

Wednesday, February 7, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Don Lehane*.

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

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, Bill (No. 60) intituled *An Act to Control Pyramid Selling*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 61) intituled *An Act to Amend the Pollution Control Act, 1967*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* presented the following reports:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 7, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed January 25 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. *Lauk* (Convener), *D'Arcy*, *Dent*, *Gorst*, *Lewis*, the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Messrs. *Morrison*, *Smith*, *Gardom*, and *Wallace*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING—Messrs. *D'Arcy* (Convener), *Cummings*, *Radford*, *Skelly*, Ms. *Young*, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan*, the Hon. *D. D. Stupich*, Messrs. *Fraser*, *Morrison*, *McGeer*, and *Curtis*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS—Messrs. *Lockstead* (Convener), *Dent*, *Lea*, *Nunweiler*, the Hon. *F. A. Calder*, the Hon. *W. L. Hartley*, the Hon. *L. T. Nimsick*, Messrs. *Chabot*, *Phillips*, *Richter*, and *L. A. Williams*.

AGRICULTURE—Messrs. *G. H. Anderson* (Convener), *Kelly*, *Lewis*, *Nicolson*, Mrs. *Webster*, the Hon. *Norman Levi*, the Hon. *D. D. Stupich*, Mrs. *Jordan*, Messrs. *Phillips*, *L. A. Williams*, and *Curtis*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS—Messrs. *Nunweiler* (Convener), *G. H. Anderson*, Ms. *Brown*, Messrs. *Liden*, *Rolston*, Ms. *Sanford*, the Hon. *J. G. Lorimer*, Messrs. *Fraser*, *Schroeder*, *Brousson*, and *Curtis*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES—Messrs. *Skelly* (Convener), *Kelly*, *Liden*, *Lockstead*, *Nicolson*, *Steves*, the Hon. *R. A. Williams*, Messrs. *Richter*, *Smith*, *D. A. Anderson*, and *Gardom*.

LABOUR—Messrs. *Gabelmann* (Convener), *Barnes*, *Cummings*, *Lea*, *Radford*, Ms. *Young*, the Hon. *W. S. King*, Messrs. *Chabot*, *McClelland*, and *D. A. Anderson*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION—Ms. *Brown* (Convener), Messrs. *Barnes*, *Gabelmann*, *Lauk*, *Rolston*, Mrs. *Webster*, the Hon. *D. G. Cocke*, the Hon. *E. E. Dailly*, the Hon. *Norman Levi*, Mrs. *Jordan*, Messrs. *McClelland*, *Schroeder*, *Brousson*, and *Wallace*.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. MACDONALD, *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.

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 7, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

In accordance with the resolution that there be prepared a list of members to compose the Special Committee to review the problem of oil spills in the coastal waters of British Columbia, with particular emphasis upon joint action with the State of Washington, and to make recommendations to the House which they deem to be in the public interest, your Special Committee appointed on January 25 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 that Special Committee of the House be as follows:

Messrs. *Gorst* (Convener), *Lea*, *Liden*, *Lockstead*, *Skelly*, *Steves*, the Hon. *R. A. Williams*, Messrs. *Morrison*, *Phillips*, and *D. A. Anderson*.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. MACDONALD, *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.

26 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce hired one, Eric Kierans, in any capacity?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the capacity and salary paid?

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

"1. The Hon. Eric Kierans has made services available to the Department on a consultative basis with reference to economic development.

"2. See No. 1. No salary, honorarium to be discussed."

126 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

With reference to individual driving records kept by the Motor-vehicle Branch—

1. Were any searches made of these records at the request of insurance companies and (or) anyone else during the fiscal year 1971/72?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of searches made in each relevant period, (b) what was the total number of searches made at the request of insurance companies, and (c) what was the charge, if any, to the insurance companies for each search?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) 244,262, (b) 218,731, and (c) \$2.”

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

1. Has the Provincial Government plans to upgrade the Shuswap River-Mabel Lake Road?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will this work commence?

