

Wednesday, February 21, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. V. Atkinson*.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Social Assistance Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 16, 1973

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. 33) intituled *An Act to Amend the Social Assistance 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.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 94) intituled *The Stimulation of Employment 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 of the House after today.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. A. Williams*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. M. Strachan*—

That Standing Order 129, being Part IV of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, be amended as follows:

1. By inserting after the word "House" in the second line thereof the words "and all committees of the House".

2. By inserting after the word "House" in the third line of subsection (4) the words "and all committees of the House".

3. By deleting the word "typewritten" in the first and second lines of subsection (7), and inserting after the word "debates" in the second line thereof the words "in the House and Committees of the Whole House".

4. By adding to Standing Order 129 the following subsection:

"(9) Upon request of a Select Standing or Special Committee of the House, Mr. Speaker may supply such Committee with a transcript of the Committee proceedings."

A debate arose.

Mr. *L. A. Williams* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *D. A. Anderson*—

That the motion be amended by adding after the words "of a" in the second line of section 4 the words "member of a".

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. D. Stupich*, seconded by Mr. *Steves*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to inquire into the question of Government financial assistance for the operation of a wholesale outlet to service member-run, bulk-buying food co-operatives in British Columbia:

The Committee shall have the power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear representations from such organizations and individuals as may, in their discretion, appear necessary, and shall report its findings and recommendations to the House.

22 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With respect to the Willingdon School for Girls—

1. What was the total number of girls held as at December 31, 1972?
2. What was the total number of staff employed as at December 31, 1972?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

- "1. Twenty-six.
- "2. Fifty-three."

28 Mr. *Chabot* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

1. Does the Government intend to provide social assistance benefits for persons in a strike or lockout situation?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, will the benefits be shareable with the Federal Government under the Canada Assistance Plan?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

- "1. Yes, under certain circumstances where family needs must be met in accordance with normal eligibility requirements for social assistance.
- "2. Yes."

58 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government engaged any personal, special, or executive assistants to any member of the Executive Council?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the names, titles, basic job descriptions, and agreed salaries of each person hired by the Provincial Government since September 1, 1972, as a personal, special, or executive assistant to any member of the Executive Council?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

- “1. Yes.
- “2. (a) See answer to questions 51 and 77 at Special Session in October 1972, plus (b) E. L. Beyer, Research Assistant to the Minister Without Portfolio, \$582 per month.”

121 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With reference to funds received under the Canada Pension Plan—

1. What was the total amount received by British Columbia during the calendar year 1972?
2. What were the detailed investments of the money?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

- “1. \$138,800,000.
- “2. See answer to question 105, section 3.”

128 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

With respect to public transportation—

1. Has the Provincial Government appointed a director of transit or an assistant director of transit?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the name of the person appointed to each position and (b) were the appointees processed by advertised competition through the Civil Service Commission?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

- “1. Yes.
- “2. (a) Mr. V. J. Parker, Director of Transit, and Mr. B. E. Sullivan, Assistant Director of Transit and (b) yes.”

168 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans for a bypass on the west side of Okanagan Lake between Westbank and O’Keefe’s Corner?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will this work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Not known at this time.”

169 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Does it appear that any major reconditioning or major repair (other than the usual annual maintenance or refit) is required for any vessel in the British Columbia ferry fleet during the 1973/74 fiscal year?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the name of the vessel or vessels, and what is the general nature of the work?

3. Is it intended to retire or otherwise dispose of any vessel in the ferry fleet during the 1973/74 fiscal year?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what is the name of the vessel or vessels to be disposed of?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. *Garibaldi II* (Woodfibre ferry); replacement of propulsion and generator equipment.

"3. Yes.

"4. *MV Sointula Queen* (passenger ferry to be replaced by vehicle ferry)."

214 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

With regard to the one-year residency requirement for employment by the Government of British Columbia—

1. Does the one-year residency have to be the 12 months immediately preceding application for employment?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, is a citizen who was born, raised, and educated in British Columbia ineligible for Provincial Government employment if he has been out of British Columbia for part or all of the 12 months preceding application for employment?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. No."

215 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Will liquor be sold on the B.C. ferry *Queen of Prince Rupert* on the run between Prince Rupert and Kelsey Bay?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, will liquor also be sold on the B.C. ferries operating between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen and between Departure Bay and Horseshoe Bay?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. No."

221 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

With respect to the Civil Service of the Province of British Columbia in the years 1967 to 1973, inclusive—

1. In each of these years what was the total of civil servants in the employ of the Government of British Columbia as of January 31?

2. In each of these years what was the total of salaries and wages paid as of January 31?

3. What is the estimated total of (a) civil servants and (b) salaries and wages as of January 31, 1974?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. 1967, 22,568; 1968, 23,780; 1969, 25,090; 1970, 26,487; 1971, 26,287; 1972, 28,500; and 1973, 29,590.

"2. 1967, \$9,981,298; 1968, \$11,580,249; 1969, \$12,907,105; 1970, \$15,088,418; 1971, \$16,369,157; 1972, \$19,184,156; and 1973, \$21,423,302.

"3. (a) 30,800 and (b) \$22,470,000."

233 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

With respect to the one-year residency requirement for employment in the British Columbia Provincial Civil Service, is any consideration given to employment of those persons who have left British Columbia as a result of the posting of a spouse elsewhere in Canada or overseas in the performance of duty with Canada's Armed Forces?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"Yes."

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.

Thursday, February 22, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *L. M. Carlson*.

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 of the House after today:

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 37) intituled *An Act to Amend the Infants Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 41) intituled *An Act to Amend the Equal Guardianship of Infants Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *Norman Levi*, Bill (No. 40) intituled *An Act to Amend the Adoption Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. D. Stupich*, Bill (No. 32) intituled *Cattle Industry Development Act*.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 16, 1973

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. 36) intituled *An Act to Amend the Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance 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. *D. D. Stupich* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Land Commission Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 22, 1973

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. 42) intituled *Land Commission Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* moved the adoption of the Report from the Committee of the Whole, recommending the introduction of the Bill.

Upon a point of order being raised as to whether or not debate on the motion was permissible, Mr. Speaker observed that no authority had been quoted to displace the long-established practice and usage of this House, namely, that there was

no debate either in the Committee of the Whole House or in the stage of report from the Committee of the Whole House relative to a Message Bill.

Mr. Speaker further referred honourable members to Standing Order 45 (1) and noted that the motion in question did not fall within the ambit of debatable motions and, accordingly, appeared to be governed by Standing Order 45 (2).

