

Tuesday, June 10, 1975

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,801,573 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, General Administration, Protection, and Management of Forests, to 31st March 1976.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,813,760 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March 1976.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Forestry and Correction Camp Program, to 31st March 1976.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,715,778 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Forest Research, to 31st March 1976.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$243,410 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Public Information and Education, to 31st March 1976.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$213,619 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Forest Service Training-school, to 31st March 1976.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March 1976.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,179,215 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Engineering Services and Forest-development Roads, to 31st March 1976.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Fire Suppression, to 31st March 1976.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,038,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Forest Inventory, to 31st March 1976.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Scaling Fund, to 31st March 1976.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Public Recreation in Forest Areas, to 31st March 1976.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Grazing Range Improvement Fund, to 31st March 1976.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Peace River Community Pastures, to 31st March 1976.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Reservoir Waterway Improvements, to 31st March 1976.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,917,269 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Forest Service, Salary Contingencies, to 31st March 1976.

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. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, 1975

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. G. R. Cook.

The Hon. A. B. Macdonald rose on a point of privilege relating to statements made by the Member for North Vancouver-Capilano during a previous sitting of the House.

Mr. McGeer rose on a point of privilege relating to proceedings in the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

Mr. McGeer asked leave to move a motion without notice. Leave was not granted.

On the motion of Mr. D. A. Anderson, Bill (No. 134) intituled *An Act to Relieve Persons From Liability in Respect of Voluntary Emergency Medical and First Aid Services* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 111) intituled *Small Claims Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 4, 1975*

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 97) intituled *Islands Trust Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 6, 1975

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The following Bills were 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. 94) intituled *Coal Mines Regulation Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 107) intituled *Petroleum and Natural Gas Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 125) intituled *Mines Regulation Amendment Act, 1975*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975*.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. V. Laik* 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10, 1975

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. S. King* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.54 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11, 1975

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$204,594 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, General Administration, to 31st March 1976.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,959,818 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Water Rights Branch, to 31st March 1976.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Assistance to Improvement Districts, to 31st March 1976.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Canadian Council of Resource Ministers, to 31st March 1976.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,057 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Inspector of Dykes, to 31st March 1976.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,226,889 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Water Investigations Branch, to 31st March 1976.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,033,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Investigations, Hydraulic Surveys, and Projects, to 31st March 1976.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$380,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Environmental Quality Studies, to 31st March 1976.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Okanagan Flood Control, to 31st March 1976.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,625,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, *Canada-British Columbia Joint Development Act*, to 31st March 1976.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$522,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, B.C. Hydrometric Stream-gauging, to 31st March 1976.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Southern Okanagan Lands Project, to 31st March 1976.

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. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Wednesday, June 11, 1975

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *Doug Kooy*.

Mr. *Curtis* rose on a point of privilege relating to the release of the report of Dr. H. L. Keenleyside prior to its distribution to members of the House.

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. *D. A. Anderson*, Bill (No. 137) intituled *An Act to Establish a Medical Data Bank*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, Bill (No. 138) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Payment of Local Taxes by the British Columbia Railway*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 133) intituled *National Cablevision Limited Transfer of Jurisdiction Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 10, 1975

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Member for North Vancouver-Capilano on Monday, June 9, 1975.

Honourable Members,—A breach of privilege is claimed by the Hon. Attorney-General with respect to a question asked by the Hon. Member for North Vancouver-Capilano on June 9th, which the Hon. Attorney-General complains misleads the House.

A statement of the question is shown in June 9th Hansard in question period:

Mr. *Gibson*: Well, Mr. Speaker, addressing the question *pro forma* to that honourable member (Mr. *Gorst*), in view of the fact that the Hon. Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources (Hon. *R. A. Williams*) is not in the House today, and the other day noted that each of the shareholders of this private company, B.C. Steamships (1975) Ltd., had made a declaration of trust in favour of the Government of British Columbia on the shares they hold, I would ask the member if he was aware of section 88 of the *Canada Corporations Act*, which says that to exercise the powers of a director one must own the shares absolutely in their own right. There are only certain exclusions for those holding shares in trust, which I wouldn't believe would apply to the honourable member; therefore how can a board of directors function with zero legal members? That is my question.

