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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable MARY F. SOUTHIN, Administrator of the Province, dated the 18th day of August, 2005, the Members took their seats, having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne.

The Honourable *W. Oppal* (Attorney General) said:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to announce that she does not see fit to declare the cause of her summoning you at this time and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor hopes to be enabled to declare, later today, her reason for calling you together.

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, advised the House that only one candidate had declared his intention to stand for the election of Speaker and, accordingly, *Bill Barisoff*, Member for Penticton-Okanagan Valley, was declared as the duly elected Speaker. He was then taken out of his place by the Hon. *M. de Jong* and Mr. *Farnworth* and conducted to the Chair and made a statement expressing his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by electing him to be their Speaker.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

And then the House adjourned at 10.27 a.m.

Monday, September 12, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by The Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Roman Catholic Bishop, Diocese of Victoria.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne. The Speaker standing on Her Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to the Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* then said:

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that she freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, she grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:

Honourable Speaker, Members of the Legislature:

As this parliament begins it is right for us to remember the contributions of fellow citizens who have passed away since parliament last sat.

We have lost those who took public service into the political realm: Robert Bonner, who was our longest-serving Attorney General, former members of this assembly Jeremy Dalton and Larry Guno, and Member of Parliament Chuck Cadman.

We join our friends in First Nations in mourning their loss of leaders: Grand Chief Archie Jack of the Penticton Indian Band, and George Watts of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council.

We share the sense of loss felt by everyone touched by Sister Mary Alice Danaher's life-long work making post-secondary education accessible to the First Nations people of Canim Lake with exceptionally positive results.

We mourn the passing of Lilian To, whose extraordinary and dynamic efforts made life better for people who came from across the globe to make a new life in British Columbia.

In this the Year of the Veteran, we were reminded of the great sacrifices made by earlier generations when we lost Ernest (Smokey) Smith, Canada's last surviving recipient of the Victoria Cross for his bravery in the Second World War.

On my way to this chamber, I offered a wreath of remembrance from us all at Victoria's Cenotaph in salute to all those whose service to our society insures the continuance of the parliamentary democracy that we celebrate here this afternoon.

In recent weeks, the hearts and prayers of all British Columbians have gone out to the victims of hurricane Katrina in the U.S. Gulf Coast, especially those still struggling in and around New Orleans.

We can all take pride in the compassion of the countless British Columbians who stepped forward to help, including the members of Vancouver's Urban Search and Rescue Team who did an exemplary job rescuing more than 100 hurricane victims in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

Your government has pledged its continued support for the people of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi as they begin the long process of recovery and rebuilding. Their suffering is a sobering reminder to all of us of the awesome power of nature and of the need to constantly prepare for the unexpected, to protect and preserve the many blessings that we enjoy here in our province.

I am pleased to open the 38th Parliament of British Columbia and to congratulate all new and returning members on your electoral success.

On behalf of your government, I wish to thank everyone who participated in the recent provincial election.

From the many thousands of volunteers who supported the 412 candidates who ran for office across B.C., to everyone who worked on the election in our 79 electoral districts, to the more than 1.76 million registered voters who cast a ballot — you all deserve our gratitude.

Your involvement reminds us all how fortunate we are to live in one of the world's most peaceful and prosperous parliamentary democracies.

Once again, the people have freely elected their representatives to form a responsible government that is accountable to them through this Legislative Assembly.

It is an achievement and honour for which all members and their families should be especially proud.

You are 79 of only 854 MLAs to have ever been chosen to serve in this Legislature since our first provincial election in 1871.

The task before you now, as it was for your predecessors, is of vital importance and consequence.

It is the chance to build upon the legacy of achievement that has marked our province from its inception, to help all British Columbians realize their full potential.

It is the opportunity to reach for the full promise of British Columbia and to reinforce this province's reputation as the best place on Earth to raise a family, live, work, visit, and invest.

Your government wants to involve all members in that endeavour.

It congratulates the new Official Opposition and welcomes its stated desire to serve as a constructive force for positive change.

Today, British Columbians are confident in their future and buoyed by the cresting tide of opportunity that is lifting B.C. higher.

The people have given this government a new mandate to lead British Columbia forward and make real progress on its five great goals for the golden decade ahead.

They have elected a strong Opposition to help accomplish that task and to hold your government accountable for its actions.

All members of this legislature have an opportunity to elevate public confidence through a common commitment to constructive debate, marked by civility, dignity, and decorum.

That is a fitting goal for this new parliament as your government seeks to advance its election platform and commitments.

That platform document will serve as the central policy framework and work plan for the term ahead.

It is a long-term plan that looks beyond the next four years to set out five great goals for the next decade that were outlined in some detail in the last throne speech.

Briefly, those great goals are as follows:

1. To make B.C. the best educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent.
2. To lead the way in North America in healthy living and physical fitness.
3. To build the best system of support in Canada for persons with disabilities, special needs, children at risk and seniors.
4. To lead the world in sustainable environmental management, with the best air and water quality, and the best fisheries management, bar none.
5. To create more jobs per capita than anywhere else in Canada.

These are far-reaching and long-term objectives.

They oblige your government to reach beyond the status quo in the delivery of health care, education, support services, environmental management, and economic development.

The government has established these key goals in response to the demands of today's world.

We can no longer let institutional inertia and the fear of change hold back our children.

Nowhere is that more true than with respect to education.

There is much more that can and will be done to improve education for students at all levels, as your government's platform suggests.

When we speak of life-long learning we must remember that from the moment a child enters the world they are learning.

Already major efforts have been launched to improve access to early childhood development.

Those efforts will be expanded.

B.C.'s children deserve the best, and every effort will be made to establish public education services that celebrate excellence in teaching and excellence in achievement.

In British Columbia, every child should know the joy of reading and revel in the discovery of new knowledge and the excitement of learning.

Your government intends to capitalize on new knowledge to give our children the best education possible.

The annual Teachers' Congress will create an exclusive forum for teachers to join with parents and school trustees and educators to examine approaches that focus on the needs of children as we pursue our goal.

Education will move beyond our schools into our communities.

Literacy programs will open new doors of opportunity to provide students of all ages the foundation skills in literacy and numeracy that are essential in today's world.

Your government will aggressively pursue new initiatives in trade and skills development in concert with our colleges and the private sector.

It will add new opportunity for skills development by building on the success that has seen a 30 per cent increase in apprenticeships in the last two years.

It will work with other provinces and the federal government to develop a new, pan-Canadian skills partnership aimed at maximizing educational opportunities for all citizens.

These are just some of the steps that will be taken to advance your government's great goal on education.

Others highlighted in the Real Leadership, Real Progress platform will be taken as well, to increase accountability, access, achievement, parental involvement, and student health.

As your government moves forward to improve access, choice, and quality in public education, it will likewise act to make real progress on the other great goals.

For example, your government has committed to building the best system of support in Canada for B.C.'s seniors.

Several steps will be announced to advance that great goal and build on initiatives already announced that are today benefiting seniors, children at risk, and persons with special needs and disabilities.

The five great goals are deliberately far-reaching objectives.

