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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gregory N. Smith*.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Thirty-fourth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ROBERT GORDON ROGERS, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 8th day of March 1988, the members took their seats.

The Honourable ROBERT GORDON ROGERS, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Honoured Guests:

As we gather to open this Second Session of the Thirty-fourth Parliament of our Province of British Columbia, I bring greetings on behalf of our Sovereign, Her Majesty the Queen.

In a few, short hours, the elected representatives of this Parliament will again take up their duties on behalf of British Columbians.

Before this work begins, it is fitting to look back so we can better understand the road and direction that lies ahead.

The achievements of the past year and the initiatives outlined in this Throne Speech must be viewed in the context of my Government's goals.

Those goals are to eliminate the deficit and build a stable Province that provides social and economic security for all British Columbians.

We have begun with government, re-shaping the way it touches the lives of our people and the way British Columbians do business with their government.

This restructuring involves an ongoing review and assessment of programs.

It involves a careful but bold program of privatization.

It involves a program of regional development to benefit all British Columbians.

And it involves a continuing commitment to increase decision-making at the community level.

This change in the face, style and operations of government has been both profound and positive.

It will continue — for while we have made a good start, my Government will not stand still for standing still.

Our gains, our accomplishments since taking office are many and substantial.

Those achievements, outlined in the speech which closed the First Session of this Parliament, have laid a solid foundation for an even stronger and more secure British Columbia.

In the coming year my Government will build on those gains.

We will consolidate our position.

And we will continue to deliver programs and services to people within a fiscal framework that is fair and affordable.

My Government has shown strong leadership, over the past 12 months.

As a result, there is a renewed and strengthened sense of optimism in British Columbia.

The results are showing.

Our economy is strong — and growing stronger.

Ours is a Province that out-performed most of Canada last year and promises to do the same again this year.

Ours is a Province where resource industries like forestry, pulp and paper, and mining, especially in the area of precious metals, are the strongest in years.

Ours is a Province that created more than 90,000 new jobs between January, 1987 and January, 1988 for an annual growth rate in employment of 7.3 per cent compared to a national rate of 4.1 per cent or the Ontario rate of 4.2 per cent.

Ours is a Province that last year attracted \$11.2 billion in investment — a growth rate of 17.4 per cent compared to 11.8 per cent for Canada as a whole.

Ours is a Province where economic diversification has caused manufacturing activity to grow at a rate three times faster than the Canadian average.

Ours is a Province where the high-tech industry now employs more than 10,000 people and where the average growth rate since 1983 is 20 per cent.

Ours is a Province where tourism, retail sales, housing starts and other key economic indicators all show significant upward increases.

Most of all, ours is a Province where sound fiscal management has increased consumer, business and investment confidence.

Clearly, British Columbia is well-positioned as we move towards the last decade of this century.

While our prospects look bright, we will not be complacent.

British Columbia must trade and export in a global environment.

Our continued success depends upon increased productivity, stability in labour relations, a more diversified economy and increased investment.

In the coming year, our maturity and our will to do what's best for British Columbia will be tested.

Public and private sector contracts affecting 55 per cent of our unionized workforce are up for renewal.

The eyes of the world's business and investment community will be upon us.

My Government is confident that by working together, we will meet the test.

My Government will play its part.

We will be fair but firm, serving the interests of all British Columbians rather than special interests.

We will lead the way with continued sound management and solid leadership in the coming year.

We will encourage planned and organized growth, so development does not bring pressures, problems and costs to threaten the quality of life we enjoy.

And we will act today so tomorrow's British Columbians will have a richer, more secure future.

My Government will complete and put in place by year-end, a long-term strategic plan for our province.

This undertaking has the full support, endorsement and involvement of our private sector.

The plan will allow British Columbia to take its place in the 21st century with confidence.

It will lay out government's economic and social objectives for the next decade.

It will be comprehensive — yet flexible enough so British Columbia can respond to external forces.

Most important, it will provide the security and certainty essential to long-term decision making and investment by our private sector.