Section 88 (1) of the *Canada Corporations Act* states:

Subject to subsection (2), no person shall be elected as a director of a company or appointed as a director to fill any vacancy unless he or any other company of which he is an officer or director, is a shareholder, and, *if the bylaws of the company so provide, owning shares of the company absolutely in his own right* or in the right of such other company to an amount required by the bylaws of the company and not in arrears in respect of any calls thereon (my italics—G.H.D.).

At the request of the Hon. Member for North Vancouver-Capilano last Thursday I checked the public filings relating to this company and its by-laws. The by-laws *do not* provide, as I have confirmed, for a director being required to hold his shares "absolutely in his own right." As I said Monday, the signators of the incorporating documents declared themselves as holding the founding shares in trust and the by-laws do not prevent that.

Thus, section 88 is not at issue and the Member for North Vancouver-Capilano has misunderstood the facts.

In looking at the wording used by the honourable member in his questions, he stated, "I would ask the member if he was aware of section 88 of the *Canada Corporations Act*, which says that to exercise the powers of a director one must own the shares absolutely in their own right." That is not the meaning of section 88. However, he added, "There are only certain exclusions for those holding shares in trust, which I *wouldn't believe* would apply to the honourable member; therefore how can a board of directors function with zero legal members? That is my question."

As anyone can analyze, section 88 allows shares to be held in trust, providing the by-laws of a company *do not* state that the directors must hold shares "absolutely in his own right."

The by-laws in British Columbia Steamships (1975) Limited do not provide that the directors must own the shares absolutely in their own right.

Alleging illegal acts by directors is a question of serious public concern. Here the allegation is against two honourable members as well as servants of the Crown.

In the question put, honourable members of this House have been by inference depicted as not being legal directors, or conversely, as acting illegally.

The misstatements, serious as they may be on occasion, in this matter appear to arise from misreading of section 88 and from the *belief* that section 88 does not provide for the legal appointment of the Hon. Member for Esquimalt, the director referred to in the question.

Had the Hon. Member for North Vancouver-Capilano studied the company's by-laws he would not have proceeded on the basis of belief in his allegation. He would probably have thought better of it.

In the circumstances his own words do not show a deliberate act to mislead because part of the facts were patently not known to him.

The matter could still be taken up by notice on the Order Paper should the complaining member choose, but it does not in my respectful view consist of a *prima facie* case justifying priority over Orders of the Day. The allegations complained of do not require immediate intervention since they cannot be said to affect the capacity of the honourable members to carry on their legislative duties.

G. H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

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. 93) intituled *Liquor Distribution Act*.

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

The following Bills were 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. 99) intituled *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*.

Bill (No. 96) intituled *Legal Services Commission Act*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975*.

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

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

By leave of the House, the Attorney-General tabled the report intituled *The Fire Fighting Services in British Columbia*, by Hugh L. Keenleyside.

The Hon. J. G. Lorimer presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 130) intituled *Resort Municipality of Whistler Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 11, 1975

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 101) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 6, 1975

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Thursday, June 12, 1975

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. *Bennett* moved adjournment of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the circumstances surrounding a recent bond issue by B.C. Hydro.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,641,734 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Pollution Control, to 31st March 1976.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$733,368 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Environmental Conservation (SAM), to 31st March 1976.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,526,127 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Laboratory Service, to 31st March 1976.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,720,936 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Salary Contingencies, to 31st March 1976.

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. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Thursday, June 12, 1975

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rabbi *Daniel Siegal*.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members—With respect to the application by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition to move adjournment under Standing Order 35 made for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, I should first comment that the Standing Order requires that it *must* be asked *after the ordinary daily routine* of business (Standing Order 25) has been concluded and before Notices of Motion or Orders of the Day are entered upon.

Morning meetings are ordered especially for Estimates and such an adjournment would not fit into the requirements of Standing Order 35 that leave be asked after the ordinary daily routine set out in Standing Order 25.

It is desirable, and according to accepted practice, that the member ask the opinion of the Speaker before raising the matter in the House as the Speaker should be apprised of the proposed proceedings.