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Mr. *L. A. Williams* rose on a point of privilege relating to alleged disclosure of legislation to the news media prior to the introduction of such legislation in the House.

Mr. Speaker ruled that on the facts before him he was unable to determine if a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege had been established.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *D. A. Anderson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gardom*—

That the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply be amended by adding the following words: "But this House regrets that the Budget neglects the general good of the citizens of this Province by failing to provide for relief from the burden of Provincial taxation and by failing to provide adequate consumer protection."

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *J. G. Lorimer* (Minister of Commercial Transport) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Commercial Transport for the year ended December 31, 1972.

9 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance and President of the Council the following questions:

1. Have any accounts from Menehan Dunskey Advertising Company been submitted to Treasury for payment?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) which departments of the Provincial Government authorized the work for which accounts were submitted to Treasury and (b) what was the amount of the accounts submitted in each case?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Yes, firm paid is called Dunskey Advertising Ltd.

"2. (a) Travel Industry and (b) \$11,553.66."

38 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

With respect to accommodation for Hansard—

1. Has the Provincial Government undertaken the renovation, furnishing, and equipping of an office area for Hansard?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the total estimated cost of the project and (b) was the project subject to tenders being called?

The Hon. *W. L. Hartley* replied as follows:

"1. Yes, at the request of the Speaker.

"2. (a) The total estimated cost of the project is \$57,500 and (b) tenders were called for furniture through the Purchasing Commission."

52 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance, Chairman of the Treasury Board, the following questions:

With reference to contracts entered into since September 1, 1972, by the Government of British Columbia or any Crown corporation or any other Government agency, in respect of goods or services rendered—

1. How many contracts valued in excess of \$100,000 have been awarded without tenders being called?

2. With respect to the answer to No. 1, which companies or agencies were awarded these contracts and, in each case, what were the goods or services concerned?

3. How many contracts valued (a) between \$20,000 and \$49,999 and (b) between \$50,000 and \$99,999 have been awarded without tender being called?

4. With respect to the answers to No. 3 (a) and (b), which companies or agencies were awarded these contracts and, in each case, what were the goods or services concerned?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied that he had already replied concerning British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority on February 16 and he would now reply for the Provincial Government and the British Columbia Railway Company.

"Provincial Government—

"1. Nil.

"2. Not applicable.

"3. (a) Two, \$27,976.89 and \$39,505 U.S. and (b) nil.

"4. Ruston Diesels Ltd., Vancouver; a comprehensive list of spare parts and repair components required for the Paxman engines aboard various British Columbia Ferry vessels, no other known source of supply. The Health Department required a special type of mobile hearing measurement laboratory manufactured by only one known source in the United States, the Gertenslager Company; arrangements had been made with this company to provide their privileged specifications, at no charge to the Government, for quotation purposes. A possible British Columbia manufacturing source had been located for a highly complex requirement and, in the long run, quotation procedure had to be cancelled because of the inability to obtain the only suitable type chassis within a reasonable space of time.

"British Columbia Railway Company—

"1. None.

"2, 3, and 4. Not applicable."

64 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Are Provincial Government motor-vehicles covered by insurance placed through or with a private insurance company?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, what form of insurance is provided for individual Provincial Government motor-vehicles?
3. If there is any form of insurance for Provincial Government motor-vehicles, what is the estimated cost per standard-type passenger vehicle?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Approximately 2 per cent of Provincial Government motor-vehicles are covered by insurance placed through private insurance companies.

"2. See No. 1 above.

"3. The average annual cost per standard-type passenger vehicles which are insured through a private company is \$179.50."

135 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to housing development associated with the extension of the British Columbia Railway in the vicinity of Takla Lake—

1. Is the British Columbia Railway associated with any planned housing development connected with the extension of the railway in the vicinity of Takla Lake?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, is the planned development in conformity with the views on planning control of the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District Board?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. Not applicable."

140 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

With respect to the 1,000 new jobs mentioned in the Opening Speech—

How many of these jobs will fall within each of the following classifications:

(a) Medical doctors, (b) administrative officers (all grades), (c) engineers (all grades), (d) social workers (all grades), (e) special advisers, (f) nurses (medical), (g) nurses (psychiatry), (h) clerk-stenographers (all grades), (i) clerks (all grades), (j) clerk-typists (all grades), (k) planning officers (all grades), and (l) probation officers (all grades)?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"Many of the jobs referred to are to be found in the Estimates, and others will be indicated as the Government announces the measures referred to in the Opening Speech."

158 Mr. *L. A. Williams* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to bulk transport of coal by British Columbia Railway—

1. Has equipment been ordered for this purpose since January 1, 1969?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what equipment was ordered, (b) when was each order placed, (c) at what cost for each order, (d) from which manufacturers, and (e) for which delivery dates?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) which orders were placed without tenders being called and (b) in respect of tendered contracts, which orders were placed with other than the lowest bidder in each case?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2 and 3. Not applicable."

159 Mr. *L. A. Williams* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the British Columbia Railway—

1. Have any locomotives been ordered since January 1, 1969?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) when was each order placed, (b) at what cost for each order, (c) from which manufacturers, and (d) for which delivery dates?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) which orders were placed without tenders being called and (b) in respect of tendered contracts, which orders were placed with other than the lowest bidder in each case?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) January 21, 1969, (b) \$1,239,200, (c) MLW Worthington Ltd., (d) June 1969; (a) February 27, 1970, (b) \$1,647,000, (c) MLW Worthington Ltd., (d) October 1970; (a) February 16, 1971, (b) \$1,389,800, (c) MLW Worthington Ltd., (d) October 1971; (a) May 7, 1971, (b) \$1,070,400, (c) MLW Worthington Ltd., (d) October 1971; (a) February 16, 1972, (b) \$2,153,400, (c) MLW Worthington Ltd., (d) December 1972; (a) February 16, 1972, (b) \$1,055,200, (c) MLW Worthington Ltd., (d) December 1972 (delayed to June 1973 by agreement); (a) October 4, 1972, (b) \$3,030,880, (c) MLW Worthington Ltd., (d) August 1973; (a) October 4, 1972, (b) \$1,178,228, (c) MLW Worthington Ltd., (d) June 1973. Freight and sales tax extra.

