

Thursday, April 15, 1976

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. J. Mowatt*.

On the motion of Ms. *Sanford*, Bill (No. 37) intituled *Land Registry Amendment Act, 1976* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—31

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	

NAYS—13

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>			

Order for Committee of Supply called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Economic Policy Analysis Institute of British Columbia Repeal Act*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Jordan</i>			

NAYS—15

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	

Bill read a second time and, by leave of the House, *Ordered* committed forthwith.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Economic Policy Analysis Institute of British Columbia Repeal Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Jordan</i>			

NAYS—15

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Ian M. Horne, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:

(No. 6) *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1976.*

(No. 7) *Special Funds Revenue Recovery Act, 1976.*

(No. 9) *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1976.*

(No. 11) *Social Services Tax Amendment Act, 1976.*

(No. 12) *Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1976.*

(No. 14) *Economic Policy Analysis Institute of British Columbia Repeal Act.*

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

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:

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

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o’clock p.m. Monday, April 26.

33 Mrs. *Daily* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

In each school district in the Province which has rural components, what were the total sums collectable under the *Public Schools Act* in each rural component for the school budget year of 1975?

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

“Total sums collectable under the *Public Schools Act* were as follows:

Unorganized Rural Component of School District	1975 School Requisition \$	Unorganized Rural Component of School District	1975 School Requisition \$
No. 1 Fernie	1,720,704	No. 47 Powell River	1,211,849
No. 2 Cranbrook	798,019	No. 48 Howe Sound	1,702,865
No. 3 Kimberley	688,326	No. 49 Ocean Falls	389,840
No. 4 Windermere	890,406	No. 50 Queen Charlotte	900,458
No. 7 Nelson	2,370,485	No. 52 Prince Rupert	467,884
No. 9 Castlegar	634,482	No. 54 Smithers	455,836
No. 10 Arrow Lakes	330,729	No. 55 Burns Lake	620,680
No. 11 Trail	1,090,836	No. 56 Nechako	1,771,279
No. 12 Grand Forks	435,972	No. 57 Prince George	3,341,608
No. 13 Kettle Valley	266,895	No. 59 Peace River South	1,295,043
No. 14 South Okanagan	978,304	No. 60 Peace River North	3,154,404
No. 15 Penticton	532,808	No. 61 Greater Victoria	465,398
No. 16 Keremeos	218,837	No. 62 Sooke	4,321,897
No. 17 Princeton	566,079	No. 63 Saanich	123,403
No. 18 Golden	330,632	No. 64 Gulf Islands	1,727,547
No. 19 Revelstoke	652,138	No. 65 Cowichan	2,060,028
No. 22 Vernon	1,410,909	No. 66 Lake Cowichan	2,080,116
No. 23 Central Okanagan	2,548,807	No. 68 Nanaimo	3,350,786
No. 24 Kamloops	3,192,414	No. 69 Qualicum	1,469,148
No. 26 North Thompson	1,108,805	No. 70 Alberni	2,151,695
No. 27 Williams Lake	3,205,030	No. 71 Courtenay	2,835,531
No. 28 Quesnel	2,329,674	No. 72 Campbell River	2,111,019
No. 29 Lillooet	1,664,054	No. 75 Mission	389,436
No. 30 South Cariboo	1,230,703	No. 76 Agassiz-Harrison	149,160
No. 31 Merritt	711,654	No. 77 Summerland	31,622
No. 32 Hope	803,919	No. 80 Kitimat	115,611
No. 33 Chilliwack	470,937	No. 81 Fort Nelson	1,337,559
No. 34 Abbotsford	44,409	No. 84 Vancouver Island West ..	214,591
No. 36 Surrey	22,936	No. 85 Vancouver Island North ..	1,019,408
No. 39 Vancouver	528,006	No. 86 Creston-Kaslo	1,260,775
No. 42 Maple Ridge	59,624	No. 87 Stikine	403,835
No. 43 Coquitlam	3,074,147	No. 88 Terrace	1,065,423
No. 44 North Vancouver	18,982	No. 89 Shuswap	1,971,603
No. 45 West Vancouver	51,270	No. 92 Nisgha	42,779”
No. 46 Sechelt	2,606,242		

34 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With reference to the co-ordinated production of certain unaudited financial information by Clarkson, Gordon & Co. dated February 18, 1976—

1. What were the names of the Clarkson, Gordon & Co. personnel who worked on this co-ordination?

2. What is the total amount to be paid to Clarkson, Gordon & Co. for co-ordinating the figures provided by the Minister of Finance, Crown corporations, Boards, and agencies?

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

“1. I. Adam, B. Lund, F. E. Walden, K. L. Ingo, D. Gardner, R. G. Steel, R. G. Campion, D. C. Scott, F. Anstey, and R. N. Moysey.

“2. \$49,916.56.”

14 Ms. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. What was the total number of employees in Government employment effective December 23, 1975?