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

“1. Yes. (It is assumed this question refers to Road 74, Enderby-Mabel Lake Road.)

“2. (a) Continue reconstruction over a 5-mile section and (b) this work is planned for this summer.”

150 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Were the plans for the Gabriola Island ferry terminal discussed with the Greater Vancouver Regional District?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, on what date did discussions take place?

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

“1. Plans cannot be drawn until after feasibility report.

“2. See No. 1.

“NOTE—Gabriola Island is not in the Greater Vancouver Regional District, it is in the Nanaimo Regional District.”

153 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government made a grant to the Keremeos Growers Co-operative Fruit Packing House?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the amount of the grant and (b) what was the number of growers benefiting from the grant?

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* replied as follows:

“1. The answer is no.

“2. Not applicable.”

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

With regard to hiring practices of the Government of British Columbia—

1. Do the criteria of eligibility for employment with the Government of British Columbia include a residency requirement?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the nature of that requirement?

3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many applications for employment with the Government have been rejected pursuant to this residency requirement for each month since January 1972, (b) how many of these rejected applications, by month, involved female applicants, and (c) how many of these rejected applications, by month, involved male applicants?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. Preference is given to applicants who have resided in British Columbia for one year.

“3. No records are available regarding the numbers of people rejected on this basis, and from all indications there are relatively few; the same regulation applies to both male and female applicants.”

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

With regard to employment with the British Columbia Government, or any B.C. Crown corporation, commission, or other Governmental agency—

1. On a monthly basis since January 1972, have any persons secured employment who were not, at time of application, officially residents of the Province?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the total number of such persons presently employed and (b) how many of these are female employees?

3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the (a) names, (b) job descriptions, (c) salaries, and (d) dates of commencing employment for each such person?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

“1. No record is maintained; however, applicants who are not residents of British Columbia may be considered for employment when no suitable qualified local applicants are available.

“2 and 3. Not applicable.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.34 p.m.

Thursday, February 8, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Jack Barr*.

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

Bill (No. 79) intituled *An Act to Amend the Mineral Act*.

Bill (No. 80) intituled *An Act to Amend the Placer-mining Act*.

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—35

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

NAYS—16

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

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, seconded by the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, seconded by the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

The Hon. *G. H. Dowding* (Speaker) presented the First Interim Report pursuant to the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

7 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans to extend the boundaries of Manning Park to preserve the Hudson's Bay Company Brigade Trail and other historical trails in the same vicinity?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will the extension of boundaries take place?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. No. (A proposal is presently under consideration by park planners to protect historic trails by dedicating them as a legal entity.)

"2. Not applicable."

15 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources appointed one, Norman Pearson, in any capacity?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) was the appointment handled through competition by the Civil Service Commission, (b) what is the current salary for the individual concerned, and (c) what is the job classification assigned to the appointment?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. Yes, staff consultant on land policy.

"2. (a) No, (b) \$1,630 per month, and (c) Reference No. 41."

17 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following question:

For each fiscal year, 1969, 1970, and 1971, what total revenue did the Provincial Government receive from the sale of (1) sport-fishing licences and (2) steelhead tags?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"(1) \$1,144,833.75, \$1,183,599, \$1,211,655 and (2) \$22,851.25, \$21,195.50, \$58,315.50."

18 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following question:

For each fiscal year, 1969, 1970, and 1971, what amounts of money were spent by the Provincial Government on (1) maintenance and development of freshwater sport fishing and (2) maintenance and development of steelhead fishing?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"(1) Approximately \$1,100,000, \$1,175,000, \$1,255,000 and (2) exact expenditures cannot be given as many conservation officers, biologists, technicians,

and other staff spent varying amounts of time on protection and maintenance of the steelhead fishery; direct costs associated with assessment and development of the fishery approximate \$25,000 per year.”

49 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. What was the total expenditure for (a) development and (b) maintenance in parks where an overnight camping-fee was charged during the calendar year 1972?
2. What was the total income from fees in these parks?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. (a) \$5,229,764.22 and (b) \$1,319,523.19.
- “2. \$587,397.”