"3. (a) None and (b) the lowest price was accepted in every case except the order dated February 16, 1971; the determination to place the order with MLW Worthington Ltd. was not based upon price alone as the price differential of \$10,360 is more than offset by approximately \$50,000 stock of spare parts that would have been required for non-interchangeable parts; in addition, (1) MLW Worthington Ltd. use a shorter, high adhesion, six-axle truck, (2) reports from other railways indicated that the operation of the competitor's truck might not be suitable upon this railway, and (3) earlier delivery."

207 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to employees of the Government of British Columbia—

1. Did the Government of British Columbia provide summer employment in 1971 and 1972 to individuals registered, in those years, as secondary or post-secondary students?

2. In 1971 and 1972, (a) what were the totals of students employed and (b) what were the totals of male students employed?

3. In 1971 and 1972, (a) what were the totals of student applications received by the Government of British Columbia and (b) how many students were employed in each department of Government?

4. With respect to residence, how many student employees came from each municipality in the Province in the years 1971 and 1972?

5. (a) What was the aggregate of salaries or wages paid to student employees in 1971 and 1972 and (b) what was the range of salaries or wages paid to student employees in those years?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) In 1971, 2,745; in 1972, 3,261 and (b) approximately 90 per cent.

"3. (a) No record and (b) Forest Service, 1971, 800, 1972, 1,000; Recreation and Conservation, 1971, 1,300, 1972, 1,500; Rehabilitation and Social Improvement, 1971, five, 1972, four; Public Works, 1971, 150, 1972, 155; Highways, 1971, 490, 1972, 602.

"4. No record.

"5. (a) No record and (b) \$475 to \$555 per month (Highways Department)."

211 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to the *Succession Duty Act*—

1. What were the monthly collections during 1972?

2. What number of estates were involved?

3. What number of estates were valued below \$100,000?

4. What number of estates were valued between \$200,000 and \$500,000?

5. What number of estates were valued between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000?

6. What number of estates were valued over \$1,000,000?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Net collection: January, \$1,847,017.63; February, \$1,772,139.77; March, \$1,961,441.93; April, \$2,240,854.85; May, \$3,050,513.77; June, \$1,758,640.88; July, \$3,892,657.76; August, \$1,991,922.95; September, \$2,555,998.39; October, \$1,347,566.99; November, \$2,053,078.53; December, \$1,126,202.68.

"2. 12,442; no individual breakdown of duty to estates is available, but for the calendar year of 1972 the Department received 12,442 estates for processing.

"3, 4, 5, and 6. No detailed statistical information such as requested is maintained."

230 Mr. *Chabot* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government hired Howard Paish and Associates in any capacity since September 15, 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the total cost of the services performed by Howard Paish and Associates to January 31, 1973, and (b) what was the nature of the work performed in each case for which a cost was incurred?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Yes, through the British Columbia Railway.

"2. (a) \$20,540.76 and (b) environmental impact studies on Squamish coal port."

246 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

What were the detailed holdings of the following funds as of December 31, 1972: (a) Accelerated Park Development Fund, (b) Accelerated Reforestation Fund, (c) Physical Fitness and Amateur Sports Fund, (d) First Citizens' Fund, (e) Provincial Major Disaster Fund, (f) British Columbia Government Building Fund, and (g) Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries and World Disaster Areas Fund?

The Hon. *David Barrett* 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.

251 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

What were the detailed holdings of the following funds as of December 31, 1972: (a) Greenbelt Protection Fund and (b) Power and Telephone Line Beautification Fund?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“(a) Greenbelt Protection Fund:

Bank	Rate (Per Cent)	Maturity	Par Value
Toronto-Dominion Bank.....	6.02	February 27, 1973.....	\$5,000,000
Bank of Montreal.....	6.03	January 29, 1973.....	1,000,000
Bank of Nova Scotia.....	5.35	February 1, 1973.....	5,000,000
Commerce Bank.....	5.25	March 15, 1973.....	5,300,000
Commerce Bank.....	5.25	March 15, 1973.....	1,225,000
Commerce Bank.....	5.25	March 15, 1973.....	475,000
Account total.....			<u>\$18,000,000</u>

“(b) Power and Telephone Line Beautification Fund:

Bank	Rate (Per Cent)	Maturity	Par Value
Bank of Montreal.....	6.03	January 29, 1973.....	\$300,000
Montreal Trust.....	5.375	January 23, 1973.....	1,000,000
Commerce Bank.....	5.25	January 2, 1973.....	500,000
Toronto-Dominion Bank.....	5.25	January 10, 1973.....	1,000,000
Montreal Trust.....	5.375	February 21, 1973.....	1,000,000
Commerce Bank.....	5.25	April 12, 1973.....	5,000,000
Commerce Bank.....	5.125	April 30, 1973.....	637,100
Commerce Bank.....	5.125	April 30, 1973.....	362,900
Toronto-Dominion Bank.....	5.25	June 15, 1973.....	200,000
Account total.....			<u>\$10,000,000</u>

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Thursday, February 22, 1973

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Phillips* moved a subamendment, seconded by Mr. *Smith*—

That the amendment to the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” be amended by adding after the word “taxation” in the fourth line, the words: “for the purpose of restoring the economic viability of the entire northeastern section of the Province, namely the Peace River-Liard Region in particular, and for the purpose of restoring the level of job activity within British Columbia in general.”

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order “Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions.”

On the motion of the Hon. *J. G. Lorimer*, seconded by Mr. *Nunweiler*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to inquire into the question of the future development, including the development of community plans on the Gulf Islands and such other islands in the vicinity as the Committee may consider appropriate. Their study should include an examination of the existing sections of the *Municipal Act* and other Acts affecting local government and any orders made under these Acts, with a view to recommending any changes considered appropriate which may have an effect on the future development of these islands:

The Committee shall have the power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear representations from such organizations and individuals as may, in their discretion, appear necessary, visit and hold hearings on the islands, and shall report its findings and recommendations to the House from time to time.

228 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:

1. During 1972 in British Columbia how many teachers (a) were employed, (b) were suspended, (c) were reinstated after suspension, (d) were transferred, and (e) were dismissed?

2. How many speech therapists are presently employed in the 89 school districts in the Province?

The Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* replied as follows:

“1. (a) There were 22,702 teachers employed by Boards of School Trustees at October 31, 1972, (b) there were five teachers suspended in 1972, (c) no teacher was reinstated after suspension but one teacher was reinstated after dismissal in 1972, (d) no figures are available with respect to the number of teachers who have been transferred because such cases do not come to the attention of the Department unless a teacher appeals the transfer to the Minister—no such appeals were received in 1972, and (e) there were six teachers dismissed in 1972 (three cases of teacher dismissal are presently before the Courts of British Columbia and the outcome of these cases has not yet been decided).