They aspire to put British Columbia at the top in education, health care, social support, environmental management, and job creation.

They are by definition comparative goals that will be important to be defined by clear and consistent measurements.

In the months to come, your government will invite the Official Opposition, the B.C. Progress Board, First Nations, and others to help identify the most appropriate targets, benchmarks, and indicators for measuring progress on each goal.

The five great goals cannot be achieved overnight, or even in one term.

They are goals to guide government's strategic focus for the next decade.

They will be as difficult to attain as they are worthy of aspiration.

Each goal is dependant on the others.

Meeting them will require unprecedented cross-ministry coordination and relentless resolve.

Several overarching strategies will be crucial to that enterprise.

Your government has already piloted successful innovative approaches in cross-ministry coordination.

These will be expanded to include a permanent policy secretariat to work on cross-government priorities that will report to participating ministries through a deputy ministers' committee.

The province-wide ActNowBC program will unite strategies in education, health, transportation, and the environment to meet your government's great goal on health.

Strategies recommended by advisory bodies, such as the Premier's Council on Aging and Seniors' Issues; the Task Force on Homelessness, Mental Illness and Addictions; the Premier's Technology Council; the B.C. Competition Council; and the Asia-Pacific Trade Council will all help advance the great goals.

The Asia-Pacific Gateway Initiative will play a crucial role in opening up every part of our province to new opportunities.

That initiative will include the establishment of an Asia-Pacific Museum of Trade and Culture to showcase our Pacific history and to tell our story to Canada and the world.

All of the great goals will be advanced by the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

The Olympics offer a once-in-a-lifetime chance to showcase the best of B.C. to the world as we reach out to one another with common pride and purpose.

The Games will be a Canada-wide catalyst for excellence in athletics, a flourishing of artistic talent, and untold economic opportunity.

Meeting the five great goals will also demand a new emphasis on citizen-centred service delivery from government.

It will require a strong British Columbia to exercise strong national leadership on several fronts.

Your government is committed to strengthening our country by leading the way in pursuit of a national pharmacare strategy, and by developing national strategies for literacy, wait-time reductions, and skills training.

It is committed to leading a new national transportation strategy that will open up Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway as never before.

As British Columbia leads in these endeavours, we will be crossing new ground.

Mistakes will be made. Learning from them and building on our successes will be essential to our achievement.

Leadership requires an ongoing commitment to social innovation in addressing the large societal challenges of our times.

Bold, new, collaborative steps are needed to tackle the social challenges of housing, addictions, mental illness, poverty, literacy and skills development, and community safety.

Fresh, creative actions are needed to cope with the societal challenges of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, child protection, and women escaping abusive relationships.

British Columbia is leading the way in Canada with novel innovations in many of these areas.

Most involve partnerships with other levels of government and with private-sector organizations working shoulder-to-shoulder to make real progress.

Your government will build on that work with new measures this fall, including the establishment of a new Pacific Centre for Social Innovation.

The centre will serve to stimulate social innovation and the development of best practices reports from across the country and around the world.

It will engage governments, academics, and experts in various social disciplines to identify groundbreaking innovations now working in other jurisdictions to improve social outcomes and to successfully address contemporary socioeconomic challenges.

The centre will be asked to initially focus on three pressing social imperatives.

One is the question of what might be done to better serve the needs of today's families at home, in the modern workplace, and in our changing communities.

The recognition of these changes and a response to them will enhance the quality of life for all British Columbians.

The second priority will be to look at creative approaches being employed around the world to foster environmentally sustainable communities and other innovations to promote sustainable use of our natural resources.

In British Columbia, we are already recognized for the quality of our cities and towns.

As our population grows, we must find ways to maintain and improve air and water quality and maintain our natural landscapes for future generations.

The third focus of the Pacific Centre for Social Innovation will be the issue of how to improve voter participation in elections.

Voting is the most fundamental act of citizenship and it is on the wane.

We must search for the mechanisms of revitalization. The health of our public life depends on it.

None of the goals that have been laid out will be accomplished unless all British Columbians share in our achievements and success.

The government will work tirelessly to establish a new relationship with First Nations.

Allied with First Nation and aboriginal leadership, it will build upon and hopefully assist the work that aboriginal leaders are leading with provincial and territorial governments across Canada.

Innovative strategies are required to reverse the trends that have left too many aboriginal people behind in education, health, and economic opportunity.

There have been huge institutional and systemic impediments to progress in aboriginal communities.

We need to better understand those impediments and act with aboriginal leaders to overcome them.

Rampant poverty, inadequate housing, chronic unemployment, and notoriously low high-school completion rates are measures of our collective failure.

They should not be the fate of First Nations.

High suicide rates, lower life expectancy, higher infant mortality, and intolerably high levels of substance abuse should not be the plight of Canada's aboriginal peoples and cannot be allowed to continue.

Portable, accessible, universal, comprehensive, publicly-administered health care should not be just words in the Canada Health Act that apply to Canadians who live off-reserve.

They should be principles that apply equally to aboriginal people and all citizens, in rural communities and urban communities alike.

Your government will also continue to press this point as a national imperative for a stronger Canada.

Later this fall, First Ministers will meet with aboriginal leaders to act on a 10-year vision and plans for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.

The goal will be to eliminate, within 10 years, the inequities that have plagued First Nations and aboriginal people throughout Canada's history.

Your government is committed to forging a new relationship of reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia and to working with First Nations and aboriginal leaders across Canada to accomplish this ambitious goal.

This new relationship with First Nations will help define Canada and will shape our country's future.

The new relationship must be based on mutual respect and recognition of Aboriginal Canadians' constitutional rights.

It must recognize the Crown's legal and moral duty to consult where decisions impact constitutionally protected aboriginal rights and title.

It will require all governments to build capacity that will enable aboriginal people to fully participate in the multiple bounties of British Columbia.

The path to prosperity does not lie in the denial of aboriginal rights or in the discredited approaches of the past.

The way forward is not to be found through confrontation or endless litigation that has held us back as a people and a province.

The future we all seek for our families and communities will not be won through the uncertain path of denial, resistance, and short-sightedness.

It is ours to claim together through a new relationship that is honourable, constructive, and grounded in immediate and practical progress for all British Columbians.

Your government will push to extend that vision from coast to coast to coast.

It will seek to build a new national relationship of reconciliation that brings First Ministers together with aboriginal leaders as never before.

For too long, Canadian federalism has been viewed through the narrow prism of the "two solitudes" that speak to its French and English duality.

The story of Canada has largely been how those two distinct cultures have existed and thrived together.

It is the story of how they have embraced many other cultures in building a nation that is a model of diversity, tolerance, and human generosity.

Yet there remains a "third solitude" in our nation's midst, one that has been largely ignored and discounted by governments throughout our history.

It is the solitude known by Canada's founding nations — the First Nations — who even today struggle for recognition as full partners in Confederation.

Your government believes that Canada's greatest duty and hope for the future is to reach out to First Nations and aboriginal people to forge a new relationship.

Aboriginal people are not peripheral to the Canadian fabric — they are part of every fiber woven in the tapestry of Canada's history.