This initiative is off to a good start.

My Government is drawing on the skills, talent and the expertise of individuals both in and outside government.

Many of British Columbia's brightest academic and business minds are involved in the development of this plan.

Working in a voluntary capacity with senior staff, MLAs and Ministers in my Government, their input and contributions will help ensure a long-range plan that meets our needs for the 90's and beyond.

A draft White Paper outlining strategy in a broad range of areas, ranging from fiscal policy and economic development to social issues, will be completed by August of this year.

After review by Cabinet and the Premier's Economic Advisory Council, the White Paper will be given wide circulation throughout the Province so business, labour and all other affected groups can provide input and advice.

The benefits and rewards of this undertaking will be immense.

British Columbians will see a vast improvement in the development and delivery of programs and policies.

Government itself will become more efficient, accountable and affordable.

The private sector will be able to operate in a climate of predictability and security.

And finally, we will show the world's investors and our international customers and trading partners that Canada's Pacific Region has a goal and a game plan.

The Pacific Region is above all, a trading region.

Because of our strategic location and our economic strength, no one is better positioned than British Columbia to compete in the growing economies of the nations of the Pacific Rim.

My Government welcomes and fully supports the free trade agreement with the United States.

This agreement offers major opportunities for economic growth in our Province and vastly enhanced trade with the United States.

Free trade means new jobs, lower prices for Canadian consumers and more secure and enhanced access to the vast United States market.

It means new customers for B.C. business and new ways to diversify and expand our economic base.

It means more economic activity as overseas investors locate in British Columbia in order to access the United States market.

Our trade horizons are wide.

My Government will enhance our valuable trade ties with our other partners in the Pacific Rim.

We will make British Columbia known around the world and profile our Province, its people and its products as never before.

My Government will enact legislation to help B.C. business and industries increase trade throughout the Pacific Rim.

This trade opportunities legislation will:

- Maximize trade with the United States and the other nations of the Pacific Rim.
- Help B.C. business and industries take full advantage of the free trade agreement with the U.S.
- Provide assistance where appropriate to help businesses or sectors adjust to the free trade agreement.
- Promote British Columbia to international investors.
- Encourage closer ties with Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska.

While British Columbia will take independent action to build and develop its economy, my Government will continue to fight for a fair share of federal resources and aid.

The Pacific Region has historically paid its way and played its part in the development and evolution of Confederation.

Look at the record.

British Columbia's financial contribution to Canada far outstrips what the Federal Government returns to our region.

British Columbia has been an active and vocal supporter of the Federal Government's free trade initiative.

British Columbia supported and played a key role in the finalization of the Meech Lake Accord.

British Columbia co-operated fully to assist Ottawa in resolving the softwood lumber dispute.

Yet despite our continuing contributions and co-operation, our share of federal resources and spending remains disproportionately low.

My Government has been patient but we have seen too many inequities and the allocation of too many grants, subsidies and federal resources to central and eastern Canada.

The result has been a deepening feeling of alienation in our Pacific Region.

For too long, British Columbia has been out of sight and out of mind of successive federal governments.

For too long, the federal vision failed to see beyond central Canada.

Even now, that vision of western Canada appears to encompass only prairie grain and Alberta energy.

My Government initiated the establishment of the Canada/B.C. Council of Ministers as a means to bring about increased fairness towards British Columbia.

However, little has been accomplished.

My Government has seen a major financial commitment by Ottawa to build a fixed link to Prince Edward Island.

British Columbia still awaits a federal contribution towards the Vancouver Island gas pipeline, despite having paid hundreds of millions of dollars in energy taxes.

My Government surrendered sovereignty and valuable land to establish the South Moresby National Park.

British Columbia still awaits compensation from Ottawa.

My Government is spearheading the KAON development project which offers the promise of medical and other discoveries that will benefit all Canada.

British Columbia's efforts have been given minimal support by the Federal Government.

My Government intends to act to remedy this situation.

Action will be taken to enhance British Columbia's stature and increase its share of the benefits of Confederation.

