

**Wednesday, March 13, 1991**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Barlee*.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Minister of International Business and Immigration and Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented the Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1990.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Minister of International Business and Immigration and Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) moved—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1990, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Loenen* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance, Crown Corporations and Government Services relating to the Financial Planning and Advisory Industry.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 83) intituled *Job Protection Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 83) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Minister of International Business and Immigration and Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled a draft document entitled Compensation Fairness Guidelines.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 82) intituled *Compensation Fairness Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *S. D. Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

**Thursday, March 14, 1991**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Dueck*.

The Hon. *R. G. Fraser* (Attorney General) tabled the Report and Recommendations of the 1990 Compensation Advisory Committee Regarding Remuneration for Provincial Court Judges.

By leave, the Hon. *R. G. Fraser* (Attorney General) moved—

That the Report and Recommendations of the Compensation Advisory Committee, 1990, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations for the purpose of recommending a Resolution to the Legislative Assembly for fixing of salaries, pursuant to section 7 (1) and (2) of the *Provincial Court Act*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) tabled the Annual Report of the Assessment Appeal Board for the 1990 calendar year.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 82) intituled *Compensation Fairness Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

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**Thursday, March 14, 1991**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Minister of International Business and Immigration and Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

Statement of Crown Proceedings Payments, 1989/90, pursuant to provisions of the *Crown Proceeding Act*, section 15 (2).

The Annual Report of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, 1989/90.

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 84) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating, 1990 Amendment Act, 1991* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 14, 1991.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *J. Rabbitt* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Industrial Relations Council, 1990.

The Hon. *J. Rabbitt* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 85) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 1991* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 14, 1991.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 82) intituled *Compensation Fairness Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

*Long*  
*Crandall*  
*Davidson*  
*Peterson*  
*Loenen*  
*Kempf*  
*McCarthy*  
*Brummet*  
*Dueck*

*Couvelier*  
*Pelton*  
*J. Jansen*  
*De Jong*  
*Veitch*  
*Fraser*  
*Vander Zalm*  
*Richmond*  
*S. Hagen*

*Johnston*  
*Dirks*  
*Chalmers*  
*Reynolds*  
*Huberts*  
*Vant*  
*Reid*  
*Ree*  
*Michael*

*L. Hanson*  
*Savage*  
*Parker*  
*Jacobsen*  
*Gran*  
*Rabbitt*  
*Strachan*  
*Serwa*  
*Weisgerber*

## NAYS—20

G. Janssen  
Zirnhelt  
Jones  
Perry  
Miller

A. Hagen  
Sihota  
Williams  
Lovick  
Smallwood

Guno  
Pullinger  
Edwards  
Blencoe  
Clark

D'Arcy  
Gabelmann  
Marzari  
Barnes  
G. Hanson

Bill (No. 82) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled *Constitutional Amendment Approval Act*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Couvelier, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.44 p.m.

### Friday, March 15, 1991

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. R. M. Johnston.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

Bill (No. 83) intituled *Job Protection Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment.

By leave, Bill (No. 83) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 12.50 p.m.

### Monday, March 18, 1991

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. L. Hanson (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) made a ministerial statement relating to heritage legislation and tabled a document entitled *Heritage Legislation — a White Paper for Public Review*.

Mr. *G. Hanson* made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *H. De Jong* (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries) made a ministerial statement relating to an initiative entitled "Buy B.C. First."

Mr. *Barlee* made a statement.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* (Minister of Forests) made a ministerial statement relating to the signing of an agreement between the British Columbia Forest Service, the Takla Band and the Takla Development Corporation.

Mr. *Miller* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 82) intituled *Compensation Fairness Act* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.44 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 19, 1991

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Couvelier*.

The Hon. *R. G. Fraser* (Attorney General) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 91) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 1991* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
March 19, 1991.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 82) intituled *Compensation Fairness Act* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.47 a.m.