2. What is the total number of employees in Government employment to date?

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* replied as follows:

“1. Information not available for December 23, 1975. The total number for December 31, 1975, was 39,301.

“2. 38,569.”

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

With regard to the reception following the opening of the Legislature on March 17, 1976—

1. How many official invitations were distributed?

2. How many persons attended?

3. What was the total cost of the reception held on March 17, 1976?

4. What was the total cost of the reception held on February 18, 1975?

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* replied as follows:

“1. Approximately 7,000 invitations were distributed.

“2. There were approximately 5,100 persons in attendance.

“3. The cost of the reception in 1976 was \$5,450.

“4. The cost of the reception in 1975 was \$4,097. (There were 2,000 persons in attendance.)”

And then the House adjourned at 1.15 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Economic Development) tabled the British Columbia Railway Auditors' Report as at January 2, 1976.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

During the question period, by leave, the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* (Minister of Environment) tabled a reply to a question asked by the Member for Prince Rupert on April 15, *re* meeting with *Weyerhaeuser et al.*

By leave of the House, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the following:

The Annual Report of the British Columbia Racing Commission for 1975.

Protection of Privacy Act Annual Report, July 1, 1974, to December 31, 1974.

Protection of Privacy Act Annual Report, January 1, 1975, to December 31, 1975.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Housing) presented the 1975 Annual Report of the Dunhill Development Corporation Ltd.

Mr. *King* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the increase of 2.4 per cent in cost-of-living index reported on April 21 by Statistics Canada.

Mr. Speaker ruled that in his opinion the matter raised was of general and continuing concern and lacked specificity and urgency as required under Standing Order 35. Mr. Speaker further observed the matter raised also offended the anticipation rule.

Mr. *King* asked leave of the House to move the subject motion. Leave was not granted.

By leave, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Agriculture) made a statement relating to agricultural aid to developing countries.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1976* a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Kempf</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>
<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Levi</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>		

NAYS—2

Wallace, G. S. *Gibson*

Bill 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 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. Z. Van Druten*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Consumer Services) tabled a reply to a question asked by the Member for Comox relating to food prices in British Columbia.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) tabled the Third Annual Report of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for the fiscal year March 1, 1975, to February 29, 1976.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *T. M. Waterland* (Minister of Forests) presented the Annual Report of the Forest Service for the year ended December 31, 1975. (In manuscript form.)

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) presented the Capital Improvement District Commission Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended March 31, 1975.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) tabled a reply to a question, asked during oral question period, relating to social services tax applied to building materials.

23 Mr. *Shelford* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

1. How many mineral claims were staked in each of the following years: 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975?

2. How much money was spent by the mining industry for exploration in each of these years?

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* replied as follows:

"1. 1972, 78,901; 1973, 35,659; 1974, 16,971 (mineral claims 1,500 feet square). 1975, 11,791 (units 500 metres square).

	Metals \$	Coal \$
"2. 1972	38,200,000	404,000
1973	37,300,000	586,000
1974	25,400,000	4,355,000
1975	Data not yet available.	

"These data are from official returns made to the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources."

40 Mr. *Shelford* asked the Hon. the Minister of Forests the following questions:
Re Eurocan Tree-farm Licence 41—

1. What is the annual allowable cut on Tree-farm Licence 41?

2. What was the total cut in 1975?

3. What was the total number of cunits harvested by independent contractors in 1975?

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* replied as follows:

"1. 200,000 cunits.

"2. 125,983 cunits.

"3. 67,330 cunits."

41 Mr. *Shelford* asked the Hon. the Minister of Forests the following questions:
Re Can Cel Tree-farm Licence 1—

1. What is the annual allowable cut on Tree-farm Licence 1?

2. What was the total cut in 1975?

3. What was the total number of cunits harvested by independent contractors in 1975?

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* replied as follows:

- "1. 720,000 cunits.
- "2. 471,255 cunits.
- "3. 246,660 cunits."

47 Ms. *Sanford* asked the Hon. the Minister of Consumer Services the following question:

What was the Provincial price index (basket-price) for the months of January, February, and March 1976?

The Hon. *K. R. Mair* replied as follows:

"Vancouver region:

Week Beginning	*Average Basket Price \$	Per Cent Change from Previous Month
January 28	46.31	---
February 25	46.42	0.24
March 24	46.59	0.37

"*Average basket price—The weekly cost of a basket of 80 items, averaged over a region, consumed by an average British Columbia family consisting of two or more people."

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 1976

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 5) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1976* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave, 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.

32 Mrs. *Daily* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:

1. Were any bond issues authorized by the Government in 1975 for school construction?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total amount of those bonds floated, (b) when were they issued, (c) what was the amount of each issue, and (d) what was the interest rate of each issue?

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* replied as follows:

"1. In 1975 there were 11 debenture sales authorized for the Government pertaining to school construction.