Further, pursuant to Standing Order 35 (3), the member seeking leave must, after stating (but not debating) the matter, hand the statement in writing to the Speaker.

In the present case which I have been asked to consider, these prerequisites were not followed.

However, notwithstanding the incorrect procedure adopted by the member, the chair felt that nevertheless the merits of the application deserved an opinion.

May's 16th or 17th editions deal with the urgency rule as we have it in our Standing Orders.

It was employed between questions and commencement of public business (*see* May, 16th edition, page 366 ff), and at page 369:

In accepting or rejecting such a motion the Speaker is, as in the case of a motion alleging a breach of privilege, doing no more than deciding whether there is in his view a *prima facie* case of urgency.

Here the matter raised referred to a prospectus filed in behalf of B.C. Hydro before the Securities Exchange Commission in the United States and to the June 3rd report of Peat, Marwick & Mitchell relating to the B.C. Railway, which report casts reflection on previous audited reports of the railway used in the prospectus dated last May 22nd.

The matter must, according to our practice be definite, urgent, and of public importance. Urgent means of recent occurrence and raised without delay (May, 16th edition, page 370), and if the facts alleged have only been recently revealed that does not make the occurrence recent (page 370). If it is not raised at the earliest opportunity it fails in urgency (*see* page 370).

The motion has been refused when an ordinary parliamentary opportunity will occur shortly or in time, such as in debate in a Bill, in Supplementary Estimates, or Public Accounts (page 371).

Such a motion is denied when the matter also anticipates a matter already on the Order Paper (in this case Bill (No. 27) in which both second reading and committee stages may normally be contemplated). We are presently engaged in second reading debate on this Bill and the motion deals with the financial matters presently in debate.

Further, the matter must not be offered when facts are in dispute or before they are available, May, 16th edition, page 370. The facts surrounding the true financial standing of the B.C. Railway have been the subject of debate in the House in recent days and are obviously in dispute at the present time.

Thus it does not comply with the prerequisites set out in May.

G. H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

Mr. Bennett asked leave to move the following motion:

That this House urge that a judicial inquiry be established forthwith to determine the circumstances surrounding the filing in New York on May 22, 1975, a prospectus with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, purporting to be a true and accurate statement of the financial position of the British Columbia Railway and the subsequent filing in this Legislature of a financial statement dated December 31, 1974, purporting to be a true and accurate statement with respect to the financial position of the British Columbia Railway and to report to this Legislature a judgment with respect to the reasons for the discrepancy between the two documents.

Leave was not granted.

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, Bill (No. 139) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975*.

On the motion of Mr. McClelland 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, the Hon. G. R. Lea (Minister of Highways) tabled copies of correspondence relating to the relocation of Gallatly Road at Westbank.

By leave of the House, the Hon. A. B. Macdonald (Attorney-General) tabled the following:

Annual Report of the Corrections Branch for the year ended March 31, 1974, with additional information to December 31, 1974.

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia Report on the Law of Agency, Part II—Powers of Attorney and Mental Incapacity.

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia Report on Civil Procedure (Project No. 13), Part I—Costs of Successful Unassisted Lay Litigants.

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia Report on the Law of Agency, Part I—The Termination of Agencies.

39 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:

With reference to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority urban transportation—

1. What was the total expenditure for the calendar year ended December 31, 1974?
2. What was the total revenue for the calendar year ended December 31, 1974?

The Hon. *J. G. Lorimer* replied as follows:

"1. Operating, \$38,698,395; capital, \$3,076,890; total expenditure, \$41,775,285.

"2. Total revenue, \$22,980,595.

"NOTE—The answers given above are with respect to Mainland and Island urban transportation systems, and the revenue of \$22,980,595 includes the Provincial transit subsidy of \$2,000,000."

107 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:

With respect to B.C. Hydro—

1. What is the total number of (a) permanent staff and (b) temporary staff now employed by B.C. Hydro?
2. What was the total number of (a) permanent staff and (b) temporary staff employed by B.C. Hydro as of September 30, 1972?
3. What was the total number of staff hired by B.C. Hydro in the 12-month period ended January 31, 1975?