We will heighten federal awareness of the Pacific Region and its importance as Canada's gateway to the Pacific Rim.

We will monitor and evaluate British Columbia's standing within the federal system.

We will identify shortcomings in the Federal-Provincial system as it relates to the Pacific Region.

We will develop ways and means to bring about more equity for British Columbia and make public on a regular basis, an evaluation of our status and treatment within Confederation.

My Government will examine and evaluate areas of federal jurisdiction within British Columbia.

Our goal will be to determine if these functions might more appropriately be administered by the Province.

We will target our actions towards key sectors of economic growth such as communications, airports, port facilities, boards and commissions and other agencies.

We will identify deficiencies in the existing system and determine priority areas of action.

My Government will negotiate with the Federal Government to re-structure the Economic Regional Development Agreement.

We will seek a reduced emphasis on direct loans in favor of increased involvement by commercial lending institutions.

Where appropriate, my Government will consider loan guarantees or equity investments.

We will pursue the development of trading zones in British Columbia to encourage export-oriented industrial development.

And we will act through the budget process to help our small business sector further improve its record as a job-creator and economic generator.

Social programs — health care in particular — remain an area of commitment and concern for my Government.

While we enjoy one of the world's finest health care systems we pay a high price — one-third of the Provincial budget.

My Government is concerned that the people of British Columbia receive full value for their dollars and continued access to high quality care.

All British Columbians will be asked to share the responsibility for maintenance of this excellent system.

That responsibility ranges from practicing a healthy lifestyle, to increased public awareness of our health care system, and the most effective use of all services.

My Government believes it is an appropriate time to undertake a new and innovative approach in dealing with health care.

The Ministry of Health will therefore initiate and spearhead a pilot project involving both the Greater Victoria Hospital Society and the Capital Regional District.

The pilot project, unique in Canada, will focus on new strategies, new techniques and new ways of delivering health care, particularly to senior citizens, through a community-based, integrated delivery system.

The project will result in:

- Area hospitals taking increased responsibility for managing all health care resources, including acute, rehabilitative, home care and long term care.
- Hospital control of use of their facilities by doctors and other health professionals.
- Establishment of senior care centres — one-stop, specialized, health care centres staffed by salaried physicians, nurse practitioners and alternative health care practitioners — in the district.
- Action by government to reduce the cost of physicians' services in the Capital Regional District.
- Hospitals being encouraged to use alternate care practitioners.
- Award of a \$100,000 grant to the University of Victoria to develop new health information systems to better assess community health care needs.

Mr. Speaker, this pilot project is timely, both in terms of delivery of health services to the general public and in the delivery of care for seniors.

My Government recognizes that senior citizens have special health care and social needs.

At the same time, many seniors feel the present system does not meet their requirements and it is evident that loneliness and isolation are a serious problem.

Under the current care system, seniors too often find themselves in a frustrating and costly circle of referrals to specialists and other practitioners.

My Government believes senior care centres, which will offer integrated, appropriate and better quality care, represent a positive way to promote the health and well-being of the elderly.

My Government will also enhance and strengthen programs to deal with substance abuse, including alcohol and drugs. The cross-government co-ordination of such initiatives will be undertaken by the Ministry of Labour and Consumer Services.

My Government remains committed to supporting and strengthening families in British Columbia.

Last year a highly effective Family Life program was introduced in our schools to help our young people make responsible decisions.

That program is continuing and my Government will soon make available to all British Columbians a new family support initiative.

We will offer assistance in a number of areas, including a marriage preparation program.

For women facing unwanted pregnancies, we will provide information and direct support, including the provision of shelters.

Further, given that there are some 3,000 British Columbia families who wish to adopt babies, my Government will speed up and bring about increased flexibility in adoption.

Individuals required to pay maintenance to their families must live up to their responsibilities.

My Government will fund a program to bring about increased enforcement of maintenance orders.

This will benefit all British Columbians since many families are forced to rely on income assistance.

GAIN support and shelter allowances were increased last year by 11 per cent.