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## Tuesday, March 19, 1991

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. G. Fraser* (Attorney General) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 90) intituled *Property Rights Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 19, 1991.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Minister of International Business and Immigration and Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 92) intituled *Taxpayer Protection Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 19, 1991.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Bruce* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Forests and Lands with respect to the *Forest Act* — Part 12 and the Vancouver Log Market.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Report was adopted.

The Hon. *J. Savage* (Minister of Parks) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Parks, 1989-1990.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 82) intituled *Compensation Fairness Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

In consideration of section 14 of Bill (No. 82), the Committee divided *nemine contradicente* as follows:

YEAS—47

<i>Long</i>	<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>
<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Dueck</i>	<i>Vant</i>
<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Loenen</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>G. Janssen</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>J. Jansen</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Cull</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Jacobsen</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>
<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Rose</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Serwa</i>
<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>
<i>Barlee</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 82), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—32

<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Dueck</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Jacobsen</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>J. Jansen</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>
<i>Loenen</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Vant</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Serwa</i>
<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>

NAYS—17

<i>G. Janssen</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>Cull</i>	<i>Barlee</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Barnes</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Pullinger</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>
<i>Sihota</i>			

Bill (No. 82) read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled *Constitutional Amendment Approval Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 81) read a second time, and by leave, *Ordered* committed forthwith.

Bill (No. 81) reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating, 1990 Amendment Act, 1991* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 85) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 1991* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

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### Thursday, March 21, 1991

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Hagen*.

The Hon. *J. Weisgerber*, on behalf of the Hon. *J. Davis* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources), tabled the following:

The Annual Report of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990.

The Annual Report of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, 1990.

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Assessment Authority for the 1989 fiscal year.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 92) intituled *Taxpayer Protection Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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



## YEAS—57

Mercier	Peterson	Brummet	Chalmers
Crandall	Bruce	Dueck	Vant
Davidson	Loenen	Couvelier	Reid
G. Janssen	Kempf	Pelton	Ree
Zirnhelt	Pullinger	J. Jansen	Michael
Jones	Cashore	De Jong	Messmer
Perry	Edwards	Smith	L. Hanson
Cull	Clark	Veitch	Savage
Miller	D'Arcy	Fraser	Parker
A. Hagen	Boone	Vander Zalm	Jacobsen
Sihota	Harcourt	Richmond	Gran
Williams	Rose	S. Hagen	Rabbitt
Lovick	Marzari	Johnston	Strachan
Smallwood	McCarthy	Dirks	Serwa
Barlee			

Bill (No. 92) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 84) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating, 1990 Amendment Act, 1991* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 90) intituled *Property Rights Act*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Sihota*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

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## Thursday, March 21, 1991

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. Gran* (Minister of Government Management Services and Minister Responsible for Women's Programs) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 86) intituled *British Columbia Retirement Savings Plan Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 14, 1991.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *I. Messmer* (Solicitor General) tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Police Commission, 1989/90.

The Hon. *C. C. Michael* (Minister of Tourism) tabled the Pacific National Exhibition Report and Financial Statements, March 31, 1990.

The Hon. *J. Rabbitt* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 89) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 19, 1991.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *J. Rabbitt*, it was *Resolved* that the Order for second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Pension Benefits Standards Act* be discharged.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* (Minister of Forests) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

DAVID C. LAM  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 95) intituled *Range Amendment Act, 1991* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 21, 1991.*

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Bill introduced and read a first time.  
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *H. Dirks* (Provincial Secretary) made a ministerial statement relating to International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. *D'Arcy* made a statement.

The Hon. *C. Serwa* (Minister of Environment) made a ministerial statement relating to a review of British Columbia's bulk water export policy.

Mr. *Cashore* made a statement.

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Education) made a ministerial statement relating to the sale of a radioisotope accelerator by Ebco Technologies of Richmond.

Mr. *Jones* made a statement.

The Hon. *J. Rabbitt* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) tabled the following:

The Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour and Consumer Services for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1990.