British Columbians are making great progress and their province is again a national leader.

There is newfound optimism and confidence throughout the province.

British Columbia's fiscal house is in order and our income tax rates are competitive. We are leading the nation in job creation and economic growth.

Families are keeping more of their paycheques and are feeling optimistic again.

Jobs and economic growth are providing the foundations for strengthening our public health, education, and social support systems.

Your government will continue to pursue B.C.'s economic advantages and to extend the current economic recovery to all families and all regions.

To secure a future for all our children, it will ensure that government does not fall back to the spendthrift ways of the past.

The burdens we have laid on the next generation must continue to be lightened through wise investment, continuing containment of the costs of government, and an acknowledgement that we cannot put off today's problems because they are inconvenient to deal with.

We must use the power of all we have learned to provide the next generation of British Columbians with the full range of opportunity.

Many challenges remain.

Managing debt, controlling cost pressures, and meeting the mounting demand for new and better services within available budgets are never easy imperatives to meet.

On Wednesday, the Minister of Finance will address those challenges in her Budget Update.

Indeed, the need to gain legislative approval for that spending plan is why this house is meeting earlier than scheduled.

In addition to the estimates, your government will introduce other legislation this session to honour previous commitments.

It will act to establish the Southern Interior Development Initiative and the North Island-Coast Development Initiative, and to further invest in the Northern Development Initiative.

Together, these three independently run regional development initiatives will invest, manage, and leverage some \$300 million in provincial funding for the benefit of regional economies.

The goal is that regional actions to meet regional challenges will complement the government's endeavours to create a broad prosperity for all people in every region of the province.

Regional Development Boards will use this \$300 million in seed capital to create new jobs and opportunities, free of provincial interference.

While our province strives to diversify its economy, we must never forget the traditional natural resources that create the foundation of our mutual prosperity.

Urban and rural families across British Columbia depend on those resources for their prosperity.

No single resource has contributed more to all of us than our forests.

Yet today, our forests are under an unparalleled attack from the mountain pine beetle.

That attack is more damaging than anything we have faced before and its effects will be felt for many generations to come.

Without unprecedented national action to thwart, contain, and recover from that epidemic, the pine beetle will cause even worse economic, environmental, and social damage.

The government's multi-pronged approach includes developing community partnerships, as well as two new separate partnerships with the Province of Alberta and the federal government.

New on-the-ground decision making, similar to an emergency response team, will be developed in the months ahead.

A 15-year partnership between the federal and provincial government is being pursued to provide:

- increased resources for economic diversification;
- improved silviculture to increase yields in immature but unaffected forest stands;
- immediate streamside, riverside, and fish habitat protection and improvements;
- increased reforestation and stream debris management programs;

- expanded science and research development into the best use of beetle-infested wood, and expanded product diversification; and,
- long-term land use opportunities with First Nations and other resource-dependent communities that have been directly impacted.

As your government pursues these initiatives, it will introduce other measures this session to help our province.

As promised, it will act to facilitate the creation of the new World Trade University in Chilliwack.

The WTU is a United Nations mechanism aimed at promoting education and commerce in global trade.

A Private Bill will be supported to formalize that exciting new institution.

Your government will bring forward the Civil Forfeiture Act that was tabled last April, as promised in its platform, to ensure that criminals do not profit from their crimes.

With a new parliament, it is timely to recall the purpose of scheduled fall sittings.

One reason was to give all members, their families, and the public greater certainty about the legislative schedule.

Another was to complete items introduced or announced in each previous spring session, and any other matters demanding the Legislature's urgent attention.

Consistent with that intent, and the added imperative this fall to debate and pass the Budget Estimates, the legislative agenda this session will not be onerous.

In future years, fall sittings will be convened as required, according to the set legislative calendar, to serve the purposes originally intended.

Your government will work with the Official Opposition to explore new ways of improving the Legislature's effectiveness for British Columbians.

It will build on British Columbia's growing reputation as a national leader in democratic reform with several reforms in representative and participatory democracy.

Your government wishes to acknowledge the input and support of the Official Opposition in advancing changes to improve and modernize the rules that guide the conduct of MLAs in this chamber.

Both parties have agreed that steps should be taken to give all members a stronger voice in this Legislature.

For the first time ever, a second Deputy Speaker of the House will be appointed from the ranks of the Official Opposition.

It has been 33 years since Question Period was introduced in this assembly.

In all that time, the 15-minute time block available for members' questions has never changed.

Your government will extend Question Period.

Question Period will be doubled from 15 minutes to 30 minutes.

Other reforms will be initiated to help private members better represent their constituents and enhance the effectiveness of our legislative committee system during estimates debates.

The number of daily two-minute Members' Statements will be doubled from three to six.

That will give private members more than twice the time and frequency to address issues of particular importance to them and their constituents each day.

Select standing committees will be activated with clear and compelling mandates.

The Health Committee will be asked to help advance the great goal on fitness and health, focusing specifically on the growing problem of childhood obesity.

The Education Committee will be asked to focus on the specific challenge of adult literacy in helping B.C. meet its goal of becoming the most literate jurisdiction in North America.

A Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture will be struck this session to advance B.C.'s great goal of leading the world in sustainable fisheries management.

It will be asked to work with the Pacific Salmon Forum and others to identify viable improvements to our fish farming industries that balance economic goals with environmental imperatives.

The government will invite the Official Opposition to chair that special committee and to also hold the majority of that committee's members.

This will address an important issue of vital interest to B.C.'s Island and coastal communities, who elected so many Opposition members to represent their interests.

Indeed, all of these reforms will give the Official Opposition an unprecedented role in this Legislature.

At the same time, your government will continue to lead the way in Canada on electoral reform.

British Columbia was the first province to establish set election dates.

Your government has considered the date set for the next election and has resolved that the next general election will be held as scheduled, four years from the last provincial election, on May 12th, 2009.

The issue of electoral reform remains following the results of the referendum put before the public in May.

Nearly 58 per cent of all citizens who cast a ballot in the recent referendum on electoral reform supported the proposed STV electoral system.

A solid majority supported STV in all but two of B.C.'s 79 constituencies.

And yet that was not enough to pass, according to the rules this Legislature unanimously established.

Your government has been clear that it does not intend to rewrite those rules after the fact, or pretend that the vote for STV succeeded when it did not.

Nor can it ignore the size of the double majority that voted to change our current electoral system to the STV model.

There have been many interpretations of the electoral reform referendum's result.

Whatever the analysis, a troubling question remains: why did so many people vote so strongly to change the current system?

The Citizens' Assembly considered the question of electoral reform for over a year.

They, too, concluded that our current system of electing MLAs was lacking and that a better system could be found in the single transferable vote model.

They came to that conclusion after intensive investigation, public consultation, and consideration of academic advice.

Your government does not accept that the solution to a majority vote that failed to pass is to essentially ignore it and impose yet another electoral system.

It does not accept that the answer to the minority's rejection of the Citizens' Assembly's proposal is to redo its work.

It does not accept that the 79 members of this assembly are any better qualified than the 161 members of the Citizens' Assembly were to choose the best electoral model.