My Government will re-organize the delivery of income assistance and social programs in the coming year.

We will further improve services and ensure that assistance is provided only to those who are in need.

While negotiations are continuing with the Federal Government, my Government will make additional funding available for day care.

My Government believes the best investment it can make is to provide an education system that lets young British Columbians reach their full potential.

My Government has made major improvements to the funding system for schools.

This will result in an increase in school district shareable operating budgets of about \$175 million.

This increase is a higher percentage than those announced to date by the provinces of Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba and one of the highest in the country this year.

We must ensure our students have the tools they need.

My Government will make a substantial investment to bring computers into our classrooms.

Students who work hard will be rewarded for good scholastic performance.

My Government will provide tangible aid through our Passport to Education program which awards credits towards a college or university education.

The contribution made by our independent school system will be recognized.

My Government will increase funding to reflect increased enrolment in its schools.

The Royal Commission Report on Education will be received June 1.

My Government anticipates specific recommendations for both legislative and regulatory change and will act swiftly after reviewing the report's contents.

The importance of our universities and colleges as agents for economic growth is accepted by all British Columbians.

My Government will provide increased post-secondary support and make major improvements in financial assistance to students.

The private sector will be encouraged and challenged to make financial contributions to our universities.

My Government stands ready to match such contributions up to a significant amount.

Mr. Speaker, my Government wants this Parliament to be as productive and as effective as the last.

In addition to the steps and measures outlined so far, my Government will act in the following areas:

- Mandatory basic safety inspections will be extended to include automobiles and light trucks.
- A computerized registry of potential organ donors will be developed in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Department.

- Initial funding will be made available for preliminary work on the proposed new Vancouver Island Highway.
- The Provincial-Municipal Committee on Decentralization will recommend and enact the additional transfer of controls and responsibilities to local government.
- New Regional District legislation which reflects extensive consultation with local government will be introduced.
- My Government will examine and review the tax structure in the mineral industry to ensure our Province remains competitive.
- To encourage industry participation in the management and development of British Columbia's mineral, petroleum and natural gas resources, my Government will investigate the establishment of joint venture operating boards.
- Legislation will be introduced to strengthen the development of Vancouver as an International Financial Centre.
- Private sector trading house activity will be encouraged to help market and sell B.C. products and services around the world.
- We will act to facilitate business immigration.
- Legislation to place commercial river rafting under provincial authority and increase safety will be introduced.
- A program to bring about comprehensive management of special wastes in our Province will be implemented.
- The *Waste Management Act* and the *Litter Act* and other measures will be amended to encourage the re-use and re-cycling of municipal wastes.
- Legislation will be introduced to provide a statutory base for programs and services designed to aid victims of crime.
- Changes will be made to the *Property Law Act* to reduce the liability of individuals in certain types of property transactions.
- Steps will be taken to improve the justice system so that it is more relevant, accessible, efficient and less costly.
- A new Provincial *Parole Act* for prisoners in provincial institutions will be introduced.
- Legislation to ensure reforestation of all harvested areas will be implemented.
- Initiatives to double the amount of timber available for competitive sale and changes in the tenure system will be introduced.
- My Government will continue its efforts to reduce tariff barriers in the wood products sector.
- Initiatives to enhance forest research and promote secondary manufacturing and production of value-added products will be taken.
- New policies will open up back country recreational opportunities for our own people and visitors.
- My Government will support and assist the effort to bring the 1994 Commonwealth Games to Victoria.
- Legislation will be introduced to encourage all British Columbians to preserve and enhance historic and heritage sites in the Province.
- Our agriculture sector's economic viability will be enhanced by a long-term strategy to develop new markets and products.
- New programs will encourage investment and transfer technology in the aquaculture and greenhouse sectors to increase production and markets.
- My Government will act to enhance the viability of the horse breeding and racing industry in the Province.

- Legislation will protect farmers from frivolous nuisance legal actions that hinder their ability to operate intensive agricultural businesses within the Agricultural Land Reserve.
- Members of this House will be asked to debate and endorse the historic Meech Lake Agreement.