“2. In 1972 there were 10 speech therapists employed by Boards of School Trustees.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.03 p.m.

Friday, February 23, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Peter De Bruyne*.

Mr. *L. A. Williams* rose on a point of privilege relating to alleged disclosure of legislation to the news media prior to the introduction of such legislation in the House, and stated as follows:

At approximately 1.55 o'clock on the afternoon of February 22, 1973, I was informed by Marjorie Nichols, whom I know to be a member of the Press Gallery, that some members of the Press Gallery had received advance information pertaining to a Bill or Bills which the Hon. Minister of Agriculture was expected to present to the House later that afternoon. In particular, Miss Nichols advised me that Mr. Malcolm Turnbull was then preparing a story concerning the anticipated legislation and that a representative of CBC and CTV, in neither case identified by name, had pretaped a news release pertaining to the same proposed legislation.

In the light of this information, I rose at the Committee stage pertaining to the introduction of Bills numbered 36 and 42 (as they now are) and inquired of the Minister of Agriculture whether he intended to make any statement to the House pertaining to the purpose of the proposed legislation and I informed the Committee that it had been suggested that a prerelease of information had already taken place.

At that time the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, having been recognized by the Chairman of the Committee, advised that there was some release, namely, when he had spoken in the debate on the Budget motion. Subsequently, in an interjection not recorded in Hansard, the Minister indicated that since he spoke in the debate on the Budget motion and up to and including February 22, 1973, he had been asked questions concerning the Bills which were then before the Committee.

In the light of the facts contained in the foregoing statement, I claim a breach of privilege and I respectfully request your consideration of this matter and your advice concerning the acceptability of a motion for the matter to be placed before a Committee on Privileges.

Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

Honourable Members,—There is no debate on a question of this kind. It is for the Speaker to examine into the complaint and to determine, first, if it is timely—that is, taken up when first it occurs, and it was in this case—and secondly, whether it constitutes what might be a *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege which should then, if that were found by the Speaker to be so, lead to a motion to deal with the matter to determine the facts that exist in the particular case alleged or complained of.

I am indebted to the honourable member for having given me an advance statement of the complaint, for which I thank him, and I have examined it in the light of the authorities.

There are two cases only that I can find that deal with this. One is a case that is referred to in May's *Parliamentary Practice*, in the sixteenth edition at page 382. The other is a case that occurred in the House of Commons in Ottawa, to which I will advert later.

In the case in May on page 382, it stated: "Proceedings have been interrupted to allow the raising of a communication to a newspaper of a memorandum explanatory of a Bill which was to be introduced the next day after the memorandum had

been presented, but before it was available for members.” And then it refers to the citation: *The House of Commons Debates of Westminster in the year 1909, Volume 9*, and found at page 2423.

I have taken the opportunity to examine the particular incident in that case, and it was somewhat different to this, a stronger case. It is where a Bill was to be presented, and a memorandum was authorized by the House to give a statement to all the members. The statement that was to be given to all the members in fact was not distributed to the members but was distributed to the press.

So there you have a case where a Bill and an explanation of a Bill was authorized and was in the possession of the House, in effect, and authorized by the House that a memorandum be prepared.

The other case is one in the House of Commons at Ottawa, June 3, 1969; Mr. Speaker Lamoureux. The complaint arose when a member rose on a point of privilege to state that the decision of the Minister of Finance (Hon. Mr. Benson) to deny party representatives access to advance budgetary briefings is a breach of parliamentary privilege and he complained that the press was given this information but that members were not—in this case, of course, the parliamentary leaders.

The Hon. Speaker of the House of Commons, in dealing with this and the question of advance information to the press, stated:

“The first aspect of this problem has been raised on a number of occasions, particularly in January 1961, when Mr. Speaker Michener was called upon to make a ruling on a similar question. The Speaker then said, ‘I do not find a prima facie right on the part of the House to insist that the Government, when it tables the full information, shall not give a summary of it to the press.’”

Then the Hon. Speaker goes on:

“I would be inclined to come to the same conclusion in the present circumstances. While it may well be that the whole practice should be reviewed by the Executive or by members, I doubt very much if the way to have or conduct such a review is by way of a specific question of privilege of the type raised by the Hon. Member for Waterloo.

“In such a circumstance, my suggestion is that the matter be given some thought, perhaps for future consideration when budgets are presented and that a determination be made by the Executive concerning whether there should be advance briefing at all in such circumstances. For the time being, however, I suggest to honourable members that there is no prima facie case of privilege and that the motion should not be put to the House at this time.”

So what we are faced with here is a similar situation but not so strong, actually, for one reason. In the paragraph that commenced the statement by the honourable member, it is predicated by what appears to be hearsay, that some advance information pertaining to a Bill or Bills which the Minister was expected to present to the House later that afternoon had been given to some members of the Press Gallery. There is no indication that the informant was present nor that a Bill was presented to the press, but some information pertaining to it.

The evidence does not in my view demonstrate even a prima facie case to deal with because it isn't factual enough to determine whether it constitutes a breach of privilege. I am reinforced in that view by the decision which was the strongest I can find, that of the House of Commons in Westminster in 1909, where the House actually had possession of and a property interest in a Bill when it authorized a memorandum of the Bill to be prepared. By some inadvertence it got to the press before it got to the members.

There has long been a practice that it is not really the business of the Speaker or the House when the Executive or indeed other members make advance disclosures to the press under a curtain of induced secrecy. This may be quite all right where the press and the members are in honour bound to preserve the confidentiality of such communication. It is not really my business but I can only echo what the Hon. Speaker of the House of Commons in Ottawa has said: That it is time that this practice was in some way modified either by this House or by the Executive so that we do not find ourselves in this embarrassing contretemps that we are in today.

I can find no breach of privilege but I do urge the members to give consideration to some means of preserving the confidence of the public, that Messages and Message Bills are not disclosed to persons who are not of this House in some manner that will accord with general satisfaction.

As you may know, there is no new privilege that can be claimed and I must be bound by those privileges that I have before me that have been of long standing in the annals of parliament. On those grounds I must reject the complaint.

G. H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

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 of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 95) intituled *The Abandoned Refrigerator Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 96) intituled *An Act to Amend the Trust Companies Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 97) intituled *An Act to Provide Access to Public Buildings*.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 98) intituled *An Act to Amend the Capital Improvement District Act*.