53 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Was a committee of M.L.A.s established to study sewage treatment for suburban Vancouver municipalities?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, who were the members of that committee and to which political parties did each of these members belong?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, will the results of this study be released for the information of members of this Legislature?
4. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what expenses were incurred by this committee and what expenses were incurred by each member individually?
5. With respect to the answer to No. 4, were committee members reimbursed for expenses incurred?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. Yes, an informal advisory committee.
- “2. Mr. Harold Steves, M.L.A., Mr. Carl Liden, M.L.A., and Mr. Colin Gabelmann, M.L.A., all members of the New Democratic Party.
- “3. Results were announced in Ministers’ Press Release of December 7, 1972.
- “4. Not available.
- “5. No.”

61 Mr. *Schroeder* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government a file of maps designating any portion of the District Municipality of Chilliwack as a flood plain?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the total acreage designated and (b) what is the legal land description of each parcel designated?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. The Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources has a copy of the Lower Mainland official regional plan, prepared by the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board, which plan designates a portion of the District Municipality of Chilliwack as a flood plain.
- “2. (a) Total acreage designated is not indicated in the plan and (b) legal land description of each parcel designated is not given in the plan.”

62 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

With respect to smoke emission from the Gorge Road plant of British Columbia Forest Products—

1. Does the Pollution Control Branch monitor air effluent from the plant?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, is there a significant increase, on a monthly average basis, in smoke and flyash effluent between the hours of 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. compared with 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. No, not at this time.
- “2. Not applicable.”

66 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has there been any flood damage to Keremeos Creek channel?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, has the Provincial Government any plans to restore the creek channel south of Keremeos to its pre-flood condition?
3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, when is work to be commenced?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. Yes, during high runoff period in 1972.
- “2. Under study by the Water Resources Service.
- “3. No decision, pending outcome of study.”

77 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans to upgrade the Pouce Coupe Provincial Park?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the plans and when will construction take place?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. No. (Consideration is being given to a facility at Swan Lake.)
- “2. Not applicable.”

78 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans to develop a Provincial camp-site at Sun Dance Lake on the Hart Highway west of Dawson Creek?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will construction commence?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. No.
- “2. Not applicable.”

80 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. When was the last time One Island Lake was stocked with rainbow trout?
2. Are there any plans to place more fingerlings in this lake?
3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, when will the stocking take place?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- “1. September 25, 1971; 52,000 rainbow trout were planted.

"2. Yes.

"3. Yearling trout will be planted in the spring of 1973."

81 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans to make an area in Monkman Pass a Provincial Park?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the acreage planned for the park?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. A proposal is currently being assessed by park planners."

98 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:

Regarding regional colleges in British Columbia—

1. How many students were registered in each of the regional colleges respectively for the school-year 1971/72?

2. How many of these students in each case were (a) residents of the participating school district, (b) residents of British Columbia, (c) residents of other Canadian provinces, and (d) residents of countries other than Canada?

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

"For the school year 1971/72 Table A below shows the data requested in parts 1, 2 (b), 2 (c), and 2 (d) of question 98. Data requested for part 2 (a) are not available for all students registered. However the data requested in part 2 (a) of question 98 for full-time students registered for the first time in a college are shown below in Table B.

Table A

College	Students Classified by Residence				Unclassified
	Total Enrolled	British Columbia	Other Provinces	Outside Canada	
Camosun	1,397	1,217	119	61	—
Capilano	1,319	1,242	48	29	—
Cariboo	627	503	7	9	108
Douglas	2,409	1,933	176	124	176
Malaspina	1,294	1,248	21	18	7
New Caledonia	718	542	91	26	59
Okanagan	843	684	102	34	23
Selkirk	668	603	44	21	—
VCC (Langara)	4,610	4,114	300	196	—