"2. The following table details school districts and colleges debenture sales in 1975:

	Amount \$	Interest Rate (Per Cent)
January 9	8,177,000	8.63
February 10	5,207,000	8.46
March 7	10,000,000	8.38
March 10	12,656,000	8.38
April 10	7,722,000	8.21
May 8	10,000,000	8.65
May 9	10,000,000	8.65
June 10	7,310,000	8.96
July 8	8,000,000	8.80
September 10	7,348,000	9.16
November 10	13,794,000	9.48
Total	100,214,000"	

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, April 28, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *W. H. Bulloch*.

By leave, Mr. *Gibson* tabled a newspaper article relating to economic growth.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Consumer Services) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Consumer Services for the year ended December 31, 1975.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the Annual Report of the Department of the Attorney-General for the year ended December 31, 1975.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,246 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1977.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$785,306 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Administrative and Support Services, to 31st March 1977.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,212,468 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit, to 31st March 1977.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,693,550 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Data Processing, to 31st March 1977.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,229,914 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March 1977.

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 Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, on behalf of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General), presented the Annual Report of the Corrections Branch for the year ended December 31, 1975.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 29, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. E. Greenhalgh*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) made a statement relating to the Vancouver East by-election.

Mr. Speaker made a statement relating to the rules to be observed during Oral Question Period.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,991,259 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Taxation Administration, to 31st March 1977.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Assessment Appeal Board, to 31st March 1977.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,393,789 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agencies, to 31st March 1977.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Public Debt, to 31st March 1977.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,050,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grants, Contributions, and Subsidies, to 31st March 1977.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,503,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Funds and Deposits, to 31st March 1977.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$768,510 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals, to 31st March 1977.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,320,243 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Salary Contingencies (all departments), to 31st March 1977.

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

The Chairman further reported a division on an amendment moved by Mr. *Lauk*, as follows:

"That Vote 69 be reduced from \$40,000,000 to the sum of 40 cents."

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

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

YEAS—12

Wallace, B.
Barber
Lockstead

Sanford
Lauk
Nicolson

Lea
Cocke
Dailly

Stupich
King
Macdonald

NAYS—27

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of Vote 69 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—27

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	

NAYS—13

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>			

During Committee of Supply, by leave, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) made a statement relating to Vancouver General Hospital.

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

3 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With respect to parking facilities in front of the Parliament Buildings, have any discussions taken place regarding—

1. Increasing the number of parking spaces available?
2. Reducing the number of parking spaces available?
3. Extending or reducing parking time limits?
4. Reallocation of available parking spaces for either public or Government use?
5. Stricter enforcement of parking regulations including "no parking" areas?
6. Elimination of all parking facilities in front of the Parliament Buildings?

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* replied as follows:

"No."

4 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

1. Have the Minister and his Department, with or without Cabinet approval, considered replacing the traffic signs on the Trans-Canada Highway with signs reading B.C. 1?

2. Regarding conversion of all traffic signs to the metric system, (a) what is the target date for this conversion, (b) what is the total projected cost of this conversion, and (c) what percentage, if any, of this cost is to be shared by the Federal Government?

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. (a) September 30, 1977, (b) \$910,000, and (c) sharing of costs is to be determined by a forthcoming Federal-Provincial conference."

5 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With respect to office space rented or leased by the Provincial Government—

1. (a) How many office properties leased or rented by the Provincial Department of Public Works stood vacant as of November 1, 1975, (b) what was the total square footage of such office space, and (c) what is the total monthly costs of leasing and renting these office spaces?

2. (a) How many office properties leased or rented by the Department of Public Works stand vacant as of March 17, 1976, (b) what is the total square footage of such office space, and (c) what is the monthly cost of leasing and renting these office spaces?

3. Has the Government subleased any of the properties presently not being used by a Government department?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, (a) to whom have those properties been subleased and (b) what is the total monthly revenue being derived from these subleases?

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* replied as follows:

"1. (a) As of November 1, 1975, 15 office properties were leased or rented by the Provincial Government, (b) 21,606 square feet, and (c) \$8,574 total monthly costs.

"2. (a) As of March 17, 1976, 12 office properties were leased or rented, (b) 19,723 square feet, and (c) \$6,053 total monthly costs.

"(Of this space, which was in transition upon the date mentioned, the following is the current status: Now occupied, 2,068 square feet; in process of preparation and subsequent occupancy, 14,550 square feet; cancellation being negotiated, 2,630 square feet; balance, 475 square feet; and balance cost, \$62.)

"3. Yes.

"4. (a) Okanagan College staff and (b) \$80 per month."

7 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With regard to the fountain currently under construction in front of the Parliament Buildings—

1. What was the initial anticipated cost of the project?

2. What is the cost of the project to date?
3. What is the projected cost of construction of the fountain?
4. What was the original anticipated date of completion of the project?
5. What is the current anticipated date of completion?
6. Was the designing and planning of the fountain carried out solely by staff in the Minister's Department?