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The subamendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—14

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>		

NAYS—33

<i>Liden</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Calder</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Ninsick</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Cummings</i>			

PAIRS:

<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Kelly</i>

The debate was resumed on the amendment to the main motion.

The debate continued.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—14

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>		

NAYS—33

<i>Liden</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Calder</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Cummings</i>			

PAIRS:

<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Kelly</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>Liden</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Calder</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>		

NAYS—12

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>

PAIRS:

<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Brousson</i>
<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Gardom</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Stupich</i>	<i>McGeer</i>

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

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.

152 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With respect to the B.C. Guaranteed Income Assistance Programme—

1. How many individuals are receiving MINCOME payments?
2. What is the average size of these payments?
3. What was the total expenditure for the first month of payments made under this plan?
4. What is the estimated total expenditure under this plan for the year 1973?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

"1. 108,387 as of January 31, 1973.

"2. \$41.89.

"3. \$4,624,365.50 (Provincial).

"4. *See Estimates.*"

163 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

1. How many citizens in British Columbia have qualified for financial assistance under the MINCOME plan?
2. How many citizens are receiving actual payments under the MINCOME plan as of February 1, 1973?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

"1. 108,387.

"2. 108,387 as of January 31, 1973."

178 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following question:

How many citizens in British Columbia are receiving MINCOME payments in the following ranges: (a) \$0 to \$10 per month, (b) \$10 to \$20 per month, (c) \$20 to \$30 per month, (d) \$30 to \$40 per month, and (e) \$40 to \$50 per month?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

"(a) 4,650, (b) 6,925, (c) 9,567, (d) 13,319, and (e) 57,658. Receiving over \$50, 16,268."

217 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to the Provincial Home-owner Grant—

1. How many home-owners received the grant in each municipality throughout the Province in the year 1972?
2. What was the aggregate of grants paid to each municipality by the Provincial Government in 1972?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Not available from Province, available from individual municipalities."

2. The Hon. *David Barrett* 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 up to date.

218 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to the Supplementary Grant to the Provincial Home-owner Grant to home-owners or apartment occupants over the age of 65—

1. How many (a) home-owners and (b) apartment occupants received this grant in each municipality throughout the Province in 1972?
2. What was the aggregate of supplementary grants in dollars paid to (a) home-owners and (b) apartment occupants in each municipality in 1972?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. (a) and (b) Not available from Province, available from individual municipalities.

"2. (a) and (b) Not available from Province, available from individual municipalities."

237 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

1. Were any printed copies of the Budget Speech for 1973 distributed to anyone other than elected members?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many were so distributed and (b) what was the total cost to the Government of the copies so distributed?
3. Did any source, other than the Provincial Government, pay for the printing and (or) distribution of the copies referred to in No. 2 above?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) 5,200 to date and (b) \$1,786.

"3. No."

247 Ms. *Young* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Has the Government appointed any staff to the House Leader of the Conservative Party?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) who selected the staff, (b) were the appointments made through the Civil Service Commission or by Order in Council, and (c) what are the names, designations, and salaries of each member of the staff appointed?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) The House Leader and colleagues, (b) by Order in Council, and (c) Sheila M. Kushner, Clerk-Stenographer 4, \$482, Order in Council 3821. (NOTE—A temporary Clerk-Stenographer 4 position is vacant)."

248 Ms. *Young* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Has the Government appointed any staff to the Liberal Leader?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) who selected the staff, (b) were the appointments made through the Civil Service Commission or by Order in Council, and (c) what are the names, designations, and salaries of each member of the staff appointed?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) The House Leader and colleagues, (b) full-time staff were appointed by Order in Council and temporary sessional staff were appointed by the Speaker, and (c) Arthur D. Rosenroll, Administrative Assistant, \$817, Order in Council 3820; Gail C. Mercer, Clerk-Stenographer 4, \$482, Order in Council 3822; Mrs. W. Marluk, Clerk-Stenographer 4, \$559 (temporary); Mrs. M. B. Sotkowy, Clerk-Stenographer 4, \$539 (temporary)."

249 Ms. *Young* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Has the Government appointed any staff to the Leader of the Opposition?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) who selected the staff, (b) were the appointments made through the Civil Service Commission or by Order in Council, and (c) what are the names, designations, and salaries of each member of the staff appointed?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) The House Leader and colleagues, (b) full-time staff were appointed by Order in Council and temporary sessional staff were appointed by the Speaker, and (c) Daniel R. J. Campbell, Administrative Officer 4, \$1,335, Order in Council 3653; Grace McCarthy, Research Officer, \$885, Order in Council 3654; Mrs. K. Mylrea, Secretary, \$851, Order in Council 3652; Mrs. M. J. Eaton, Clerk-Stenographer 4, \$582 (temporary); Mrs. R. M. McPherson, Clerk-Stenographer 4, \$582 (temporary); Mrs. E. M. Bowen, Clerk-Stenographer 4, \$500 (temporary); Mrs. M. D. Laughlin, Clerk-Stenographer 4, \$500 (temporary)."

The Hon. *J. G. Lorimer* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the year ended December 31, 1972. (In manuscript form.)

And then the House adjourned at 8.47 p.m.

Monday, February 26, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. Bahan*.

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 House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of the Hon. *D. D. Stupich*, seconded by Mr. *Lewis*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to examine the system of marketing British Columbia-grown tree fruits with a view to determining whether it is providing for the needs of the producers in the industry from the point of view of net returns to the producers, penetration into provincial, national, or international markets, efficiency of the packing and sales system, or any other matters related to obtaining a satisfactory net return for the producer:

The Committee shall have the power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear representations from such organizations, agencies, companies, and individuals as may, in their discretion, appear necessary, and shall report its findings and recommendations to the House.

The House reverted to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Mr. *Lauk* presented the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT NO. 3

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has considered and approves Recommendation 3 of Mr. Speaker's First Report made pursuant to the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

Accordingly, it is recommended with reference to Message Bills that the following procedure be adopted, namely, that upon Mr. Speaker reading the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Minister in charge of the Bill will then ask leave to move first reading of the Bill. Any member may refuse leave, in which event the present procedure of referring the Bill to Committee of the Whole House and reporting, recommending introduction of the Bill, will be necessary.