In any event, your government believes that the widely acknowledged success of the Citizens' Assembly flowed directly from its independence from traditional political interference.

The Citizens' Assembly had no political master and no partisan axes to grind.

It was not a body of elected politicians who were perceived to be guided by self-interest.

It was exactly what this Legislature intended — citizen-centered, dedicated, and independent.

One task that was never assigned to the Citizens' Assembly was to show precisely how its proposed STV model might apply on an electoral map.

This was arguably a design flaw in its terms of reference that in retrospect may have impacted how people voted in the referendum.

Your government believes that establishing STV constituency boundaries may provide the public with a critical piece of information that was missing at the time of the referendum. The government will recommend that shortcoming be rectified.

The Legislature is obliged to appoint an Electoral Boundaries Commission this session.

Your government will use that opportunity to take the challenge of electoral reform to its ultimate conclusion.

Legislation will be introduced to enable that requirement.

The new Electoral Boundaries Commission will be given two tasks.

First, to redraft the provincial electoral map as is currently required.

The government will introduce an amendment that it hopes will protect northern representation in the Legislature.

The amendment will allow the commission to provide for up to 85 members under the current electoral system.

And having decided on the most appropriate number of MLAs within that cap to protect northern residents, it will set its sights on STV.

The commission will also be asked to identify the best and fairest way to configure British Columbia's electoral districts under the STV model.

In view of the double difficulty of this assignment and a new census not expected to be completed until 2007, the time frame for the commission to complete its work will be extended from the time prescribed in the current legislation.

The commission will be asked to submit its final report on electoral redistribution under both electoral systems by the spring of 2008.

That information will be put before the public as part of an extensive effort to better inform British Columbians about the two electoral options — the current system and STV.

Equal funding will be provided to support active information campaigns for supporters and detractors of each model.

The two models will be put to a province-wide vote, along with the applicable electoral boundaries, in a referendum that will be held in tandem with the November 2008 municipal elections.

That question will be crafted by the government and will be debated and voted upon in this Legislature.

All members, including cabinet ministers, will be free to speak to it and vote as they wish.

In establishing electoral boundaries, it has been the practice that all members are invited to make representations to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

All members will be encouraged to also use that opportunity to comment on the relative merits of both electoral models under the boundaries proposed.

No one is obliged to support STV or remain silent if they have concerns.

The Premier will remain neutral, but all government members will be free to support or oppose either model.

In the final analysis, the people will again decide — not the politicians — which electoral model and boundaries suit them best.

The people will have their final say on STV.

The same rules and thresholds that applied for passing STV in the recent referendum will apply in the November 2008 referendum.

Whichever model succeeds is the model that will be employed to elect the next parliament, on May 12th, 2009.

The government intends to launch a province-wide enumeration prior to that date to ensure that the British Columbia voters list is both up to date and accurate.

In Conclusion:

British Columbia has always had a public life marked by adventure and by challenge.

But more importantly, it is a public life fueled by dreams and by the imagination of those who came before.

Although we cannot be proud of all that was done through this province's history, we can be proud of what has been accomplished.

Those accomplishments are not owned by governments.

They were shaped by the contributions of aboriginal people and immigrants from lands in every hemisphere, and fashioned by engineers and public servants, by doctors and teachers, by farmers and foresters and miners.

They are accomplishments created by people committed to a dream of making a better place for their families to live.

In two years, British Columbia will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the colony of British Columbia.

Our sesquicentennial will be a time for us to look back at the story of this place and of the people who live here.

It will be a time when each of us can search for a new understanding of the history that produced our present.

As we look at that past, read about it, and examine its meaning, we will find new strength to build a future that reflects the best we have to offer.

Today we celebrate the beginning of a new parliament and, with it, the chance to build upon that proud legacy, and bring out the best in our province.

May the excitement of today reflect itself in the work you do tomorrow, so that in the future people will look back on this time and say, "They saw their province, knew its greatness, and acted to make it a better place for all who would follow."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of Her Honour's Speech.

The certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of Members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election was read by *Ian D. Izard, Q.C.*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, as follows:

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

"ELECTIONS BC

"Victoria, B.C., June 8, 2005

"*E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*

"*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

"*Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

"*Re: General Election, May 17, 2005*

"DEAR MR. MACMINN:

"Please consider this letter a certified report, per section 147 of the *Election Act* [RSBC 1996 c. 106], regarding the results of the 38th provincial general election.

"Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor dissolved the 37th Parliament of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia via a Proclamation issued on April 19, 2005. A general election was required to fill vacancies caused by the dissolution.

“Writs of Election were issued in the afternoon of April 19, 2005, calling for a general election on May 17, 2005. The Writs were returnable on or before today, June 8, 2005.

“The general election was held pursuant to the provisions of the *Election Act*. In conjunction with that election, a referendum on electoral reform was also conducted.

“Recounts of candidate ballots were conducted by District Electoral Officers under section 136 of the *Election Act* in eight electoral districts, namely;

Burnaby-Edmonds
 Burnaby North
 Cariboo North
 Cariboo South
 Maple Ridge-Mission
 Saanich South
 Skeena
 Vancouver-Burrard.

“In addition, the District Electoral Officer for the electoral district of Vancouver-Burrard was required to apply for a judicial recount of the ballots in that district in accordance with section 139 (5) (b) of the *Election Act*. The Supreme Court judge who conducted the recount will issue a certificate of the results of the election to the District Electoral Officer following the judicial recount appeal period. I will report the election result to you immediately after the District Electoral Officer returns the Writ of Election for that district.

“I hereby certify that the following members have been elected to represent their respective electoral districts as set out below:

Electoral District	Name	Political Party Affiliation
ABBOTSFORD-CLAYBURN	John van Dongen	BC Liberal Party
ABBOTSFORD-MOUNT LEHMAN.....	Michael G. de Jong	BC Liberal Party
ALBERNI-QUALICUM.....	Scott Fraser	New Democratic Party of B.C.
BULKLEY VALLEY-STIKINE.....	Dennis Edwin MacKay.....	BC Liberal Party
BURNABY-EDMONDS.....	Raj Chouhan	New Democratic Party of B.C.
BURNABY NORTH.....	Richard T. Lee	BC Liberal Party
BURNABY-WILLINGDON.....	John Nuraney	BC Liberal Party
BURQUITLAM	Harry Bloy	BC Liberal Party
CARIBOO NORTH.....	Bob Simpson.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
CARIBOO SOUTH	Charlie Wyse.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
CHILLIWACK-KENT	Barry Penner	BC Liberal Party
CHILLIWACK-SUMAS.....	John Les	BC Liberal Party
COLUMBIA RIVER-REVELSTOKE	Norm Macdonald	New Democratic Party of B.C.
COMOX VALLEY	Stan Hagen	BC Liberal Party
COQUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE	Diane Thorne	New Democratic Party of B.C.
COWICHAN-LADYSMITH.....	Doug Routley.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
DELTA NORTH.....	Guy Gentner.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
DELTA SOUTH	Valerie Roddick	BC Liberal Party
EAST KOOTENAY.....	Bill Bennett.....	BC Liberal Party
ESQUIMALT-METCHOSIN.....	Maurine Karagianis	New Democratic Party of B.C.
FORT LANGLEY-ALDERGROVE.....	Rich Coleman	BC Liberal Party
KAMLOOPS	Claude Harry Richmond...	BC Liberal Party
KAMLOOPS-NORTH THOMPSON	Kevin Krueger	BC Liberal Party
KELOWNA-LAKE COUNTRY	Al Horning	BC Liberal Party