The Hon. *J. G. Lorimer* replied as follows:

"1. Detailed information as at February 21, 1975, is not available. Statistics as at January 31, 1975 are: (a) Permanent staff, 10,154; (b) temporary staff, 1,130; total, 11,284.

"2. As at September 30, 1972: (a) Permanent staff, 7,245; (b) temporary staff, 1,000; total, 8,254 (*see* Note (1) below).

"3. Staff hired for the 12 months ended January 31, 1975, was 4,814 (*see* Note (2) below).

"NOTES—(1) The figure shown as at September 30, 1972, does not include IPEC staff. To make No. 2 of the question comparable to No. 1, the 569 IPEC staff must be added to the 8,254 to give the comparable total of 8,823. The IPEC staff records were not classified in the 'temporary/permanent' categories and this breakdown is not available.

"(2) The question asked for the number of hires for the 12 months. The *net* increase for the 12 months ended January 31, 1975, was: (a) January 31, 1975, 11,284; (b) January 31, 1974, 9,846; net change, 1,438."

158 Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:

Regarding the \$5 bus passes issued, in Victoria only, by the Transit Division of B.C. Hydro—

1. Is there any consideration being given to have the passes issued from a central Vancouver office for the convenience of the majority of users?

2. What are the plans for issuance of passes to Vancouver residents in the event of a postal strike?

The Hon. J. G. Lorimer replied as follows:

"1. No; for clarification, this is a program under the Minister of Human Resources.

"2. It has been our policy to extend the period of former valid passes until renewal procedures can be restored."

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 12, 1975

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. McClelland rose on a matter of privilege relating to statements made by the Hon. Minister of Transport and Communications on May 29th last, 1975.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 135) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 11, 1975

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 136) intituled *Public Service Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 11, 1975*

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 117) intituled *Public Service Group Insurance Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 5, 1975*

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 116) intituled *Public Services Medical Plan Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 5, 1975*

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 113) intituled *Municipal Superannuation Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 5, 1975*

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 115) intituled *College Pension Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 5, 1975

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 114) intituled *Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 5, 1975

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 112) intituled *Public Service Superannuation Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 5, 1975

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—42

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>		

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Williams, L. A. *McGeer* *Gardom*

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

The following Bills were 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. 100) intituled *Provincial Court Act*.

Bill (No. 111) intituled *Small Claims Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 133) intituled *National Cablevision Limited Transfer of Jurisdiction Act* was read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 133) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 87) intituled *Coroners Act* was committed.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.53 p.m.

Friday, June 13, 1975

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. J. Lunny*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *L. T. Nimsick* (Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources), presented the Report of the British Columbia Copper Task Force.

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975* was committed.

By leave of the Committee, the Hon. *David Barrett* tabled copy of letter from British Columbia Railway dated June 11, 1975, to Executive Assistant to the Premier, enclosing Outline of Qualifications of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company, dated December 2, 1974.

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

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

By leave of the House, Mr. *D. A. Anderson* tabled notes of a telephone call to Mr. Peck of the firm of Kuhn Loeb, New York.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

Monday, June 16, 1975

TEN O'CLOCK A.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. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12.05 p.m.

Monday, June 16, 1975

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. S. Clarke*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan* (Minister of Transport and Communications) made a statement relating to an employee of ICBC.

On the motion of Mr. *D. A. Anderson*, Bill (No. 141) intituled *The Medical Complaints Procedures Act, 1975* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 140) intituled *Strata Titles Amendment Act, 1975*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 16, 1975*

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The following Bills were committed, reported complete with amendments. Bills as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today:

Bill (No. 77) intituled *Attorney-General Statutes Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 87) intituled *Coroners Act*.

Bill (No. 93) intituled *Liquor Distribution Act*.

Bill (No. 99) intituled *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*.

Bill (No. 96) intituled *Legal Services Commission Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled *Provincial Court Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 111) intituled *Small Claims Amendment Act, 1975* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975* was committed.

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

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

50 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

With respect to the Office of the Rentalsman in Vancouver—

1. What salaries have been paid to (a) the Rentalsman and (b) his office staff, by individual names from the date the office was established up to the latest date for which information is available?