7. If the answer to No. 6 is no, (a) what were the names of the outside consultants employed, (b) what sums of money have already been paid for their services, and (c) what further fees are anticipated when the project is completed?

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* replied as follows:

"1. \$50,000.

"2. \$38,771.

"3. \$49,000.

"4. March 15, 1976.

"5. About May 7, 1976 (dependent on weather).

"6. No.

"7. (a) Alan Hodgson, (b) \$1,525, and (c) none."

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, April 29, 1976

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 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

21 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

With respect to instances of child abuse in the Province during the most recent 12-month period for which information is available—

1. How many children have been reported victims of abuse?
2. In how many instances has child abuse resulted in (a) death, or (b) serious physical injury, or (c) serious psychological injury?
3. In how many instances has the Department of Human Resources (a) recommended the laying of criminal charges or (b) taken other remedial measures to prevent recurrence of child abuse?

4. How many instances of child abuse have been discovered and reported to the Department of Human Resources by (a) Departmental employees, (b) employees of other Provincial Government departments, (c) members of the medical profession, and (d) the general public?

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* replied as follows:

"1. During the 1975 calendar year, 298 reports of abuse were received, of which, on investigation, 264 were considered victims of abuse.

"2. (a) One only shown as a death as a direct result of abuse, (b) five reported to have suffered 'permanent damage', and 38 children hospitalized, and (c) unknown.

"3. (a) It is not the policy of the Department to recommend the laying of criminal charges; however, police investigation of the suspect occurred in 43 cases. (b) For all reports of abuse received our employees have endeavoured to investigate and determine the child's situation. In addition to our workers' services, other community resources have assisted in providing remedial services in many cases.

"4. From the 264 probably valid reports (a) approximately 17 cases (this may include reports from Vancouver Resource Board and Indian Affairs staff), (b) approximately 21 cases (employees of regional health boards could also be counted here), (c) 32 by doctors, 24 by nurses, plus 10 from other hospital employees, and 11 by medical social workers, and (d) 126, of which 72 came from relatives or those directly involved."

37 Mr. *Levi* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following question:

What was the total number of social workers employed in the following years: 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, and to date in 1976?

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* replied as follows:

"December 31, 1972, 356; December 31, 1973, 345; December 31, 1974, 522; December 31, 1975, 595; and March 31, 1976, 494."

39 Mr. *Levi* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

1. Were any social assistance recipients placed in employment between 1973 and 1975?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many persons were placed in each month in 1973, 1974, and 1975?

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. The number of persons placed were:

	1973	1974	1975
January	1,234	1,856	1,948
February	1,410	2,108	2,197
March	1,678	1,924	2,279
April	1,876	2,210	2,319
May	1,868	2,033	2,432
June	1,949	2,684	1,940
July	2,040	2,585	1,830
August	2,179	2,603	1,817
September	2,616	2,857	1,751
October	2,062	2,338	2,010
November	2,204	2,283	1,962
December	1,713	1,759	1,706"

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Friday, April 30, 1976

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Charles A. Barker*.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, Bill (No. 38) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Officials and Employees Disclosure Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *T. M. Waterland*, Bill (No. 21) intituled *Prospectors Assistance Amendment Act, 1976*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement and tabled a communiqué relating to Western Premiers' Conference held at Medicine Hat, Alta., on April 28 and 29, 1976.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.59 p.m.

Monday, May 3, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. B. Mundy*.

On the motion of Ms. *Brown*, (Bill No. 39) intituled *Community of Property Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Jack Davis* (Minister of Transport and Communications) made a statement relating to British Columbia Ferries fare increases.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) tabled the First Annual Report of the Legal Services Commission.

Mr. *Gibson* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, employment prospects for students, public sector employment, and the activities of the Minister of Labour in this regard.

Mr. Speaker stated that in his opinion the matter of unemployment was of a continuing nature and quoting 16th edition of Sir Erskine May, page 371, noted that a motion has been refused when an ordinary parliamentary opportunity will occur shortly or in time to debate the matter in question. Mr. Speaker observed that the matters in question may be raised for debate when the appropriate Estimates are before the House.

Mr. *Wallace* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the matter of student unemployment.

Mr. Speaker stated that the matter raised by the Member for Oak Bay dealt with substantially the same subject-matter previously raised by the Member for North Vancouver-Capilano, and that for the reasons previously given, did not fall within the ambit of Standing Order 35.

Mr. *King* asked unanimous leave to debate the matter raised by the Member for Oak Bay.

Leave was not granted.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) asked leave to make a statement dealing with the matter raised by the Member for Oak Bay.

Leave was not granted.

Upon the question of leave being again presented to the House, leave was granted.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) made a statement relating to contingency plans for medical care at the Vancouver General Hospital.

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.