In the respectful opinion of your Committee, the adoption of this procedure should result in a significant saving of time, while protecting the rights of all members and retaining a procedure of long standing and historic significance for use on extraordinary occasions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*

REPORT NO. 4

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has considered but does not concur in Recommendation 6 of Mr. Speaker's First Report made pursuant to the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

In the respectful opinion of your Committee, the determination of whether or not a particular Bill involves noncontentious legislation or is merely a "housekeeping Bill" may itself become a contentious issue, thereby defeating any desired expediting of the passage of such Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*

REPORT NO. 5

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has considered and approves Recommendation 9 of Mr. Speaker's First Report made pursuant to the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

Accordingly, your Committee recommends:

(a) That Standing Order 50 be repealed and the following be substituted therefor:

"50. All motions, except the motion to adjourn and the previous question, shall be in writing, and signed by the mover before being debated or put from the chair. Upon the motion being moved it shall be read by Mr. Speaker before debate. No motion or amendment shall require to be seconded before the question thereon is proposed from the chair except the motion for an Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, and the motion 'That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair' for the House to go into Committee of Supply, and any amendment thereto."

(b) That Standing Order 61 (1) be amended by deleting therefrom the words "the seconding of motions and" in the third and fourth lines thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*

The reports were read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Lauk*, the Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

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

166 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:
How many professional engineers with Canadian citizenship are presently unemployed in British Columbia?

The Hon. *W. S. King* replied as follows:

"Information not available."

200 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

Has the Provincial Government any plans to permit members of the Legislative Assembly to have the right to distribute copies of *Hansard* on the same basis as now prevails for the distribution of Votes and Proceedings, Orders of the Day, and Bills?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:
"Yes."

208 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans to experiment with global budgeting with respect to any hospitals operating in British Columbia?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the names of the hospitals to be involved in the plans?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"1. The meaning of the term 'global budget' has not been clearly defined. The establishing of hospital budgets on a global basis has been utilized in British Columbia for a number of years, although the term applied is 'firm budget.' See brief description given in the second paragraph under 'Hospital Rate Board and Methods of Payments to Hospitals,' page 19 of the 1972 Annual Report of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service.

"2. See No. 1 above."

213 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

1. Has the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance made a contract with a Dr. Van der Minne to provide medical services to the West Chilcotin in British Columbia?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, does he receive remuneration by salary?
3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, what is the annual salary?
4. Is the doctor provided with an aircraft at Government expense in order to carry out his duties in the community?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. \$32,000, which includes fringe benefits.

"4. No."

227 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following question:

Does the Government have any plans to provide Medicare coverage (a) to patients requiring speech therapy following cerebro-vascular accidents and (b) for the orthodontic measures required as an integral part of the treatment of cleft palate?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"The Government has no plans to provide Medicare coverage (a) to patients requiring speech therapy following cerebro-vascular accidents or (b) for the orthodontic measures required as an integral part of the treatment of cleft palate."

The Hon. *David Barrett* (President of the Council) presented the British Columbia Railway Annual Report 1972.

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance) presented the Ninety-ninth Report on Vital Statistics in the Province of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1970.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. Holmes*.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 27, 1973

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. 63) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax 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 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 of the House after today:

On the motion of the Hon. *D. G. Cocke*, Bill (No. 43) intituled *An Act to Amend the Change of Name Act*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 99) intituled *The Senior Citizens Home Repair Assistance Act*.

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 House proceeded to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Mr. *Lauk* presented the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT No. 6

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 27, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has considered and is in general agreement with Mr. Speaker's observations relating to the prayers used in the House.

Accordingly, your Committee respectfully recommends that prayers be limited to two minutes and that they should include

- (1) a brief invocation;
- (2) an appreciation of constitutional monarchy, concern for the people and the people's representatives in the House;
- (3) the Lord's Prayer.

In your Committee's respectful opinion Mr. Speaker should, within the foregoing guidelines, instruct the clergy from time to time attending in the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*

REPORT No. 7

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 27, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has considered and approves Recommendation 5 of Mr. Speaker's First Report made pursuant to the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

Accordingly, it is recommended with reference to the hours of sitting on Fridays, that Standing Orders 2 and 3 be amended to read as follows:

"2. The time for the ordinary meeting of the House shall be 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and 10 o'clock in the

morning on Friday; and if, at the times mentioned in this Order, there be not a quorum, Mr. Speaker may take the Chair and adjourn.

"3. (1) If at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, the business of the day is not concluded and no other hour has been agreed upon for the next sitting, the Speaker shall leave the Chair until 8 o'clock p.m. and the House will continue until 11 o'clock p.m., unless otherwise ordered.

"(2) The House shall adjourn on Friday at 1 o'clock p.m., and it shall stand adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*

REPORT NO. 8

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 27, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has considered and is in agreement with the proposal regarding loudspeakers contained in Recommendation 2 of Mr. Speaker's First Report made pursuant to the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

Accordingly, it is recommended that speakers with on-off and volume controls may be installed in each caucus room, press gallery, Speaker's, Clerks', and leaders' offices, to permit debates to be transmitted outside the chamber.

Your Committee further recommends that Mr. Speaker's proposal relating to closed circuit television be deferred pending availability of additional technical information relating to lighting, camera positions, and related matters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*

REPORT NO. 9

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 27, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has considered the matter of an oral question period contained in Recommendation 1, Proposal 2, of Mr. Speaker's First Report made pursuant to the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*, and recommends as follows:

That the reference in Standing Order 25 to "Questions Put By Members" be interpreted by Mr. Speaker as permitting a 15-minute oral question period for urgent and important questions without notice commencing at the opening of each day's Session except Fridays.

Your Committee further recommends that the following provisions be applied to the oral question period:

- (1) Only questions considered by the Speaker to be urgent and important shall be permitted and his decision shall be final.
- (2) No debate shall be permitted during questions, supplementary questions from members may be allowed by permission of Mr. Speaker.
- (3) Question period will be dispensed with on Fridays.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*

The reports were read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Lauk* the Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* tabled a telegram from the Richmond Branch, B.C. Liberal Women's Association, referred to during the debate in Committee of Supply on Vote 2.

231 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

With respect to a new Provincial courthouse building in the City of Trail—

1. Has the Minister advised the Crown that a new courthouse building should be commenced in Trail?
2. Is the Minister aware that the majority of Trail City Council is on record as favouring locating the building at Shaver's Bench?
3. Does the Minister support that general location for a building of this type?

