minutes of the Provincial Capital Commission, October 3, 1979, contained certain information. Reference was made to page 4 of those minutes. I will in a moment, with leave, table a photocopy of the minutes of the 141st meeting of the Provincial Capital Commission held on October 3, 1979, at 2 p.m. in the Malahat Building.

Mr. Speaker, there is no page 4. There is no reference on page 1, 2, or 3 of the minutes — and that is the full set of minutes — to the matter on which the member built his questions and his case. I feel aggrieved by that fact. I am sorry the member is not here to apologize to the House."

I note that the Chair did not intervene nor did any member ask the Chair to intervene at the time the statement was made and therefore I felt it was necessary to re-examine the "blues" to determine whether unparliamentary words had been used.

The Minister's statement indicates a difference of opinion between two members as to the content of a document but does not contain any expression which would require a withdrawal, nor is there any basis for the claim that the 1st Member for Victoria should apologize to the House.

W. K. DAVIDSON, *Deputy Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 12.54 p.m.

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**Monday, June 2, 1980**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *G. Cassell*.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* (Minister of Environment) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Environment for the year ended December 31, 1979.

By leave, the Hon. *C. S. Rogers* (Minister of Environment) replied to questions asked by the Member for Alberni relating to the *Greenbelt Act*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 3, 1980**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Robert D. Holmes*.

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

Mr. *Lauk* rose on a point of order, namely, absence of members in the House.

Mr. Speaker ruled against the point of order.

The ruling of the Speaker was challenged.

The ruling of the Speaker was sustained on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

NAYS—23

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled a copy telex dated May 30, 1980 relating to the Kettle Valley Feasibility Study.



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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 34) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 1), 1980* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 2, 1980.*

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

By leave, the Hon. *P. J. Jordan* (Minister of Tourism) tabled the Kettle Valley Feasibility Study for A Scenic Railroad Under Canada British Columbia Travel Industry Development Subsidiary Agreement, dated March 1980.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$123,272 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Minister's Office Program, to 31st March, 1981.

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The Committee reported the Resolution.  
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.

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) made a statement relating to a film on alcoholism.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 1979.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4, 1980

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. W. K. Davidson.

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

Mr. Speaker tabled the First Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the year ended December 31, 1979.

On the motion of Mr. Skelly, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Vancouver Island Energy Authority Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 1980*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—48

Hyndman	Mussallem	Segarty	
Passarell	Leggatt	Strachan	Ree
Mitchell	Lorimer	Davis	Brummet
Hanson		Kempf	
Wallace	Nicolson	Mair	Vander Zalm
Barber	Cocke	Fraser	Jordan
Brown	Dailly	McGeer	Hewitt
	Stupich	Phillips	Heinrich
Lockstead	Lauk	Curtis	Smith
	Lea	Bennett	Rogers
Skelly	King	Gardom	McClelland
Gabelmann		Williams	Chabot
Sanford			Nielsen
Levi	Macdonald	Wolfe	Waterland

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. 15) intituled *College and Institute Amendment Act, 1980* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Lauk*'s proposed amendment to section 4, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—21

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>			<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	
	<i>Leggatt</i>		

## NAYS—27

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>		<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of section 4, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—27

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>		<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>		<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

## NAYS—21

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>			<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	
	<i>Leggatt</i>		

Bill (No. 15) read a third time and passed.

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

**39** Mr. *Skelly* asked the Hon. the Minister of Environment the following questions:

With respect to the *Greenbelt Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979, chap. 157—

1. How many properties are recorded in the register as "greenbelt land," and what is the total acreage?

2. In each of the years 1977 to 1980 how many properties were reserved as greenbelt land under section 2 (a) of the *Greenbelt Act*, and what is the total acreage?

3. In each of the years 1977 to 1980 how many properties were acquired by the Minister under section 2 (b) of the *Greenbelt Act*, what was the total acreage acquired, and what was the total cost of acquisitions under section 2 (b) in each year?

4. In each of the years 1977 to 1980 how many properties were acquired as greenbelt by agreements under section 2 (c) of the *Greenbelt Act*, what area of land was acquired, and what was the total cost of acquisition in each year?

5. In each of the years 1977 to 1980 how many gifts or grants of money did the Minister receive under section 4 of the *Greenbelt Act*? In each year how much of the money received by gift or grant was spent for (a) acquisition of greenbelt land and (b) maintenance of greenbelt land?

6. In each of the years 1977 to 1980 how many parcels of greenbelt land have been disposed of under section 5 of the *Greenbelt Act*? What was the area of each parcel, to whom was the land transferred in each case, and what was the consideration received by the Government in each case?

7. In each of the years 1977 to 1980 what funds were expended by the Ministry to acquire greenbelt lands?

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* replied as follows:

"1. 112 properties, 9 787.683 ha (24,185.87 acres).