Rick Hansen's epic Man in Motion tour heightened public awareness of the need to open up new doors and avenues so the disabled can take their full place in our society.

My Government will consult widely with groups and individuals and introduce legislation to establish a Premier's Council for Persons with Disabilities.

My Government believes these initiatives and others to be revealed in the budget, will do much to strengthen our Province's position.

Our policies and programs are designed to make British Columbia Canada's strongest and most prosperous province.

There has never been a better time to be a British Columbian — not just because of what we've done — but because of what we can still achieve.

Economically, and historically the sun is now rising in the West.

With our strength, our diversity and our ideal location, British Columbia can lead the way as Canada's high performance province.

British Columbians have a proud record as high achievers — people who get things done.

If we continue to work together, we can make our great Province shine with golden opportunities for all of our people.

The best is yet to come.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask all Members of this Assembly to begin their work on behalf of the people of our Province.

May God's blessing be with them as they carry out their duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services), it was *Ordered*—

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

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* (Premier) moved—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Economic Development, Transportation and Municipal Affairs;
2. Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations;

3. Tourism and Environment;
4. Forests and Lands;
5. Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources;
6. Agriculture and Fisheries;
7. Health, Education and Social Services;
8. Finance, Crown Corporations and Government Services;
9. Public Accounts;
10. Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of Members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, the Hon. *E. N. Veitch*, Mrs. *Gran*, Messrs. *R. Fraser*, *Pelton* and *Ree* and Messrs. *Gabelmann*, *Rose* and *Williams*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, seconded by Mr. *Rose*, it was *Ordered*—

That *F. C. A. Pelton*, Esquire, First Member for Dewdney Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, seconded by Mr. *Rose*, it was *Ordered*—

That *James Rabbitt*, Esquire, Member for Yale-Lillooet Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On a point of order being raised by Mr. *Rose*, it was *Ordered*, on the motion of the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm*, that the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be received by the House in the written form as presented by His Honour to Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, the House was adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3.43 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 1988

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled the Eleventh Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, year ended March 31, 1987.

Mr. *Loenen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rabbitt*—

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

A debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Rose*, on behalf of Mr. *Harcourt*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General) tabled the following:

The British Columbia Board of Parole Annual Report, 1986–87.

The 16th Annual Report of the *Criminal Injury Compensation Act* of British Columbia, January to December, 1987.

Official Administrators' Annual Returns for calendar year ended December 31, 1986, pursuant to section 51 of the *Estate Administration Act*.

The 1986–87 Annual Report of the Legal Services Society of British Columbia.

The Annual Report of the Ministry of Attorney General for the period April 1, 1986 to March 31, 1987.

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* advised the House that the House will sit on Wednesday next.

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* advised the House of anticipated sittings of the House for the coming two weeks.

And then the House adjourned at 3.40 p.m.

Thursday, March 17, 1988

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. E. Reid*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, March 17, 1988

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) made a statement noting, with regret, the deaths of two former Members of the Legislative Assembly, namely, Mr. *Henry Cartmell McKay*, Member for Fernie, and Mr. *Arthur James Richard Ash*, Member for Saanich.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, on behalf of Mr. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Friday, March 18, 1988

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection which read as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 18, 1988

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on March 15, 1988, to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report that the following are the lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS—Mr. *Mercier* (Convener), the Hon. *R. M. Johnston*, Messrs. *Loenen* and *Dirks*, Dr. *Huberts*, Messrs. *Michael*, *Lovick*, *Blencoe* and *G. Hanson*.

LABOUR, JUSTICE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS—Ms. *Campbell* (Convener), the Hon. *L. Hanson*, the Hon. *B. R. D. Smith*, Messrs. *Chalmers*, *Jansen*, *Weisgerber*, *Gabelmann*, *Sihota* and *Skelly*.

TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT—Mr. *Messmer* (Convener), the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, the Hon. *W. E. Reid*, Messrs. *Serwa* and *Bruce*, Ms. *Smallwood*, Mr. *Barnes*, Ms. *Edwards* and Mr. *Kempf*.