2. What operating expenses in the Office of the Rentalsman have been incurred from the date the office was established up to the latest date for which information is available?

3. Is there a "toll free" or "collect call" telephone-line known as 689-0811 for use in contacting the Rentalsman and his staff?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what is the total cost of all collect or toll-free calls which have been directed to that office?

5. Has the Office of the Rentalsman undertaken advertising campaigns in the Province since the office was established?

6. If the answer to No. 5 is yes, what is the total cost of all such advertising from the date it was initiated until the latest date for which information is available, in the following media: (a) Daily newspapers, (b) weekly newspapers, (c) radio, and (d) television?

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

"1. Salaries paid to January 31, 1975: (a) The Rentalsman, \$22,750; (b) his office staff: P. B. Smith, \$18,662; L. W. McArthur, \$16,912; P. D. Barter, \$14,336; D. A. Tant, \$7,130; N. L. Rogan, \$6,643; K. Watson, \$6,335; K. Buchan, \$3,675; B. Comeau, \$3,926; A. Dibley, \$5,825; M. Holmes, \$4,478; R. Hoy, \$6,158; J. Kelly, \$5,937; A. Kihn, \$3,962; J. Landa, \$4,035; B. Maxwell, \$3,811; H. Tham, \$2,447; J. Whitehead, \$3,816; S. Allen, \$3,183; R. Nelson, \$5,524; K. Morrison, \$5,531; L. Whaley, \$5,103; L. Tubman, \$5,432; L. Robinson, \$3,727; B. McNally, \$2,528; B. Morrison, \$728; B. Olekswik, \$632; E. Kenny, \$420; K. Garner, \$422; E. Richards, \$728; J. Patterson, \$450; J. Haglund, \$977; P. Musters, \$488; B. Ogden, \$488; P. Wong, \$488; total, \$154,968; salaries, \$177,687; temporary assistance, \$67,351; total salaries, \$245,038.

"2. Operating expenses to January 31, 1975: Office expenses, \$62,135; travel, \$3,661; office furniture and equipment, \$30,601; advertising and publicity, \$124,568; motor-vehicles, \$16,214; consultant's fees, \$53,763; rent (temporary premises), \$7,711.

"3. Yes.

"4. Total cost of all collect calls directed to the office, \$23,688.

"5. Yes.

"6. Total cost of advertising campaigns to January 31, 1975: (a) Daily newspapers, \$17,195; (b) weekly newspapers, \$50,971; (c) radio, \$15,135; (d) television, *nil*; (e) other publications (e.g., ethnic press), booklets, etc., \$41,267; total, \$124,568."

157 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

With regard to the instant registration system, which is unique to the Land Registry Office at Victoria, but which (according to a report in the *Sun* newspaper on January 3, 1972), the then Attorney-General stated would be introduced in the other six Land Registry offices if the system proved successful—

1. Is the system a success?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, why has the system not been introduced in other Land Registry offices?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is no or qualified, is it intended to reconvert the Land Registry Office at Victoria to the orthodox system of registration?

4. What comparative statistics, if any, exist as to the number of errors made in registration in (a) the Land Registry Office at Victoria and (b) the other Land Registry offices, or any of them?

5. Has the Attorney-General's Department received any reports, comments, or submissions from any Registrar of Titles, other than the Victoria Registrar, on the merits or otherwise of the instant registration system?

6. If the answer to No. 5 is yes, will the Hon. the Attorney-General table all such reports, comments, and submissions?

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

"See the Annual Report of the Department of the Attorney-General, 1974, pages 84-85."

171 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:

Regarding the irregularities in tendering for the construction of Campbell River Hospital as established by the Amalgamated Construction Association in March 1973 when two firms were severely reprimanded, what legal action has been taken to bring the matter to court?

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

"An Order in Council 4307, approved December 12, 1972, established a Commission pursuant to the *Public Inquiries Act* to make inquiry 'into and concerning the possibility of irregularities in the preparation and tendering of any bid during 1972 for the construction of hospital facilities in the District of Campbell River and whether there was impropriety on the part of any person or company in connection with the preparation or tendering of any bid so made.'