Electoral District	Name	Political Party Affiliation
KELOWNA-MISSION	Sindi Hawkins.....	BC Liberal Party
LANGLEY	Mary Polak.....	BC Liberal Party
MALAHAT-JUAN DE FUCA.....	John Horgan.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
MAPLE RIDGE-MISSION	Randy Hawes.....	BC Liberal Party
MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS.....	Michael Sather.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
NANAIMO	Leonard Krog.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
NANAIMO-PARKSVILLE.....	Ron Cantelon.....	BC Liberal Party
NELSON-CRESTON.....	Corky Evans.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
NEW WESTMINSTER	Chuck Puchmayr.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
NORTH COAST.....	Gary Earl Coons	New Democratic Party of B.C.
NORTH ISLAND.....	Claire Trevena.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
NORTH VANCOUVER-LONSDALE.....	Katherine Anne Whittred..	BC Liberal Party
NORTH VANCOUVER-SEYMOUR	Daniel Morrison Jarvis	BC Liberal Party
OAK BAY-GORDON HEAD.....	Ida Chong.....	BC Liberal Party
OKANAGAN-VERNON.....	Tom Christensen	BC Liberal Party
OKANAGAN-WESTSIDE.....	Rick Thorpe	BC Liberal Party
PEACE RIVER NORTH.....	Richard Neufeld.....	BC Liberal Party
PEACE RIVER SOUTH.....	Blair Lekstrom.....	BC Liberal Party
PENTICTON-OKANAGAN VALLEY	Bill Barisoff	BC Liberal Party
PORT COQUITLAM-BURKE MOUNTAIN ..	Mike Farnworth	New Democratic Party of B.C.
PORT MOODY-WESTWOOD.....	Iain Black.....	BC Liberal Party
POWELL RIVER-SUNSHINE COAST	Nicholas Simons	New Democratic Party of B.C.
PRINCE GEORGE-MOUNT ROBSON.....	Shirley Bond	BC Liberal Party
PRINCE GEORGE NORTH	Pat Bell.....	BC Liberal Party
PRINCE GEORGE-OMINECA	John Rustad.....	BC Liberal Party
RICHMOND CENTRE	Olga Ilich	BC Liberal Party
RICHMOND EAST	Linda Reid	BC Liberal Party
RICHMOND-STEVESTON	John Yap	BC Liberal Party
SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS	Murray Robert Coell.....	BC Liberal Party
SAANICH SOUTH.....	David Cubberley	New Democratic Party of B.C.
SHUSWAP.....	George Abbott	BC Liberal Party
SKEENA	Robin Austin.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
SURREY-CLOVERDALE	Kevin Falcon.....	BC Liberal Party
SURREY-GREEN TIMBERS.....	Sue Hammell	New Democratic Party of B.C.
SURREY-NEWTON.....	Harry Bains.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
SURREY-PANORAMA RIDGE.....	Jagrup Brar.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
SURREY-TYNEHEAD	Dave Hayer.....	BC Liberal Party
SURREY-WHALLEY	Bruce Ralston.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
SURREY-WHITE ROCK	Gordon Hogg	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-BURRARD.....	<i>Judicial Recount Results Pending</i>	
VANCOUVER-FAIRVIEW	Gregor Robertson.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
VANCOUVER-FRASERVIEW	Wally Oppal	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-HASTINGS	Shane Simpson.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.
VANCOUVER-KENSINGTON.....	David Chudnovsky	New Democratic Party of B.C.
VANCOUVER-KINGSWAY	Adrian Dix	New Democratic Party of B.C.
VANCOUVER-LANGARA.....	Carole Taylor	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-MOUNT PLEASANT.....	Jenny Kwan	New Democratic Party of B.C.
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY.....	Gordon Campbell.....	BC Liberal Party

Electoral District	Name	Political Party Affiliation
VANCOUVER-QUILCHENA.....	Colin Hansen	BC Liberal Party
VICTORIA-BEACON HILL	Carole James	New Democratic Party of B.C.
VICTORIA-HILLSIDE	Rob Fleming	New Democratic Party of B.C.
WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY	Katrine Conroy	New Democratic Party of B.C.
WEST VANCOUVER-CAPILANO	Ralph Sultan.....	BC Liberal Party
WEST VANCOUVER-GARIBALDI.....	Joan McIntyre	BC Liberal Party
YALE-LILLOOET	Harry Lali.....	New Democratic Party of B.C.

“Sincerely

“Harry Neufeld

“Chief Electoral Officer”

A further certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the judicial recount for the electoral district of Vancouver-Burrard certifying that *Lorne Mayencourt* had been elected was read by *Ian D. Izard, Q.C.*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, as follows:

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

“ELECTIONS BC

“Victoria, B.C., June 10, 2005

“*E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*

“*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

“*Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: Certified Report of Election Results in Vancouver-Burrard Electoral District*

“DEAR MR. MACMINN:

“A provincial general election and a referendum on electoral reform were held on May 17th, 2005.

“The District Electoral Officer for the electoral district of Vancouver-Burrard was required to apply to the Supreme Court for a judicial recount of the ballots in that district in accordance with section 139 (5) (b) of the *Election Act*.

“Associate Chief Justice Patrick D. Dohm conducted the judicial recount on June 6th and 7th, 2005. Following the conclusion of the judicial recount, a two-day appeal period was observed as required by s. 144 of the Act. This appeal period ended at the close of business on Thursday, June 9th. The decision was not appealed.

“This morning, Justice Dohm issued a certificate of the results of the election to the District Electoral Officer. I have now received the completed Writ of Election for the electoral district of Vancouver-Burrard.

“In accordance with section 147 (2) of the Act, I hereby certify the election of *Lorne Mayencourt*, affiliated with the BC Liberal Party, as the Member to represent the electoral district of Vancouver-Burrard in the Legislative Assembly.