"2. 1978, Fort Nelson, 1 Crown land property was reserved under section 2 (a) of the *Greenbelt Act*, 4.994 ha (12.34 acres).

"3. 1977, Boundary Bay, 1 property, 2.436 ha (6.02 acres), \$68,600; 1977, Beach Grove, 17 properties (frontage strip only), \$102,726.37; 1977, Graham Island, Q.C.I., Gifford, gifted, with leaseback on part of the area, 108.051 ha (266.99 acres), no acquisition cost; 1977, Bowen Island, Neilson, gifted, with a lifetime leaseback to Mrs. Neilson, 13.670 ha (33.78 acres), no acquisition cost; 1977, Courtenay, Sunnydale Golf Course, acquired by exchange 40.32 ha (99.63 acres), \$343,000; 1978, Beach Grove, 1 property (frontage strip only), \$5,000; 1978, Yellow Point, Roberts, 13.35 ha (32.99 acres), \$25,157 in incidental costs (a gifted property of estimated market value of \$120,000); 1979, Sturgeon Banks, 3 properties, 110.762 ha (273.7 acres), \$684,250 with equal contribution by Federal Government.

"4. *Nil*.

"5. *Nil*, (a) and (b) not applicable.

"6. 1978, Victoria Harbour, 1 property disposed of by free Crown grant to the Provincial Capital Commission, 2.623 ha (6.48 acres); 1978, Victoria Harbour,

1 property disposed of by free Crown grant to the Provincial Capital Commission, 1.161 ha (2.87 acres); 1978, Kelowna, a 50-per-cent interest in 1 property was disposed of by a free Crown grant to Central Okanagan Regional District, 8.741 ha (21.6 acres); 1979, Surrey, 1 property sold to District of Surrey for \$713,020, 10.37 ha (25.62 acres).

"7. Funds expended during the years 1977 to 1980 to acquire greenbelt lands amounted to: 1977, \$514,326.37; 1978, \$30,157; and 1979, \$684,250."

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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### Thursday, June 5, 1980

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *B. Forsythe*.

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

Mr. *Barrett* rose on a point of order relating to cable services delivered to his office, without his prior consent.

Mr. Speaker stated he would review the matter.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, Mr. *Skelly* presented two petitions relating to B.C. Telephone Company operators.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

104. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$2,193,809 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Administration Program, to 31st March, 1981.

105. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$17,230,608 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Finance and Administration Program, to 31st March, 1981.

106. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$60,191,667 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Forestry Program, to 31st March, 1981.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,717,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Suppression Program, to 31st March, 1981.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,221,670 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Timber, Range and Recreation Program, to 31st March, 1981.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,016,881 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Field Operations Program, to 31st March, 1981.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Reservoir Clearing Program, to 31st March, 1981.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,161,974 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Implementation of New Legislation, to 31st March, 1981.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,156,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March, 1981.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,913,797 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March, 1981.

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

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Forest Amendment Act, 1980*.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Credit Union Amendment Act, 1980*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Levi*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

**Friday, June 6, 1980**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Father *K. Bernard*.

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

By leave, the House proceeded to "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Pursuant to Standing Order 73 (6), *Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the following Report:

REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
June 6, 1980

Pursuant to Standing Order 73 (6) I have to inform the House that the petitions presented on June 5th last with leave of the House, by the Honourable Member for Alberni, are irregular in the following respects:

1. The petitions are not addressed to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.
  2. The petitions are without a prayer.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. M. HORNE, *Clerk of the House*

Mrs. *Wallace* presented a petition relating to Cowichan Bay Road.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Credit Union Amendment Act, 1980*.

The House divided.

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

## YEAS—50

Hyndman	Mussallem	Segarty	
Passarell	Leggatt	Strachan	Ree
Mitchell	Lorimer	Davis	Brummet
	Hall	Kempf	
Wallace	Nicolson	Mair	Vander Zalm
Barber	Cocke	Fraser	Jordan
Brown	Dailly	McGeer	Hewitt
Barnes	Stupich	Phillips	Heinrich
	Lauk	Curtis	Smith
D'Arcy	Lea	Bennett	Rogers
Skelly	King	Gardom	McClelland
Gabelmann		Williams	Chabot
Sanford	Barrett	McCarthy	Nielsen
Levi	Macdonald		Waterland

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 1980*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

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

## YEAS—48

Hyndman	Mussallem	Segarty	
	Leggatt	Strachan	Ree
Mitchell	Lorimer	Davis	Brummet
	Hall	Kempf	
Wallace	Nicolson	Mair	Vander Zalm
Barber	Cocke	Fraser	Jordan
Brown		McGeer	Hewitt
Barnes	Stupich	Phillips	Heinrich
		Curtis	Smith
D'Arcy	Lea	Bennett	Rogers
Skelly	King	Gardom	McClelland
Gabelmann		Williams	Chabot
Sanford	Barrett	McCarthy	Nielsen
Levi	Macdonald	Wolfe	Waterland

Bill read a second time.