The Hon. *W. L. Hartley* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. On September 29, 1972, I met with Trail City Council, a majority of whom expressed opposition to the Shaver's Bench site. I later suspended plans for construction of a Provincial Government building on that site.

"3. I have requested advice and input from Trail City Council and interested parties on the matters of the location of the building and the facilities to be provided."

244 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following question:

With regard to fluoridation of water supplies, does the Provincial Government have any plans to reduce the required "yes" vote in referendums to 50 per cent plus one vote for passage of the referendum?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"No, the Provincial Government has no plans to reduce the required "yes" vote in referendums to 50 per cent plus one vote for passage of the referendum."

250 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans to rent the top floor of Nootka Court in the City of Victoria?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) for what purpose are the premises to be used and (b) what is the rental per square foot?

The Hon. *W. L. Hartley* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. (a) and (b) Not applicable."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 1973

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 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 11 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *John Baerg*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, 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 of the House after today:

Bill (No. 104) intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home Acquisition Act*.

Bill (No. 105) intituled *Indian Reserves Mineral Resources Act Repeal Act*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$156,166 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March 1974.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1974.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$298,642 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Administration, to 31st March 1974.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$694,768 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March 1974.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$756,118 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Data Processing Branch, to 31st March 1974.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,676,440 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Consumer Taxation Branch, to 31st March 1974.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$583,056 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Real Property Taxation Branch, to 31st March 1974.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$361,816 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Income Taxation Branch, to 31st March 1974.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$296,910 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, *Assessment Equalization Act*, to 31st March 1974.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$596,826 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March 1974.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Langford Warehouse, to 31st March 1974.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$395,060 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Home-owner Assistance, to 31st March 1974.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,704 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Director of Data Processing (All Departments), to 31st March 1974.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,072,027 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agencies, Etc., to 31st March 1974.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Courts of Revision, to 31st March 1974.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Assessment Appeal Board, to 31st March 1974.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Estimates, Bonds, Revenue Receipts, Licences, Etc., to 31st March 1974.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$220,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March 1974.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March 1974.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, *Civil Service Superannuation Act*, to 31st March 1974.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, *Members of Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act*, to 31st March 1974.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Trust Deposits, to 31st March 1974.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cheque Reconciliation Expenses, to 31st March 1974.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Salary Contingencies and Adjustments (All Departments), to 31st March 1974.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$175,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Expense Contingencies (All Departments), to 31st March 1974.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Motor-vehicles and Accessories (All Departments), to 31st March 1974.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Rural Power Subsidy, to 31st March 1974.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Metropolitan Transit Subsidy, to 31st March 1974.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, *Elderly Citizen Renters Grant Act*, to 31st March 1974.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,556 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, *Nancy Sloan Act*, to 31st March 1974.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$306,642 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, *Public Utilities Act*, *Cemeteries Act*, and *Prearranged Funeral Services Act*, to 31st March 1974.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$391,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, *Motor Carrier Act*, to 31st March 1974.

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.

The House proceeded to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Mr. *Lea* presented the First Report of the Special Committee on Television Broadcasting, as follows:

REPORT NO. 1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee on Television Broadcasting begs leave to report as follows:

Pursuant to motion of February 12, 1973, your Special Committee on Television Broadcasting was convened to consider Recommendation 8 of Mr. Speaker's First Report made pursuant to the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*, which recommended:

"(a) That the House appoint a Special Committee on Television Broadcasting to examine into educational television and the obtaining of broadcast facilities for dissemination of proceedings of the Legislature during its Sessions and that it be composed of Mr. *Curtis*, Ms. *Young*, Messrs. *McClelland*, *Lea*, the Hon. *W. L. Hartley*, and the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, and such others as the House may wish to appoint and that the Committee report its recommendations to the House;

"(b) That the said Committee consult with and advise the Speaker with respect to placement and use of television within the chamber should cameras be permitted to record the proceedings."

Your Committee recommends that the Legislature approves in principle that television cameras be permitted in the House to record the proceedings.

Your Committee further recommends that the Special Committee on Television Broadcasting study methods by which this may be carried out.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. R. LEA, *Chairman*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. *W. S. King* (Minister of Labour) presented the Fifty-sixth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1972.

222 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

With respect to the *Official Report of Debates of the Legislative Assembly* (Hansard), Volume 1, October 17 to 27, 1972—

1. How many volumes of Hansard were printed in this edition?
2. What was the total cost of producing this edition?

3. How many residents of British Columbia had subscribed to this edition as of December 31, 1972?

4. With respect to No. 3, what was the total cost of mailing to subscribers?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. 380.

"2. \$2,164.41.

"3. Information not available.

"4. Information not available."

238 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government received any payments with respect to hospital accounts from any private insurance carriers operating within the Province of British Columbia?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the total amount paid by private insurance carriers concerning hospital accounts submitted in the calendar year 1972?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"1. Payments were received from public liability insurance companies as reimbursement for hospital accounts paid under the *Hospital Insurance Act* on behalf of accident victims in situations where public liability was involved.

"2. \$1,234,239.77. While this is the total of the recoveries made in 1972, the periods of hospitalization involved occurred in both 1972 and earlier years."

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, March 1, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *M. Henderson*.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 44) intituled *An Act to Amend the Mineral Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 28, 1973

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 48) intituled *Debt Collection Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 28, 1973

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 100) intituled *An Act to Amend the Evidence Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 28, 1973

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 28, 1973

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 49) intituled *An Act to Amend the Small Claims Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 28, 1973

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
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 Committee further reported that during the consideration of an amendment to Vote 3 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. *Eileen E. Dailly*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division in Committee on an amendment to Vote 3 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—2

Curtis

Wallace

NAYS—47

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Calder</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Young</i>	

PAIR:

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The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* (Attorney-General) presented the following reports:

The Annual Report of the Director of Correction for the year ended March 31, 1972. (In manuscript form.)

The Sixty-first Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the year ended December 31, 1971. (In manuscript form.)

The First Annual Report for the period ended December 31, 1972, *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act* of British Columbia.

The Third Annual Report of the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1972. (In manuscript form.)

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia Report on Debtor-Creditor Relationships, Part II—*Mechanics' Lien Act*: Improvements on Land.

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia Report on Debtor-Creditor Relationships, Part III—Deficiency Claims and Repossessions.

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia Report on Civil Rights, Part I—Legal Position of the Crown. (In manuscript form.)

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia Interim Report on the Law of Evidence. (In manuscript form.)