Table B

College	Total First-time Full-time Enrolment	Residents of Participating School Districts	
		Number	Per Cent
Camosun	312	255	82
Capilano	408	368	90
Cariboo	245	208	85
Douglas	625	549	88
Malaspina	299	245	82
New Caledonia	167	137	82
Okanagan	352	322	91
Selkirk	284	218	77
VCC (Langara)	1,021	825	81

123 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Are plans being made to log the valley of the White River, tributary of the Salmon River, on the east coast of Vancouver Island?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, will a green strip of timber be left on either side of the White River and, if so, how wide will the strip be?
3. Is the White River valley to be logged and, if so, when will the logging commence?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

- "1. Yes. A plan has been submitted to log 28,000 acres of the total 70,000 acres of timbered area under a system of staggered openings over the next 30 years.
- "2. Alternate blocks of timber, or other streamside forest cover, of varying widths, will be left to maintain adequate stream protection.
- "3. Logging in the lower valley commenced in 1963 and in the upper valley in 1968."

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

With reference to investments made by the Overall Medical Services Plan of British Columbia for the fiscal year 1971/72—

1. What was the total amount invested?
2. What are the full details of each amount invested, including the rate of interest received?

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

- "1. See the Hon. *Ernest Hall's* reply to question 99.
- "2. See the Hon. *Ernest Hall's* reply to question 99."

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

With reference to the operation of the British Columbia Overall Medical Services Plan for 1971/72, including coverage by certified carriers—

1. What was the total number of persons, excluding dependents, covered under the family rate?
2. What was the total number of persons covered under the single rate?
3. What was the total number of dependents covered?
4. Did any of the persons covered in Nos. 1 and 2 receive premium subsidies of 90 or 50 per cent?
5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, how many families received (a) 90 per cent or (b) 50 per cent subsidy, and how many single persons received (a) 90 per cent or (b) 50 per cent subsidy?
6. What was the average payment for service?
7. What was the highest payment for service?
8. What percentage of the total costs was for administration?

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

- "1. As at March 31, 1972, under the family rate of two, 199,024 and under the family rate of three or more, 330,617.
- "2. As at March 31, 1972, 385,372.
- "3. As at March 31, 1972, 1,323,380.
- "4. Yes.

"5. As at March 31, 1972: (a) Families receiving 90-per-cent subsidy, family of two, 31,796; family of three or more, 31,658; total, 63,454; (b) families receiving 50-per-cent subsidy, family of two, 10,926; family of three or more, 6,655; total, 17,581. Single persons receiving (a) 90-per-cent subsidy, 134,834, and (b) 50-per-cent subsidy, 22,726.

"6. From figures available as at March 31, 1972, \$7.77.

"7. This information not available.

"8. 4.54 per cent."

138 Mr. *Chabot* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

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

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

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"1. Not as far as the Department of Recreation and Conservation is concerned.

"2. Not applicable."

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary) presented the Report of a Royal Commission concerning the preparation and tendering of bids pertaining to the construction of an addition to the Campbell River and District General Hospital.

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance) presented the Annual Report of the Mental Health Branch, Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, for the year 1972.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Friday, February 9, 1973

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. Smith*.

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

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, Bill (No. 81) intituled *Election Expenses Act*, 1973.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, Bill (No. 82) intituled *Prevention of Restraint of Professional Practices Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 83) intituled *The Ombudsman Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, seconded by the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, it was *Ordered*—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1971/72 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance) presented the Report of the Comptroller-General pursuant to the provisions of the *Audit Act*, chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1960.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1974;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31, 1972, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

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

The Hon. *David Barrett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

The Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance) presented the following:

The British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Tenth Annual Report, year ended March 31, 1972.

The British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Comparative Financial Information, March 31, 1972.

The British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Financial Statements for 9 months ended December 31, 1972.

The British Columbia Railway Company Statement of Accounts as at December 31, 1972.