"Dr. Harry L. Purdy was appointed the sole Commissioner and submitted his report on January 31, 1973. After considering the evidence, Dr. Purdy concluded that 'the Commission on the evidence placed before it cannot fairly conclude that there was a conspiracy by anyone to tender artificially high bids in the matter of the proposed construction of facilities at the Campbell River and District General Hospital. However, it is clear, and the Commission so finds, that there has been improper conduct on the part of Chalifour Bros. Construction Ltd. and Innes & Wolfe Contractors Ltd.'

"The Amalgamated Construction Association of British Columbia has reprimanded the two contractors involved by suspending their privileges.

"As far as I can ascertain, no action was taken by either BCHIS or the Attorney-General's Department."

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17, 1975

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Tuesday, June 17, 1975

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975* was committed.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

By leave of the House, Mr. *Bennett* tabled the following:

The Submission of the Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and the Maritimes Transportation Commission representing the Provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island to Railway Transport Committee, Canadian Transport Commission in the Matter of Railway Costing Procedures and Related Matters, August 1968.

British Columbia Railway Comparative Analysis *vis-à-vis* Canadian National, CP Rail, Algoma Central, Northern Alberta, Ontario Northland, Quebec North Shore, June 1973.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Phillips* tabled the following:

Copy of a letter dated February 26, 1973, enclosing an organizational chart, from R. E. Swanson, Director, British Columbia Railway, to the Hon. *David Barrett* (Premier).

Copy of a letter dated November 5, 1973, from R. E. Swanson, Director, British Columbia Railway, to the Hon. *David Barrett* (Premier).

The Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, on behalf of the Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance), presented the annual return for the calendar year 1974 submitted in accordance with section 53 of the *Administration Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17, 1975

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975* was committed.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18, 1975

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Dent*, Deputy Speaker, took the chair pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$76,172 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1976.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$698,462 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, General Administration, to 31st March 1976.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$725,930 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Transit Services Division, to 31st March 1976.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Metropolitan Transit Subsidy, to 31st March 1976.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, *Provincial Rapid Transit Act*, to 31st March 1976.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,193,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March 1976.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,900,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants in Aid of Local Government and Home-owner Subsidies, to 31st March 1976.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$236,552 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Islands Trust, to 31st March 1976.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$448,684 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Planning Service Division, to 31st March 1976.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, *Sewerage Facilities Assistance Act*, to 31st March 1976.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$537,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Salary Contingencies, to 31st March 1976.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$138,690 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1976.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,995,360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, General Administration, to 31st March 1976.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, and Tunnels—Maintenance and Operation, Repairs, Snow and Ice Removal, to 31st March 1976.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$140,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Roads, Bridges, and Ferries—Capital Construction, to 31st March 1976.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Vehicle Damage Claims, to 31st March 1976.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,900,930 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Highway Signs, Signals, Traffic Control, Etc., to 31st March 1976.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,820 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March 1976.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Purchase of New Equipment, to 31st March 1976.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,834,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Salary Contingencies, to 31st March 1976.

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. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Wednesday, June 18, 1975

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. Vickers.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 1 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 the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—35

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	

NAYS—2

Williams, L. A. *Gardom*

Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were 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. 97) intituled *Islands Trust Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 101) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 108) intituled *Motor-vehicle Amendment Act, 1975*.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 110) intituled *Natural Gas Revenue Sharing Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following Bills were 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. 112) intituled *Public Service Superannuation Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 113) intituled *Municipal Superannuation Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 114) intituled *Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 115) intituled *College Pension Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 116) intituled *Public Services Medical Plan Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 117) intituled *Public Service Group Insurance Amendment Act, 1975*.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 135) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 1975* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Chabot*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 136) intituled *Public Service Amendment Act, 1975* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Chabot*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

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

(No. 27) *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1975.*

(No. 96) *Legal Services Commission Act.*

(No. 111) *Small Claims Amendment Act, 1975.*

(No. 133) *National Cablevision Limited Transfer of Jurisdiction 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 then pleased to retire.