Sixty-ninth Annual Report of the Liquor Distribution Branch for the year ended March 31, 1990, and the Financial Statements of the Liquor Distribution Branch for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1990.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 90) intituled *Property Rights Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 90) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 91) intituled *Land Title Amendment Act, 1991*, read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 85) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 1991*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

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**Friday, March 22, 1991**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Gran* (Minister of Government Management Services and Minister Responsible for Women's Programs) made a ministerial statement relating to the allocation of funds for a child care expansion program.

Ms. Hagen made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

The Hon. C. Gran (Minister of Government Management Services and Minister Responsible for Women's Programs) tabled the following:

Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1990.

Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, year ended December 31, 1989.

The Hon. E. N. Veitch (Minister of International Business and Immigration and Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

Annual Report of the Ministry of International Business and Immigration, April 1, 1988 to March 31, 1989.

Annual Report of the Ministry of International Business and Immigration, April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990.

Order called for second reading of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Clean Environment Enforcement Act*.

Upon objection taken by the Hon. C. Serwa that Bill (No. M 202) was out of order in the hands of a Private Member as it involved an expenditure of Crown revenues and imposed an obligation on the Crown, Mr. Speaker ruled Bill (No. M 202) out of order.

On the motion of the Hon. C. H. Richmond, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

Bill (No. 92) intituled *Taxpayer Protection Act* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

On the motion of the Hon. C. H. Richmond, it was *Resolved* that the House, at its rising, be adjourned until 1.15 o'clock p.m.

And then the House adjourned at 12.57 p.m.

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ONE-FIFTEEN O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 92) intituled *Taxpayer Protection Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was about to enter the Chamber and declared a short recess.

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 titles to the following Bills:

Bill (No. 81) *Constitutional Amendment Approval Act.*

Bill (No. 82) *Compensation Fairness Act.*

Bill (No. 83) *Job Protection Act.*

Bill (No. 84) *Municipalities Enabling and Validating, 1990 Amendment Act, 1991.*

Bill (No. 85) *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 1991.*

Bill (No. 92) *Taxpayer Protection Act.*

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

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

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In closing the Fourth Session of the Thirty-fourth Parliament, I wish to commend the effort and dedication displayed by all Members during this past Session.

This Session has seen the passage of over 85 pieces of legislation, many of great significance to the people of British Columbia.

You adopted important measures to ensure the economic stability of British Columbia by protecting jobs and avoiding an undue tax burden on our citizens. In addition, the *Compensation Fairness Act* balances fair compensation in the public sector with the taxpayer's ability to pay.

You are to be congratulated on the passage of the *Constitutional Amendment Approval Act* which will assist us in addressing the major constitutional challenges facing our nation.

By your adoption of the *Referendum Act* you have ensured that all British Columbians will have the opportunity to express their views on constitutional reform and other major government initiatives.

To provide financial security for our people upon retirement, you introduced two important pieces of legislation; the *British Columbia Retirement Savings Plan Act* and the *Pension Benefits Standards Act*.

In recognition of the increasing needs of our people in Northern British Columbia for access to post-secondary education, you passed the *University of Northern British Columbia Act*.

By your adoption of the *Carmanah Pacific Park Act*, you created a 3600-hectare park in the Carmanah Valley. This legislation will ensure the protection of the largest stand of old growth Sitka spruce on our western coast.

A framework to provide standards of conduct for Members of this Legislature was approved by your passage of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

With the passage of the *First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Act*, you have pledged to support the Native peoples of this Province in their efforts to preserve their language and culture.

Honourable Members, as this Fourth Session of the Thirty-fourth Parliament comes to a close, I wish to express my appreciation for your commitment on behalf of all British Columbians.

I now relieve you of your legislative duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *H. Dirks* (Provincial Secretary) then said:

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

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

And then the House prorogued at 2.17 p.m.

C. STEPHEN ROGERS, *Speaker*