31 Mr. *Lockstead* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Has B.C. Ferries issued passes to any individuals, excluding members of the Legislature, for passage between Vancouver Island and the Mainland since December 23, 1975?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the names and positions of those receiving passes?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. To all B.C. Ferries regular employees and the following individuals—General and Mrs. Pearkes; Honourable Walter S. Owen and Mrs. Owen; Mrs. Frank M. Ross; Honourable J. R. Nicholson and Mrs. Nicholson; C. G. Dixon, secretary to Lieutenant-Governor; and Gordon Wayne Earwaker (Jr.), first baby born on ferries (route one only).

"On B.C. Ferries business only—T. Tasaka, district dock engineer, Department of Highways; E. Meads, assistant dock engineer, Department of Highways; I. Goundry, dock maintenance foreman, Department of Highways; Nelson's Laundry (three passes); Vancouver Island Tourist Services (two passes); and Owen & Son Cash Register Ltd.

"Union representatives—N. Thornber, L. Gray, P. Marshall, and S. G. Morten.

"The following were deleted from the 1975 list—Executive assistant to the Premier, administrative assistant to the Premier, Capt. H. J. C. Terry (member, Ferry Authority), Capt. A. M. Peabody (member, Ferry Authority), G. S. Bryson (secretary, Ferry Authority), J. W. Minty (Comptroller-General), F. A. MacLean (Chairman, Ferry Committee), and R. D. Higgins (member, Ferry Committee)."

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following report:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

MR. SPEAKER:

May 3, 1976

Your Special Committee appointed March 17 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Messrs. *Mussallem* (Convener), *Barber*, *Gibson*, *Haddad*, *Lauk*, *Loewen*, *Macdonald*, *Rogers*, *Strongman*, *Wallace*, the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, Messrs. *Bawlf* and *Davidson*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—Messrs. *Hewitt* (Convener), *Bawlf*, *Chabot*, *Cocke*, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser*, Messrs. *Gibson*, *Lauk*, *Loewen*, the Hon. *K. R. Mair*, Messrs. *Mussallem*, *Schroeder*, *Skelly*, *Stupich*, *Veitch*, *Wallace*, *Rogers*, and *Kahl*.

AGRICULTURE—Messrs. *Kempf* (Convener), *Bawtree*, *D'Arcy*, *Davidson*, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, Mr. *Mussallem*, the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, Messrs. *Schroeder*, *Stupich*, Mrs. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Wallace*.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING—Messrs. *Lloyd* (Convener), *Barber*, *Barnes*, *Bawlf*, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, Messrs. *Gibson*, *Hewitt*, *Kahl*, *Kerster*, *Nicolson*, and *Strongman*.

LABOUR AND JUSTICE—Messrs. *Shelford* (Convener), *Bawtree*, Ms. *Brown*, Messrs. *D'Arcy*, *Lloyd*, *Macdonald*, the Hon. *K. R. Mair*, Mr. *Veitch*, and the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*.

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN RESOURCES—Mrs. *Jordan* (Convener), Messrs. *Calder*, *Cocke*, Mrs. *Dailly*, Messrs. *Kahl*, *Kerster*, *Levi*, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer*, Messrs. *Schroeder* and *Wallace*.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS—Messrs. *Kerster* (Convener), *Barnes*, *Calder*, *Davidson*, the Hon. *Jack Davis*, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser*, Mrs. *Jordan*, Messrs. *Lea*, *Lockstead*, *Rogers*, and *Shelford*.

ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES—Messrs. *Chabot* (Convener), *Calder*, *Gibson*, *Haddad*, *Hewitt*, *Kempf*, *Lea*, *Lloyd*, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, Ms. *Sanford*, and Mr. *Skelly*.

Respectfully submitted.

GRACE M. MCCARTHY, *Chairman*

By leave of the House, the report was taken as read and received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph Senkiw*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,952 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1977.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,596,384 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administrative and Support, to 31st March 1977.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,264,381 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Courts, to 31st March 1977.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,542,695 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Crown Counsel, to 31st March 1977.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,447,180 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Police Services, to 31st March 1977.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,496,093 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Correction Services, to 31st March 1977.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$374,285 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice Councils, to 31st March 1977.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Legal Services Commission, to 31st March 1977.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,532,903 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice Development Commission, to 31st March 1977.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,740,361 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Legal Services to Government, to 31st March 1977.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,609,348 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Court Judiciary, to 31st March 1977.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$792,255 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners, to 31st March 1977.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, British Columbia Parole Board, to 31st March 1977.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$272,934 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Law Reform Commission, to 31st March 1977.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$889,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act*, to 31st March 1977.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, British Columbia Liquor Control Board, to 31st March 1977.

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 8 o'clock p.m. today.

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

JOHN L. FARRIS
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Railway Operation Continuation Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 4, 1976

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

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

I wish to draw to the attention of the honourable members certain observations relating to three matters which have recently been before the House and which require some clarification.