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

The Hon. *Norman Levi* (Minister of Human Resources) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Human Resources 1974.

149 Mr. *Gibson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:

For each school district in the Province, what is the net taxable value for school purposes by types of property?

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

"This information is not available in my Department. Assessed values are compiled by the Assessment Authority. I would suggest that the question be directed to the Hon. the Minister of Finance."

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, June 19, 1975

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Dent*, Deputy Speaker, took the chair pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Thursday, June 19, 1975

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Calder*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. S. King* (Minister of Labour) made a statement with regard to certain matters stated by him in the House on June 17, 1975.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Limitations Act*.

Bill (No. 77) intituled *Attorney-General Statutes Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 87) intituled *Coroners Act*.

Bill (No. 93) intituled *Liquor Distribution Act*.

Bill (No. 99) intituled *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*.

Bill (No. 100) intituled *Provincial Court Act*.

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 102) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 104) intituled *Renters Resource Grant Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 105) intituled *Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1975* was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 108) intituled *Motor-vehicle Amendment Act, 1975* was committed.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 112) intituled *Public Service Superannuation Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 113) intituled *Municipal Superannuation Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 114) intituled *Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 115) intituled *College Pension Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 116) intituled *Public Services Medical Plan Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 117) intituled *Public Service Group Insurance Amendment Act, 1975*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 135) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 1975*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Levi</i>

NAYS—3

<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Gardom</i>
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Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 136) intituled *Public Service Amendment Act, 1975*.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 127) intituled *Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources Amendment Act, 1975* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, June 19, 1975

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The committal of Bill (No. 108) intituled *Motor-vehicle Amendment Act, 1975* was resumed. Bill committed, reported complete with amendments.

By leave of the House, Bill as reported to be considered forthwith.

By leave of the House, Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 101) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 106) intituled *Municipalities Aid Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 122) intituled *Mining Tax Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 140) intituled *Strata Titles Amendment Act, 1975* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, the House agreed to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, permitting debate.

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.

144 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Housing the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Housing directly, or through Dunhill Corporation indirectly, purchased property described as follows: Parcel CC, Plan 6532, District Lot 706, YDYD?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the purchase price of that property?

The Hon. *Lorne Nicolson* replied as follows:

"1. I am advised that neither the Department of Housing nor the Dunhill Development Corporation purchased this property.

"2. Inapplicable."

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Friday, June 20, 1975

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hartley D. Dent*.

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

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 86) intituled *Savings and Trust Corporation of British Columbia Act*.

Bill (No. 105) intituled *Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1975*.

Bill (No. 83) intituled *Public Schools Amendment Act, 1975* was committed, reported complete with amendments.

By leave of the House, Bill as reported to be considered forthwith.

By leave of the House, Bill read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, the House agreed to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, permitting debate.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$116,576 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1976.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,914,703 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Departmental Administration and Support Services, to 31st March 1976.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,366,333 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Community Services, to 31st March 1976.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,193,296 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Services for Families and Children, to 31st March 1976.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$166,283,127 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Programs for Senior Citizens and Handicapped Persons, to 31st March 1976.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,548,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Health Care Services, to 31st March 1976.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,398,169 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Community Programs, to 31st March 1976.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$167,198,944 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Income Assistance Programs, to 31st March 1976.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,532,626 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Special Programs for the Retarded, to 31st March 1976.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,005,870 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Alcohol and Drug Commission, to 31st March 1976.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,441,656 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Salary Contingencies, to 31st March 1976.

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

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 142) intitled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1975* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 19, 1975

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Ernest Hall* presented a petition as follows:
To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned humbly showeth:

Whereas the 200th Anniversary of the meeting of Chief Maquinna of Friendly Cove and Captain James Cook is approaching (1778-1978):

And whereas Maquinna played a key role in the early years of British Columbia's history:

And whereas there is no major plaque or monument in British Columbia paying tribute to Maquinna:

We, the undersigned, urge the Provincial Government to erect a statue of Chief Maquinna at Friendly Cove or in Victoria in time for the 200th Anniversary of this occasion.

MRS. G. RAE
KAREN MATHISON
MICHAEL MOLLER

And then the House adjourned at 12.54 p.m.