On the motion that the Bill be committed at the next sitting after today, the House divided.



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

YEAS—46

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Segarty</i>	
	<i>Leggatt</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Ree</i>
	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Mair</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Brown</i>		<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
		<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Gabelmann</i>		<i>Williams</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Levi</i>		<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

Bill *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. 9) intituled *Crown Corporations Borrowing Authority Increase Act*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mrs. *Wallace*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Home Owner Grant Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 31, 1980.*

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

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* presented the Report of the Special Committee on Privilege:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM  
June 6, 1980

*Mr. Speaker:*

Your Special Committee on Privilege appointed Tuesday, March 18, 1980, pursuant to resolution of the House of March 6, 1980, begs leave to report as follows:

1. The term of reference of the Committee was to consider the matter of the interception of a member's communications brought to the attention of the House on March 3, 1980.

2. The Committee held seven meetings and heard evidence from *Ian Horne*, Q.C., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, and *Joseph Maingot*, Q.C., Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel to the House of Commons, Ottawa. In addition to the evidence of the two witnesses aforesaid your Committee considered the *Legislative Assembly Privileges Act*, the invasion of privacy provisions of the *Criminal Code*, general procedures followed for obtaining intercepts and details of the intercepts complained of, including location and scope of intercepts. The Committee also considered and examined the range and scope of matters which were discussed by the member in question during the relevant time period.

3. It is accepted by the Committee that the authorizations and renewals to intercept communications were obtained in accordance with the provisions of the *Criminal code*.

4. The intercepts in question were sought, obtained and implemented by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

5. The RCMP and the Department of Justice gave full co-operation to the Committee by supplying Committee Counsel with all information requested by the Chairman and members of the Committee.

6. The listening devices monitored telephone calls from the member's office in the Legislative precinct, his constituency office and home for a period of approximately one year and the Legislative Assembly was sitting for approximately nine months of the year in question.

7. The Committee finds that intercepts were placed on the member's phones in his Legislative office without a physical entry to the member's office by the RCMP.

8. The Committee finds that matters intimately involved with the member's function in the Legislature were discussed on the phone during the period the intercepts were in place. On approximately 1,700 of the intercepted calls the member's voice was identified by the RCMP.

#### FINDINGS AND FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS

**A.** After considering all the evidence and in particular the extensive evidence provided to this Committee on the law of privilege and contempt by Mr. Horne and Mr. Maingot, and considering the nature of privilege which the member holds in trust for the public, it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the described actions of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police constitute a breach of privilege and a contempt of this House. This finding relates to the interception of a member's communications from his office telephones within the Legislative precinct and the telephones in his constituency office from the period of January 13, 1977, to and including September 27, 1977, and for the period October 19 to and including October 21, 1977, being the dates on which this Legislative Assembly was sitting.

**B.** Your Committee further recommends that no action be taken against the RCMP in this instance as there is no evidence before your Committee upon which they could conclude the police were aware their actions might constitute a breach of privilege or a contempt of the Legislature.

**C.** Your Committee wishes to further add that they have made no specific finding in relation to the interception of the member's communication while the House is not sitting or the intercept of communications to and from the member's home. The

Committee, however, emphasizes the "twelve month role" of the modern legislator and further emphasizes that his legislative and constituency duties extend beyond the Session and in many instances into his home. This Committee therefore wishes to go on record in the strongest possible terms as disapproving of these practices, particularly bearing in mind the right of the public to have free and uninhibited access to their elected members.

**D.** Your Committee members were unanimous in their opinion that fear of intercepts, such as the one examined by your Committee, obstructed members in the performance of their legislative duties. The Committee accepts Mr. Maingot's evidence that the test of obstruction is a subjective test.

**E.** Your Committee emphasizes that members of this Legislature cannot receive special immunity from an investigation where there is evidence that the member is directly implicated in the commission of a crime. In this case, there was no evidence that the member was under investigation or suspected of criminal activity.

**F.** In conclusion, your Committee restates that the beneficiary of the law of privilege is the constituent and the public-at-large—a member does not have "special status." The member holds his privilege in trust for those who have elected him and privilege exists only to the extent it is interwoven with his role as a legislator. Your Committee believes that parliamentary democracies flourish only when member and constituent can communicate freely, openly and candidly without having the spectre of interception, such as the one recently examined by your Committee, interfering with such communications.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. R. D. SMITH, *Chairman*

S. M. LEGGATT, *Secretary*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* moved that the Rules be suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

*Resolved.* That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, June 16, next.

And then the House adjourned at 12.54 p.m.