FORESTS AND LANDS—Mr. *Bruce* (Convener), the Hon. *J. Davis*, Mr. *Vant*, Ms. *Campbell*, Messrs. *Dirks*, *Long*, *Serwa*, *Miller*, *Gabelmann*, *Williams* and *Kempf*.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES—Dr. *Huberts* (Convener), the Hon. *C. S. Rogers*, the Hon. *J. Savage*, Messrs. *De Jong*, *Weisgerber*, *Serwa*, *Guno*, *Rose* and *Stupich*.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES—Mrs. *Gran* (Convener), the Hon. *P. A. Dueck*, the Hon. *A. J. Brummet*, Mr. *Crandall*, Ms. *Campbell*, Messrs. *Mowat*, *Cashore* and *Jones*, and Mrs. *Boone*.

FINANCE, CROWN CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Mr. *Bud Smith* (Convener), the Hon. *M. B. Couvelier*, the Hon. *E. N. Veitch*, Messrs. *Rabbitt*, *Jansen*, *Ree*, *Sihota*, *D'Arcy* and *Clark*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Ms. *Marzari* (Convener), the Hon. *S. Hagen*, the Hon. *R. M. Johnston*, the Hon. *G. M. McCarthy*, the Hon. *E. N. Veitch*, Messrs. *Long*, *Mercier*, *Peterson* and *Chalmers*, Mrs. *A. Hagen*, Messrs. *G. Hanson* and *Williams*.

STANDING ORDERS, PRIVATE BILLS AND MEMBERS' SERVICES—Mr. *Crandall* (Convener), the Hon. *B. R. D. Smith*, the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, Messrs. *Mercier*, *Pelton*, *Lovick*, *Sihota*, *Stupich* and *Kempf*.

ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES—Mr. *Peterson* (Convener), the Hon. *A. J. Brummet*, the Hon. *J. Davis*, Messrs. *Ree*, *Bud Smith*, *Vant*, *Clark*, *D'Arcy* and *Guno*.

Respectfully submitted.

THE HON. W. B. STRACHAN, *Chairman*

By leave, the Report was taken as read and received.

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

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

By leave, the Hon. *W. B. Strachan* moved—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Forests and Lands to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to provisions of timber harvesting contracts between tree farm licensees or forest licensees and contractors, as provided in the *Forest Act*, and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to consider:

(a) the desirability of a standard timber harvesting contract;

(b) the desirability of submitting to arbitration issues between parties to a timber harvesting contract; and

(c) in the event that arbitration is recommended, the policy considerations and desirability of providing for the same by legislation or contract;

and to report to the House as soon as possible, during this Session or at the next following Session, as the case may be.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee by the House, the Committee shall have the following additional powers, namely:

(a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;

(b) to sit during any period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation, and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and

(d) to retain consultants as required to advise the Committee.

Motion agreed to.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, on behalf of Mrs. *Gran*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* advised the House that the House will sit on Wednesday next and that it is anticipated that the House will not sit on Wednesday, April 20, next.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Select Standing Committee on Forests and Lands to meet on Monday next while the House is sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

Monday, March 21, 1988

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) made a statement relating to the retirement of Mr. Howard K. Britt, Director, Government Printing Services.

Mr. *Rose* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General) tabled the Annual Report of the B.C. Police Commission, 1986/87.

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

The debate continued.

49 Mr. *Williams* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Rose*—

That the motion "We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session", be amended by adding the following: "But this House regrets that the Throne Speech contained no new initiatives for economic development. Rather, it represents a continuation of reactionary and discredited economic policies and ideological dogma which have caused uncertainty and instability instead of setting out new directions to benefit British Columbians."