The British Columbia Railway Company Annual Report, 1972.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 1962*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 62) intituled *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 1962*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 65) intituled *An Act to Amend the Coloured Gasoline Tax Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act, 1948*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 66) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act, 1948*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act, 1958*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 67) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act, 1958*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Motive-fuel Use Tax Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 68) intituled *An Act to Amend the Motive-fuel Use Tax Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 69) intituled *An Act to Amend the Social Services Tax Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 70) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gift Tax Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 71) intituled *An Act to Amend the Assessment Equalization Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home-owner Grant Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 72) intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home-owner Grant Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 73) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 74) intituled *An Act to Amend the Revenue Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 75) intituled *Housing Incentive Fund Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Community Recreational Facilities Fund Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 76) intituled *Community Recreational Facilities Fund Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Special Funds Appropriation Act, 1973*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 77) intituled *Special Funds Appropriation Act, 1973*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *British Columbia Economic Research Fund Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 78) intituled *British Columbia Economic Research Fund Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 19) intituled *Iron Bounty Act Repeal Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

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

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 20) intituled *Copper Bounty Act Repeal Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1965*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 9, 1973

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 31) intituled *An Act to Amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1965*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, the Rules were suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of a motion relating to Mr. Speaker's First Interim Report presented pursuant to section 7 of the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, seconded by the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, it was *Ordered*—

That the recommendations of Mr. Speaker, other than No. 8, contained in his report to this assembly, dated February 9, 1973, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills to consider, and that their separate recommendations on each of his proposals therein be reported to the House from time to time as they are able so to do.

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 5.02 p.m.

Monday, February 12, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Cyril Venables*.

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 84) intituled *Administrative Tribunals Appeals Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

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

REPORT NO. 1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 12, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with relating to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter*.

Your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the said Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*

REPORT NO. 2

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 12, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with relating to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Stock Exchange Act*, except for late filing, but with respect thereto the petitioner has paid double fees in accordance with Standing Order 98 (3).

Your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the said Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. V. LAUK, *Chairman*

The reports were read and received.

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

10 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Was a vehicle available for use, as the official Government car, of the former Premier?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total capital cost incurred for the vehicle and its replacement between August 1, 1952, and September 15, 1972?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1 and 2. See answer to Question 88, Votes and Proceedings, October 27, 1972."

51 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:

With respect to the *Minimum Wage Act* (1972)—

1. (a) How many wage-earners had their monthly wages increased by this legislation, (b) what was the average increase in monthly wages, and (c) what was the total increase in monthly wages?

2. Have studies been conducted to determine whether the Provincial inventory of jobs increased or decreased as a result of this legislation?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, by how many jobs did the Provincial inventory increase or decrease?

4. Have studies been conducted to determine the effects of this legislation upon the cost of hiring in British Columbia and, if so, what were the results of these studies?

5. Have studies been conducted to determine the effects of the next 50-cent-hourly increase in the minimum wage provided for in this legislation in so far as the Provincial job inventory and cost of living are concerned and, if so, what are the results of these studies?

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

“With respect to parts 1 to 5, these questions are under study at the present time.”

54 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. Have any new job positions in the office of the Premier been created since September 1, 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many new job positions in the office of the Premier have been created and filled since September 1, 1972?

3. Will the Hon. the Premier give the names, titles, and agreed salaries of any person so engaged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. Four.

“3. Harvey Beech, Administrative Assistant, \$16,020 per annum; John Twigg, Press Secretary, \$16,020 per annum; Joan McLaughlin, Secretary, \$817 per month; and Stephanie Lister, Clerk-Stenographer 3, \$465 per month.”

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, the Rules were suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of a motion relating to Mr. Speaker's First Interim Report presented pursuant to section 7 of the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, seconded by the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, it was *Ordered*—

That recommendation No. 8 of Mr. Speaker, contained in his report, be referred to a Select Committee of the House to be composed of Messrs. *Lea* (Convener), *G. H. Anderson*, the Hon. *W. L. Hartley*, Mr. *Steves*, the Hon. *Eileen Dailly*, Ms. *Young*, Messrs. *McClelland*, *Smith*, *Curtis*, and *D. A. Anderson*, and that they consider the said recommendation and report from time to time upon the same to this House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.08 p.m.