The matters which I would bring to the attention of the members involve three areas, namely, ministerial statements, points of order, and points of privilege.

Dealing with ministerial statements, I would refer the honourable members to Sir Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 17th edition, at page 358: "The explanations are made in the House by Ministers on behalf of the Government regarding their domestic and foreign policy; stating the advice they have tendered to the sovereign regarding their retention of office or the dissolution of Parliament; announcing the legislative proposals they intend to submit to Parliament; or the course they intend to adopt in the transaction and arrangement of public business. These explanations are now usually elicited by arrangement in reply to a question. But the older practice under which they were volunteered spontaneously is also often followed. Prior notice to Mr. Speaker is necessary, but the leave of the House is not required. As no question is before the House, debate on such statements is irregular."

As I observed to the House on May 3, replies to ministerial statements have been permitted to the Leader of the Official Opposition as well as to the leaders of the Liberal and Conservative parties. In most cases it is my view that further comment by other honourable members is not permitted.

I would further emphasize the authority above quoted clearly states that prior notice of a ministerial statement should, whenever possible, be given to Mr. Speaker, but leave of the House to make a ministerial statement is not required.

Dealing with the second matter, being points of order, it is my observation that there has been an increasing tendency among members to rise on points of order which, in fact, do not amount to correct points of order in accordance with our Parliamentary rules. Sir Erskine May, in the same edition quoted above, at page 467, notes that a Deputy Speaker in the House of Commons deprecated this practice and stated that, in many instances, interruptions in the guise of points of order constituted "fraudulent points of order, and should be stopped." The practice amounts, in essence, to a misuse of the forms of the House and, in my opinion, amounts to an obstruction of the business of the House and may, in effect, amount to a contempt. In this regard I refer all honourable members to the same edition of May above mentioned, at page 466.

In relation to the last matter, being matters of privilege, I would point out to all honourable members that matters of privilege are extremely limited by Parliamentary law and have been fully described by a former Speaker of the House, reported in the 1972 Journals, at pages 192-3. An examination of this decision by all honourable members will reveal that matters of privilege fall into three general categories, namely, (1) privilege of freedom of speech; (2) privilege of freedom from arrest or molestation; and (3) privilege of access to the Crown.

Points of privilege as well as points of order have been subject to abuse from time to time and in Dawson's 2nd edition of "Government of Canada" at page 399 the author points out that privileges of individual members are primarily designed to enable the member to attend his Parliamentary duties without inter-

ference and to encourage members to speak and act freely without fear of undesirable consequences.

I refer the honourable members to a decision of the Speaker of this House reported in the 1968 Journals, at page 135, which decision, quoting Dawson, 2nd edition, states as follows: "At best, the privilege in the Canadian House is little understood and little used. At worst, it is looked on as being a convenient excuse to make any remark in the House which cannot be made in the normal course of business. There have always been matters raised on points of privilege which have, on examination, proved not to be privilege, and Speakers have tried unsuccessfully to prevent abuses of the rule."

Unlike the "unsuccessful Speakers" contemplated by Mr. Dawson's authority, the Speaker in this House will endeavour to be successful in preventing abuses of this rule.

In order that the business of the House may proceed in an orderly fashion, I would ask all honourable members to carefully observe these well-established principles of Parliamentary law and ask their co-operation in avoiding the abuses which have been occurring with regrettable frequency.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

25 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With reference to contracts let in March 1976 for construction on Site One of the Peace River Power Project—

1. Who were the companies bidding on this project and what was the amount of each bid?

2. What was the name of the successful bidder and the amount of the contract let?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

"1. The tenderers on the Site One power plant and dam which was bid on the basis of an estimate of the target cost of the work, are:

Company	Tenderers Target Cost Estimate \$
(a) Loram International Ltd. and Cana Construction Co. Ltd., a joint venture	101,983,000
(b) Atkinson-Harney Corp. and Commonwealth Construction Co. Ltd., a joint venture	109,775,000
(c) Peter Kiewit Sons Co. Ltd.	113,211,703
(d) Dravo of Canada Limited	(112,089,803)*
(e) Foundation International Limited and A. D. Ross and Co. Ltd., a joint venture	112,559,473
(f) Dillingham Corporation Canada Limited	119,960,433.87
(g) B.A.C.M. Construction Co. Ltd. and C. A. Pitts General Contractor Ltd., a joint venture	125,000,000
	129,614,795

*Figure corrected for arithmetical error is shown in parentheses.

"2. The successful bidder and estimated target cost are as shown in 1 (b)."

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 1976

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,510,076 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corporate, Financial, and Regulatory Services, to 31st March 1977.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,031,498 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Services, to 31st March 1977.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$405,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Rent Review Commission, to 31st March 1977.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,016,071 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, to 31st March 1977.