“Sincerely

“Harry Neufeld

“Chief Electoral Officer”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General) it was *Ordered* —

That the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of Members be entered upon the Journals of the House.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Sindi Hawkins*, Member for Kelowna-Mission Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. *Farnworth*, seconded by the Hon. *M. de Jong*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Sue Hammell*, Member for Surrey-Green Timbers Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Harry Bloy*, Member for Burquitlam Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General), it was *Ordered* —

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

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) moved that the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Aboriginal Affairs;
2. Education;
3. Finance and Government Services;
4. Health;
5. Public Accounts;
6. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
7. Crown Corporations;

and that Standing Order 68 (1) is hereby amended to so reflect, which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *M. de Jong* (Convener), Messrs. *Cantelon*, *Hogg*, *Jarvis*, *Nuraney*, Ms. *Roddick*, Messrs. *Farnworth* and *Horgan*, Ms. *Conroy* and Ms. *Kwan*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Ms. *McIntyre* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cantelon* —

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

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2004/2005;

Office of the Auditor General Annual Audit, Year ended March 31, 2005;

Office of the Auditor General Annual Report, 2004/2005;

Office of the Auditor General 2004/2005 Report 13: Building Momentum for Results-Based Management;

Office of the Auditor General 2005/2006 Report No. 1: Follow-up recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts contained in its Fourth Report of the 3rd Session of the 36th Parliament; Earthquake Preparedness; Performance Audit;

Office of the Auditor General 2005/2006 Report No. 2: Joint Follow-up of 2001/2002: Report 1 Managing Interface Fire Risks and Firestorm 2003 Provincial Review;

Office of the Auditor General 2005/2006 Report No. 3: Audit of the Government's Corporate Accounting System: Part 1;

Office of the Auditor General 2005/2006 Report No. 4: Building Better Reports: Our Assessment of the 2003/04 Annual Service Plan Reports of Government;

Office of the Auditor General 2005/2006 Report No. 5: Keeping the Decks Clean: Managing Gaming Integrity Risks in Casinos;

Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report, 2004;

Office of the Ombudsman Service Plan, 2005/06–2007/08;

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2004;

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Surrey-Panorama Ridge By-election, October 28, 2004;

Elections BC Service Plan, 2005/06–2007/08; and

British Columbia Legislative Library Annual Report, 2004.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows for the duration of the First Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament, commencing September 12, 2005.

1. That Standing Order 14 be amended by adding a further sentence at the end of the Standing Orders as follows:

“In addition, the House may appoint one of the Members of the Official Opposition to be Assistant Deputy Speaker.”

2. That Standing Order 25B be amended by deleting the words “Three Private Members” in the first sentence and substituting the words “Six Private Members”, and further by amending Standing Order 25B (2) by deleting the words “three Members” and substituting the words “six Members”.

3. That Standing Order 47A be amended by deleting the words “15 minute” in the first sentence and substituting the words “30 minute”.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following Reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during dissolution:

Advanced Education Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;

Agricultural Land Commission Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;

Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;

Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;

BC Assessment Annual Service Plan Report 2004;

BC Environmental Assessment Office Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;

BC Games Society Annual Report 2004-2005;

BC Housing Annual Report 2004/2005;

BC Hydro Annual Report 2005;

BC Innovation Council Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;

BC Transit Annual Report 2005;

British Columbia Buildings Corporation Annual Report, 2004-05;

British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report 2004/2005;

British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report 2004/05;

British Columbia Railway Company Annual Report 2004;

British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report 2004/2005;

British Columbia Transmission Corporation Annual Report 2005;

Children and Family Development Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;

Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report 2004/2005;

Columbia Power Corporation Annual Report 2004/05;

Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;

Education Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Energy and Mines Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Finance Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council Annual Report 2004-2005;
Forest Practices Board Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Forests Annual Strategic Plan Report 2004/05;
Government Annual Strategic Plan Report 2004-2005;
Health Services Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Homeowner Protection Office Annual Report 2004-2005;
Human Resources Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Industry Training Authority Annual Report 2004/05;
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report 2004;
Land and Water British Columbia Inc. Annual Report 2004/05;
Legal Services Society Annual Service Plan 2004/2005;
Management Services Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Multiculturalism Annual Report 2003-2004;
Nisga'a Final Agreement Annual Report, April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004;
Notification of the impact of a change in accounting policy pursuant to the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, Section 11 (2);
Office of the Merit Commissioner Annual Report 2004/2005;
Office of the Premier Annual Service Plan Report 2004/2005;
Oil and Gas Commission Annual Service Plan Report 2004/2005;
Partnerships British Columbia Annual Report 04-05;
PavCo Annual Report April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005;
Provincial Capital Commission Annual Report 2005;
Provincial Revenue Annual Service Plan 2004/05;
Public Accounts 2004/2005 and Ministerial Accountability Report, 2004/05;
Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Public Service Agency Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Rapid Transit Project 2000 Ltd. Annual Report 2004-2005;
Royal British Columbia Museum Annual Report 2004/2005;
Skills Development and Labour Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Small Business and Economic Development Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Sustainable Resource Management Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Transportation Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Treaty Negotiations Office Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05;
Tourism British Columbia Annual Report 2004/05;
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Annual Service Plan Report 2004/2005; and
Water, Land and Air Protection Annual Service Plan Report 2004/05.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion of the Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance), it was *Ordered* —

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

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:
Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2006; and
Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2006;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 13, 2005.

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

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier), "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bills (Nos. 2 and 3) intituled:
Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2005;
Budget Measures Implementation Act (No. 2), 2005;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 13, 2005.

Bills introduced and read a first time.

Bills *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. C. Taylor (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

September Update, Budget and Fiscal Plan;

Budget Consultation Paper as required by section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Government's 2005-06 to 2007-08 Overall Strategic Plan and Service Plans required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Advanced Education; Ministry of Agriculture and Lands; Agricultural Land Commission; Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Community Services; Ministry of Economic Development; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Ministry of Environment including Environmental Assessment Office; Ministry of Finance and Associated Entities; Ministry of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing; Forest Practices Board; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services; BC Public Service Agency; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Small Business and Revenue; Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts; Ministry of Transportation;

Crown Agencies and Government Organization Service Plans: British Columbia Assessment Authority; BC Games Society; British Columbia Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro; British Columbia Innovation Council; British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch; British Columbia Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation (PavCo); British Columbia Railway Company; British Columbia Securities Commission; BC Transit; British Columbia Transmission Corporation; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living British Columbia; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Homeowner Protection Office; Industry Training Authority; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Partnerships British Columbia; Provincial Capital Commission; Royal BC Museum Corporation; Tourism British Columbia; Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Limited; and

List of Organizations that have been exempted from section 13, of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, and for which service plans are not being filed.

And then the House adjourned at 3.40 p.m.

Thursday, September 15, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Polak.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. Thorpe*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, September 15, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made a statement regarding the 25th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, and declared September 18, 2005, Terry Fox Day in British Columbia.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 15, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *B. Penner* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Monday, September 19, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Conroy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

3 By leave, Mr. *Chouhan* moved—

Be it resolved that the House condemn the BC government for disbanding the Human Rights Commission and be it further resolved that this House urge the BC government to restore and strengthen the Human Rights Commission.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, September 19, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. de Jong* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection, which read as follows:

FIRST REPORT

OAK COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on September 12, 2005 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House reports that the following is the list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session:

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms. *Polak* (Convener), Messrs. *Horning*, *MacKay*, Mmes. *McIntyre*, *Roddick*, *Whittred*, Messrs. *Fraser*, *Austin*, *Coons* and *Lali*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS—Mr. *Black* (Convener), Messrs. *Cantelon*, *Jarvis*, *Lekstrom*, *MacKay*, *Rustad*, Messrs. *Evans*, *Chudnovsky*, *Puchmayr* and *Gentner*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION—Mr. *Nuraney* (Convener), Messrs. *Jarvis*, *Lee*, *Mayencourt*, Ms. *Polak*, Mr. *Rustad*, Messrs. *Robertson*, *Horgan*, *Routley* and Ms. *Thorne*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Mr. *Lekstrom* (Convener), Messrs. *Bloy*, *Hayer*, *Hogg*, *Lee*, *Yap*, Ms. *Karagianis*, Messrs. *Simons*, *Krog* and Ms. *Kwan*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH—Mr. *Sultan* (Convener), Messrs. *Hayer*, *Jarvis*, *Nuraney*, Mmes. *Roddick*, *Whittred*, Messrs. *Cubberley*, *Sather*, Ms. *Conroy* and Mr. *Wyse*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Mr. *Horning* (Convener), Messrs. *Bloy*, *Hawes*, *Hogg*, *Krueger*, *Mayencourt*, Messrs. *Chouhan*, *Cubberley*, *Farnworth* and *Fleming*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. *Fleming* (Convener), Messrs. *Black*, *Cantelon*, *Hawes*, Mmes. *McIntyre*, *Polak*, Messrs. *Rustad*, *Sultan*, *Yap*, Messrs. *Bains*, *Dix*, *Ralston*, *Macdonald* and Ms. *Thorne*.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

HON. M. DE JONG, *Chair*

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered:

1. To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the pre-budget consultation report prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* and, in particular, to:

- (a) Conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings, telephone and electronic means;

- (b) Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2005 on the results of those consultations; and

2. (a) To consider and make recommendations on the annual reports, rolling three-year service plans and budgets of the following statutory officers:

- Auditor General;
- Chief Electoral Officer;
- Conflict of Interest Commissioner;
- Information and Privacy Commissioner;
- Ombudsman;
- Police Complaint Commissioner; and

- (b) To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by any of the Officers listed in 2 (a) above.

- (c) That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be the committee referred to in sections 19, 20, 21 and 23 of the *Auditor General Act* and that the performance report in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* be referred to the committee.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, the committee shall be empowered:

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

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment or at the next following session, as the case may be, to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives be appointed for the 38th Parliament, pursuant to Section 9 of the *Recall and Initiative Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 398, and the committee be comprised of members of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills established this session.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

Be it resolved that this House hereby authorizes the Committee of Supply for this Session to sit in two sections designated Section A and Section B; Section A to sit in such Committee Room as may be appointed from time to time, and Section B to sit in the Chamber of the Assembly, subject to the following rules:

1. The Standing Orders applicable to the Committee of the Whole House shall be applicable in both Sections of the Committee of Supply save and except that in Section A, a Minister may defer to a Deputy Minister to permit such Deputy to reply to a question put to the Minister.

2. Subject to paragraph 3, within one sitting day of the passage of this Motion, the House Leader of the Official Opposition may advise the Government House Leader, in writing, of three ministerial Estimates which the Official Opposition requires to be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply, and upon receipt of such notice in writing, the Government House Leader shall confirm in writing that the said three ministerial Estimates shall be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply.

3. All Estimates shall stand referred to Section A, save and except those Estimates which shall be referred to Section B under the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Order and such other Estimates as shall be referred to Section B on motion by the Government House Leader, which motion shall be governed by the provisions of Standing Order 60A. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to this rule.

4. Section A shall consist of 18 Members, being 11 Members of the B.C. Liberal Party and 7 Members of the New Democratic Party. In addition, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole, or his or her nominee, shall preside over the debates in Section A. Substitution of Members will be permitted to Section A with the consent of that Member's Whip, where applicable, otherwise with the consent of the Member involved. For the first session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Cantelon, Hayer, Horning, Jarvis, Krueger, Lee, Lekstrom, MacKay* and *Yap* and Ms. *Polak* and Ms. *Roddick*, Messrs. *Bains, Chouhan, Cubberley, Evans, Farnworth, Fraser* and Ms. *Conroy*.

5. At fifteen minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House, the Chair of Section A will report to the House. In the event such report includes the last vote in a particular

ministerial Estimate, after such report has been made to the House, the Government shall have a maximum of eight minutes, and the Official Opposition a maximum of five minutes, and all other Members (cumulatively) a maximum of three minutes to summarize the Committee debate on a particular ministerial Estimate completed, such summaries to be in the following order:

- (1) Other Members;
 - (2) Opposition; and
 - (3) Government.
6. Section B shall be composed of all Members of the House.
7. Divisions in Section A will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells four times.
8. Divisions in Section B will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells three times at which time proceedings in Section A will be suspended until completion of the division in Section B.
9. Section A is hereby authorized to consider Bills referred to Committee after second reading thereof and the Standing Orders applicable to Bills in Committee of the Whole shall be applicable to such Bills during consideration thereof in Section A, and for all purposes Section A shall be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole. Such referrals to Section A shall be made upon motion without notice by the Minister responsible for the Bill, and such motion shall be decided without amendment or debate. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to all such referrals.
10. Bills or Estimates previously referred to a designated Committee may at any stage be subsequently referred to another designated Committee on motion of the Government House Leader or Minister responsible for the Bill as hereinbefore provided by Rule Nos. 3 and 9.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 4) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Hammell*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2005* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.46 a.m.

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Children and Family Development) made a ministerial statement regarding the death of Sherrie Charlie, and by leave, tabled relevant documents.

Mr. *Dix* made a statement.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
September 20, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The Hon. C. Hansen (Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Northern Development Initiative Trust Amendment Act, 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
September 20, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. C. Hansen (Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *North Island-Coast Development Initiative Trust Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
September 20, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. C. Hansen (Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
September 20, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of Transportation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 21, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business and Revenue) presented the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2004.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 2005*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 5) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

82 Mr. *Robertson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*—

Be it resolved that the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply be amended by adding the following: “But the House regrets that the Finance Minister’s choice to provide a significant tax cut to large corporations at a time when corporate savings are at historically high levels and at the same time families are spending more than they earn to simply get by and whereas the government could have made the choice to provide more relief to families through fee reductions and program enhancements.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>			

NAYS—39

<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *S. Bond*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Thursday, September 22, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Coons*.

Mr. *Dix* advised the Chair of his intention to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Supply Act (No. 2), 2005* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. Coell*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, September 22, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

By leave, the Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the following documents:

BC Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2004-2005; and
British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2005.

The debate continued.

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

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

Ian D. Izard, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Act:
Bill (No. 4) *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2005*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian D. Izard*, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to this Act."

Ian D. Izard, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Act:
Bill (No. 5) *Supply Act (No. 2), 2005*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian D. Izard*, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, October 3, 2005.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.32 p.m.

Monday, October 3, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

5 By leave, Mr. *Mayencourt* moved—

Be it resolved that this House offers its sympathy and support to our friends and neighbours in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama dealing with the horrifying aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and recognizes the dedication of British Columbians and Canadians who are providing assistance in dealing with this unprecedented natural disaster.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

80 By leave, Mr. *Hawes* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the contribution that the Union of BC Municipalities has made, and continues to make, to the communities of British Columbia and joins with them in celebrating their 100 year anniversary.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, October 3, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
October 3, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Elections BC Annual Report, 2004/2005.