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—14

<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Barnes</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Cashore</i>		

NAYS—38

<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>S. Hagen</i>	<i>Loenen</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Jansen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Pelton</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Parker</i>
<i>S. Smith</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Vant</i>	<i>B. R. D. Smith</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Strachan</i>		

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, on behalf of the Hon. *A. J. Brummet*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22, 1988

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, on behalf of the Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22, 1988

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

51 The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* moved—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Finance, Crown Corporations and Government Services to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the regulation of the financial planning and advisory industry, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to consider:

1. The desirability of a regulatory regime to regulate the financial planning and advisory industry;
2. The objectives which regulation of the industry should attempt to accomplish and the principles upon which regulation could be established;
3. The policy considerations inherent in regulating this industry; and
4. Alternative approaches which would be used to design a regulatory regime; and to report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee by the House, the Committee shall have the following additional powers, namely:

- (a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee; and
- (b) to sit during any period in which the House is adjourned, is prorogued, and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain consultants as required to advise the committee generally and during its deliberations.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23, 1988

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

52 The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* moved—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on the matter of the *Builders Lien Act* with particular reference to the following:

1. The purposes of and the continuing relevance of the legislation in today's society;
 2. The policy consideration behind the Act;
 3. The desirability of repeal or reform to any or all of the provisions within the Act;
- and
4. The policy directions which would guide any reform; and to report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the said Committee by the House, the Committee shall have the following additional powers, namely:

- (a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit
 - (i) during any period in which the House is adjourned, is prorogued, and during any sitting of the House, and
 - (ii) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (c) to retain consultants as required to advise the Committee generally and during its deliberations.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Jansen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Pelton</i>
<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Parker</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>B. R. D. Smith</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Vant</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>S. Hagen</i>	<i>Loenen</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Gran</i>			

NAYS—19

<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Marzari</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Barnes</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Thursday, March 24, 1988

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Harvey W. Schroeder*.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) it was *Ordered*—

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

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented:

The Report of the Comptroller General (Interim Financial Statements) for the ten months ended January 31, 1988, pursuant to the provisions of the *Financial Administration Act*, section 8 (4).

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 24, 1988.

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

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved, seconded by the Hon. *W. B. Strachan* (Minister of Environment and Parks), "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bills (Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19) intituled:

Home Owner Grant Amendment Act, 1988;

Horse Racing Tax Amendment Act, 1988;

Income Tax Amendment Act, 1988;

Insurance Premium Tax Amendment Act, 1988;

Land Tax Deferment Amendment Act, 1988;

Mineral Resource Tax Amendment Act, 1988;

Mining Tax Amendment Act, 1988;

Motor Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1988;

Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 1988;

Taxation (Rural Area) Amendment Act, 1988;

Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1988;

Tourist Accommodation (Assessment Relief) Act;

Budget Stabilization Fund Act;

Education Excellence Appropriation Repeal Act;

Health Improvement Appropriation Repeal Act;

Privatization Benefits Fund Act;

Special Accounts Appropriation and Control Act; and

Provincial-Municipal Partnership (Taxation Measures) Amendment Act, 1988;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 24, 1988.

Bills introduced and read a first time.

Bills *Ordered* for second reading at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 3.10 p.m.

Friday, March 25, 1988

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch*, on behalf of the Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General), tabled a copy of the amendments to the current Supreme Court Rules, pursuant to section 1 (2) of the *Court Rules Act*.

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 Mr. *Jansen*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1988* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 24, 1988.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess for distribution of the Bill.

By leave, Bill (No. 20) read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 20), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—43

<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Mercier</i>
<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Rose</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>
<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Marzari</i>	<i>Crandall</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Bruce</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Parker</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Vant</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Jansen</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Müller</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	

NAYS—1

Kempf

In consideration of Warrant 2, Schedule 1 of Bill (No. 20), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—25

<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Vant</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Parker</i>
<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Jansen</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Serwa</i>			

NAYS—14

<i>Clark</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Marzari</i>
<i>Müller</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>
<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

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

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Bill:

Bill (No. 20) *Supply Act (No. 1), 1988.*

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Deputy Clerk of the House, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and doth assent to this Bill.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, April 5.

And then the House adjourned at 12.35 p.m.