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

The Chairman further reported that on Mrs. *Wallace's* motion that the Committee rise and report resolutions the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—41

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kempf</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Kahl</i>
<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Levi</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>			

NAYS—0

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.06 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Howard L. Beddulph*.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, Bill (No. 40) intituled *Mineral Royalties Repeal Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Nicolson*, Bill (No. 41) intituled *Water Improvement District Assistance Act*.

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) tabled the following:
Law Reform Commission of British Columbia Report on Minors' Contracts.
Study Report intituled *An Ombudsman for British Columbia*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *Roland Feltmate*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

22 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

With respect to Departmental financial assistance for students in post-secondary institutions—

1. Is the Department of Human Resources providing financial assistance to persons who attend universities, vocational schools, or colleges in the Province?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many students are attending universities, vocational schools, or colleges with financial assistance provided by the Department of Human Resources, (b) what criteria are used when authorizing such students to receive financial assistance from the Department of Human Resources, and (c) what costs are paid by the Department for such students, e.g., books, tuition, living expenses, etc.?

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) 606, (b) financial assistance is not available from another source and the upgrading or training is required for employment, and (c) the cost of tuition and books plus a training stipend of \$15 per month for a single person and \$25 per month for a family head, plus the regular social allowance grant to meet ordinary living costs.”

35 Mr. *Levi* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

1. Were any Pharmacare cards issued in the names of deceased persons in 1973, 1974, or 1975?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, were any prescriptions filled from these cards?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, how many prescriptions were filled and what was the total cost of the prescriptions filled?

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. No.

“3. Not applicable.”

38 Mr. *Levi* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

With reference to Woodlands and Tranquille—

1. On what date did the Department of Human Resources assume responsibility for the mentally retarded?

2. What was the total staff employed in each facility in the fiscal years 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975?

3. What was the number of patients in each facility in the fiscal years 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975?

4. Was there a waiting list for admission in either facility in the fiscal years 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, and to date in 1976?

5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, what was the number awaiting entry in each year to each facility?

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* replied as follows:

"1. July 1, 1974.

	Woodlands	Tranquille
"2. March 31, 1972	924	408
March 31, 1973	978	434
March 31, 1974	995	437
March 31, 1975	997	439

	Woodlands	Tranquille
"3. March 31, 1972	1,132	513
March 31, 1973	1,100	478
March 31, 1974	1,086	448
March 31, 1975	1,037	432

"4. Yes.

	Woodlands	Tranquille
"5. March 31, 1972	78	65
March 31, 1973	13	54
March 31, 1974	20	9
March 31, 1975	11	16
March 31, 1976	0	22"

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 1976

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,728 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1977.

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

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of Vote 3 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—28

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Fraser</i>

NAYS—16

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.56 p.m.

Friday, May 7, 1976

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *C. Hilary Butler*.

By leave, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) tabled a reply to a question asked by the Member for Oak Bay on May 6, relating to summer employment for students.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,304 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Economic Development, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1977.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,763,066 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Economic Development, General Administration, to 31st March 1977.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,260,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Economic Development, Grants, to 31st March 1977.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.56 p.m.

Monday, May 10, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. A. McLaren*.

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Agriculture) presented the Milk Board Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1975.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* made a statement relating to his attendance at the recent energy conference in Ottawa.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Consumer Services) tabled a copy of a letter to *The Daily Colonist* dated May 10, 1976, relating to ferry rates.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,178,926 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Deputy Minister's Office, to 31st March 1977.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,012,963 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Administration, to 31st March 1977.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,156,337 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Production and Marketing, to 31st March 1977.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,092,491 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Special and Regulatory Services Programs, to 31st March 1977.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,236,746 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General and Financial Services, to 31st March 1977.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$158,664 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Milk Board, to 31st March 1977.

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.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) tabled a report on appointment and separation of Peter J. Spratt as principal of Capilano College.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Capt. *S. Ratcliffe*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *King* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the increase in unemployment to 9.7 per cent reported on May 11 by Statistics Canada.

Mr. Speaker stated, in his opinion, the matter was of a continuing nature and lacked urgency as required under Standing Order 35. Mr. Speaker quoted the 16th edition of Sir Erskine May on page 370, and Speaker's decision in the 1974 Journals on pages 285 and 286.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) tabled monthly labour force data for British Columbia and Canada for the period January 1975 to April 1976.

Mr. *King* asked unanimous leave of the House to move the subject motion. Leave was not granted.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,756 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Consumer Services, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1977.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$146,778 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Consumer Services, Deputy Minister's Office, to 31st March 1977.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$249,725 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Consumer Services, Administrative Services Branch, to 31st March 1977.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,028 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Consumer Services, Legal Services Branch, to 31st March 1977.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$586,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Consumer Services, Trade Practices Branch, to 31st March 1977.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,353,942 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Consumer Services, Community Programs Branch, to 31st March 1977.