232 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:

1. Are any junior-secondary schools in the Province now operating on the "quarter semester system"?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many schools are so operating?
3. What is considered to be the length of time in which such a semester system would be undertaken as a trial or experiment?
4. Have any Departmental studies been undertaken to determine the advantages or disadvantages of such a system?

The Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Three.

"3. This is up to the local education authorities.

"4. No."

240 Mr. *Chabot* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:

Has the Provincial Government any plans to hire William M. Hamilton, of 6212 Wiltshire Street, Vancouver, B.C., in any capacity connected with the *Automobile Insurance Act* or the *Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Act*?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"No."

253 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce the following question:

With regard to the designation of areas of high unemployment as depressed areas eligible for Federal grants to stimulate economic expansion, is the Provincial Government presently taking any initiative to have areas of high unemployment in British Columbia designated as depressed areas in order to qualify for Federal grants to stimulate economic expansion and create jobs?

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* replied as follows:

"In June 1972 the Department of Regional Economic Expansion deferred a planned review of their programmes until the end of 1973. As a result of the Federal election, more emphasis is being placed on programmes that can assist the Western Provinces. In addition, a complete review of the type of assistance to be provided is also proposed. Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce has had several meetings with DREE officials in preparation for talks which will begin later in the year. The idea of 'designating' certain areas as 'depressed' is also under review, since it has not been as successful in the Western Provinces as was hoped."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Thursday, March 1, 1973

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)

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$54,968 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1974.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,043,894 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Administration, to 31st March 1974.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$586,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Production Services, to 31st March 1974.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$593,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Special Services, to 31st March 1974.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,322 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Milk Board, to 31st March 1974.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farms, to 31st March 1974.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$211,066 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Crop Insurance, to 31st March 1974.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Land Clearing and Domestic Water Assistance, to 31st March 1974.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$89,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Pest Control, to 31st March 1974.

12. *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 1974.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, *Grasshopper Control Act*, to 31st March 1974.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, *Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act*, to 31st March 1974.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, *Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act*, to 31st March 1974.

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 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.19 p.m.

Friday, March 2, 1973

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Capt. *F. Russell*.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. A. Williams*, Bill (No. 103) intituled *Pacific National Exhibition Incorporation 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 of the House after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 102) intituled *Development Corporation of British Columbia Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 1, 1973

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

On the motion of Mr. *Chabot*, Bill (No. 107) intituled *Proceedings Against the Crown 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 of the House 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. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. A. Williams*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries to examine the existing Forest Service guidelines with respect to stream bank and shoreline protection and examine existing and past practices in the field with a view toward improving said practices:

The Committee shall have the power to send for persons, papers, records, and to hear representations from such organizations, agencies, companies, and individuals as may, in their discretion, appear necessary, and shall report its findings and recommendations to the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, it was *Ordered*—

That Orders of the Day be amended by the following Sessional Order, namely:

That after the word "Prayers" the following words be inserted: "Oral Questions by Members," and that "Oral Questions by Members" be given precedence on the Order Paper over all other business next after "Introduction of Bills."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, it was *Ordered*—

That Standing Order 129 be amended by deleting 129 (7) and substituting therefor the following:

"(7) That, after the prorogation of the House, a transcript of the said debates in the House and Committee of the Whole House shall be prepared under the supervision of Mr. Speaker, and a copy thereof, certified by him, shall be distributed

"(a) without charge to any member upon the members' request;

"(b) to any other person at a charge to be fixed by Order in Council."

And that Standing Order 129 be further amended by deleting 129 (8).

132 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

With respect to Riverview Mental Hospital—

1. What were the established positions in 1972 for (a) physicians, (b) nurses, (c) psychiatric nurses, (d) social workers, (e) ancillary health staff, and (f) other staff?

2. Were any of these positions vacant as of August 30, 1972?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, how many, by staff categories, and grades of categories?

4. Were any of these positions vacant as of January 25, 1973?

5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, how many, by staff categories, and grades of categories?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"1. (a) 51, (b) 118, (c) 764, (d) 30, (e) 253, and (f) 454.

"2. Yes.

"3. Two Medical Specialists 2, two Physicians 2, one Head Nurse, one Superintendent of Nurses 1, three Staff Nurses 2, three Staff Nurses 1, three Staff Nurses 1 or Psychiatric Nurses, one Chief Psychiatric Nurse 4, one Chief Psychiatric Nurse 1, three Assistant Charge Psychiatric Nurses, two Psychiatric Nurses or Psychiatric Aides, one Nurse's Aide, one Psychiatric Aide, four Psychiatric Social Workers 2, one Physiotherapist 1, one Occupational Therapist 3, three Occupational Therapists

1, one Psychologist 3 or 4, one Dental Technician, two Medical Records Technicians, one Clerk-Stenographer 3, two Clerk-Stenographers 2, one Clerk-Typist 1, one Laundryman 1, one Laundry Helper 2, one Laundress 2, total vacant positions 44.

"4. Yes.

"5. One Medical Specialist 3, two Medical Specialists 2, two Medical Specialists 1, two Physicians 2, one Superintendent of Nurses 1, one Superintendent of Nurses 2 or Chief Nurse 2, two Head Nurses, four Staff Nurses 2, five Staff Nurses 1, two Staff Nurses 1 or Psychiatric Nurses, one Chief Psychiatric Nurse 4, four Charge Psychiatric Nurses, sixteen Assistant Charge Psychiatric Nurses, thirteen Psychiatric Nurses or Psychiatric Aides, one Nurse's Aide, one Psychiatric Social Worker 5, one Psychiatric Social Worker 2, one Dental Technician, one Laboratory Technician 2, one EEG Technician 2, one Physiotherapist 2, one Physiotherapist 1, one Occupational Therapist 3, five Occupational Therapists 1, one Psychologist 3 or 4, one Medical Records Technician, one Medical Records Librarian 1, one Clerk-Stenographer 2, three Cook's Helpers, one Labourer or Swamper, one Assistant Projectionist and Photographer, one Laundryman 5, total vacant positions 80."

172 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government moved any students from The Tranquille School at Kamloops to boarding-homes in the Okanagan?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many students have been moved?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. 123."

173 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

1. Does the Provincial Government sponsor any sheltered workshops in any Okanagan community?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many students are attending sheltered workshops and (b) in what communities?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) 146 and (b) Vernon, 51; Kelowna, 35; Penticton, 60."

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Norman Levi* (Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement) presented a report intituled *Toward a Government Policy on Drug Abuse*.

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 12.59 p.m.