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 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

9 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Are any funds, including reserve funds and sums derived from consolidated revenue in any manner whatsoever, invested or deposited by (or) on behalf of any department, agency, or enterprise of the Provincial Government in (or) with any credit union in British Columbia?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, (a) what was the total amount deposited or invested as of December 23, 1975, and (b) what is the total amount invested or deposited to date?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Funds on deposit at December 23, 1975, \$7,500,000 and (b) funds on deposit at April 23, 1976, \$24,500,000."

17 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

As of March 23, 1976, what is the value of shares owned by the Government of British Columbia in B.C. Telephone and the Westcoast Transmission Company?

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

"Market value at March 23, 1976, of British Columbia Telephone Company shares owned by the Superannuation Fund was \$11,647,726.87 and Westcoast Transmission Company shares owned by the Province was \$27,047,976.87."

59 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With regard to recent maintenance work on the *Princess Marguerite*—

1. Which company or companies carried out the maintenance work?

2. What was the total cost of this maintenance work?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

"1. Outside contracts:	Cost \$
Spray Away (10 tanks)	17,362.78
Yarrows (estimate)	140,000.00
Rawlings Plumbing & Heating	1,080.00
Cartwright Coatings (estimate)	5,000.00
Bel Aire Shipyard	4,730.00
.....	2,870.00
Edwards Welding (estimate)	2,500.00
Pacific Fire Equipment (estimate)	800.00
Universal Sheet Metal (estimate)	500.00
Vic-Van Storage (washing machine, etc.)	342.00
Lewis Cartage (piano)	50.00
Mutual Rentals	400.00
Sidney Sheet Metals	2,000.00
Seaspan (Victoria—Esquimalt)	873.00
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Dorman's Carpets (estimate)	1,500.00
Ramsay Machine Works (estimate)	4,000.00
"2. Outside contracts, estimated	184,880.78
Ship and shop wages	142,240.00
	327,120.78
Materials, estimated	10,000.00
Estimated total	337,120.78"

By leave of the House, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, on behalf of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary), tabled a copy of a telegram to the Hon. *Jean Chretien*, Ottawa, relating to establishment of Loto-Canada by the Federal Government.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 1976

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The 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 11.02 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Bernard Hanley*.

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

JOHN L. FARRIS
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *British Columbia Buildings Corporation Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 6, 1976

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

By leave, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Highways) tabled the Vancouver Court House Project, Report No. 1, by G. M. Shrum, dated May 3, 1976.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Anti-Inflation Measures Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Skelly*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* (Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources) tabled the Annual Report of the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources for the year ended December 31, 1974.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, May 13, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Steve Wong*.

On the motion of Mr. *Skelly*, Bill (No. 42) intituled *Corporate Disclosure Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave, the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* (Minister of Human Resources) tabled a reply to a question asked by the First Member for Vancouver East on April 29, relating to social assistance records.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Anti-Inflation Measures Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Brown* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

By leave of the House, Mr. *King* tabled copies of newspaper articles relating to wage and price controls.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) tabled a reply to a question asked by the Member for Prince Rupert during oral question period today, relating to the harvest of young falcons.

36 Mr. *Levi* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

With reference to the prescription fee paid to pharmacists by the Department—

1. What was the amount of the fee paid in 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976?

2. On what date in the years mentioned in No. 1 was the fee agreement made between the Department and the pharmacists?

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* replied as follows:

"1. 1972, 50 cents per prescription; 1973, 50 cents per prescription; 1974, \$2.20 per prescription; 1975, \$2.55 per prescription; and 1976, \$2.75 per prescription.

"2. 1972, April 1954; 1973, April 1954; 1974, September 1973; 1975, November 1974; and 1976, March 1976."

57 Mr. *Barnes* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Travel Industry the following questions:

1. Is the Provincial Government still a member of the Federal-Provincial committee dealing with the leg-hold trap?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the date of the last meeting of the committee and (b) what recommendations, if any, have been made by this committee?

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) February 17, 1976, and (b) the Federal-Provincial Committee for Humane Trapping have made the following recommendations:

(i) That the trap-testing procedure to be speeded up. This has been partly accomplished by the formation of an expert subcommittee to select trapping devices of merit to be tested:

(ii) That mechanical and biological testing of traps to proceed simultaneously, rather than one after the other, thus speeding up the testing process:

(iii) That open meetings with selected public groups be continued. This started with the meeting in Victoria (December 1975) and also in Winnipeg (February 1976):

(iv) That a quarterly newsletter be established and sent to supporting agencies and others as recommended. All British Columbia MLA's are on the mailing list and should by this time have received the committee's first newsletter."

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Thursday, May 13, 1976

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Anti-Inflation Measures Act*.

The debate continued.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

By leave of the House, 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 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.03 p.m.

Friday, May 14, 1976

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Philip J. Calkins*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

63 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following question:

What is the number and what are the individual names of the retired civil servants currently holding free passes on the British Columbia Ferry system?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

"No retired civil servants are currently holding free passes on the British Columbia Ferry system."

And then the House adjourned at 12.51 p.m.