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding the sale of Breakwater Enterprises Ltd. to EPCOR North Island Water Inc.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—30

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Horgan</i>		

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 2) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act (No. 2), 2005*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 3) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 9) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *MacKay*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act* a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

1. The following reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

a. Auditor General Report No. 7, 2003/2004 *Building Better Reports: Our Review of the 2002/03 Annual Service Plan Reports of Government* (March 2004).

b. Government of BC and Office of the Auditor General Report *An Assurance Program for BC: A Progress Report on the February 2002 Recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee of BC Related to Building Better Reports* (September 2004).

c. Auditor General Report No. 6, 2004/2005 *Leading the Way: Adopting Best Practices in Government Financial Reporting — 2003/2004* (November 2004).

d. Auditor General Report No. 7, 2004/2005 *Monitoring the Government's Finances* (November 2004).

e. Auditor General Report No. 8, 2004/2005 *Follow-up of 2002/2003 Report 5: Managing Contaminated Sites on Provincial Lands* (November 2004).

f. Auditor General Report No. 9, 2004/2005 *Follow-up of Two Health Risk Reports* (December 2004).

g. Auditor General Report No. 10, 2004/2005, *Building a Strong Public Service: Reassessing the Quality of the Work Environment in British Columbia's Public Service* (February 2005).

h. Auditor General Review of Partnership BC's report *Achieving Value for Money: Abbotsford Regional Hospital Care Centre Project* (February 2005).

i. Auditor General Report No. 11, 2004/2005, *Follow-up of A Review of Government Oversight of Multi-Employer Public Sector Pension Plans British Columbia* (February 2005).

j. Auditor General Report No. 12, 2004/2005, *Third Follow-up Report of Management Consulting Engagements in Government* (March 2005).

k. Auditor General Report No. 13, 2004/2005, *Building Momentum for Results-based Management: A Study about Managing for Results in British Columbia* (March 2005).

l. Auditor General Report No. 1, 2005/2006, *Follow-up of the Recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts contained in its Fourth Report of the 3rd Session of the 36th Parliament: Earthquake Preparedness; Performance Audit* (May 2005).

m. Auditor General Report No. 2, 2005/06, *Joint Follow-up of 2001/2002: Report 1 Managing Interface Fire Risks and Firestorm 2003 Provincial Review* (May 2005).

n. Auditor General Report No. 3, 2005/2006, *Audit of the Government's Corporate Accounting System: Part 1* (June 2005).

o. 2004/2005 Annual Report of the Auditor General of British Columbia, *Serving the Legislative Assembly and the People of British Columbia* (June 2005).

p. Auditor General Report No. 4, 2005/2006, *Building Better Reports: Our Assessment of the 2003/04 Annual Service Plan Reports of Government* (July 2005).

q. Auditor General Report No. 5, 2005/2006, *Keeping the Decks Clean: Managing Gaming Integrity Risks in Casinos* (July 2005).

2. That Reports of the Auditor General deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly during the Thirty-eighth Parliament be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

3. That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be the committee referred to in sections 2, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act*.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$443,561,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Economic Development) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Yap*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,989,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business and Revenue, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Small Business and Revenue) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 6, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Polak*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Thursday, October 6, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
October 3, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2004.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers’ Collective Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved that the House at its rising stand recessed for 35 minutes and continue to sit thereafter until adjournment.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—32

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>

The House recessed until 7 p.m.

The debate continued on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act*.

Ms. *Kwan* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act* be amended by striking out “now read a second time” and adding “read a second time six months hence.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House continued to sit past midnight.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—27

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Krog</i>	

NAYS—43

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	

The debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. *Farnworth* moved the following amendment —

Be it resolved that the motion for the second reading of the Bill intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act*, be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and adding “the Bill intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act*, be **not** now passed at second reading because an opportunity still exists for the parties to engage in collective bargaining.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—27

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	

NAYS—43

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—43

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	

NAYS—27

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	

Bill (No. 12) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved —

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 1 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

Friday, October 7, 2005

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *MacKay*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act* was committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 12), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>			

NAYS—26

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>		

Sections 3 and 4 of Bill (No. 12) passed, on division.

In consideration of section 5 of Bill (No. 12) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>			

NAYS—26

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>		

Bill (No. 12) was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 12) the House divided.

Motion agreed to as follows:

YEAS—42

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Krueger</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>		

NAYS—26

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>		

Bill (No. 12) was read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair — *Robert Vaive*, Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 12) *Teachers' Collective Agreement Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Robert Vaive*, Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to this Act."

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 3.58 p.m.

Monday, October 17, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Simons*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

25 By leave, Mr. *S. Simpson* moved—

Be it resolved that this House urge the BC Government to appoint a commissioner who will certify the environmental sustainability of its actions and ensure that development in this province does not compromise our ecological resources or their ability to sustain our current and future generations.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, October 17, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. Les* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 13, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Farnworth* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the teachers' strike in the Province of British Columbia.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made a statement.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled the Workers' Compensation Board of B.C. Annual Report, 2004 and 2005–2007 Service Plan.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2005* was committed.

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

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

NAYS—31

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	

Section 2 of Bill (No. 2) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 2) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act (No. 2), 2005* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2005* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

I have been asked by the Official Opposition House Leader to consider an application under Standing Order 35 that the House do now adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the teachers' strike in the Province of British Columbia.

Firstly, I wish to thank the Official Opposition House Leader for giving the Chair notice beforehand of his intention to raise this motion.

I have listened with great care to the representations made by both House Leaders and I must make a determination as to whether or not the motion as presented complies with the Standing Orders of this House and the precedents from past years.

Dealing with a Standing Order 35 application in April of 1992, I note that the focal point of that application was described as an environmental emergency involving the Asian gypsy moth and the programme of aerial spraying of a pesticide over specific areas of the province. In that case, the contemplated spraying was due to commence less than a week following the application for an emergency debate.

The second case quoted to the Chair was a decision of March 28, 1995, involving a budget leak, and I find that fact pattern of little assistance in the present case before the House today.

What is contemplated throughout the Commonwealth under Standing Order 35 is a sudden emergency arising in domestic or foreign matters which requires immediate debate, and no provision is available for debate. As often has been stated, when the House is embarked on a general debate or when estimates are before the House, permission has not been granted to move such a motion.

The Chair must ask whether or not there is another opportunity for debate, or indeed has the matter already had substantial debate in the current session.

A further question is whether or not the matter is an ongoing issue as opposed to something that has suddenly and unexpectedly arisen in the province.

There is another longstanding rule governing the relationship between Parliament and the courts, that is that Parliament has declined to enter into debate on a matter that is currently being considered by the courts.

The Chair is perhaps stating the obvious in acknowledging that the subject matter of this motion is indeed urgent, but the urgency contemplated by Standing Order 35 is urgency for debate and with great respect to the applicant in this matter, the Chair feels that in light of the decided cases and the Standing Orders of the House, that the urgency for debate has not been established and, accordingly, the motion does not succeed.

BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2005* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Northern Development Initiative Trust Amendment Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 6) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.52 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Farnworth*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *North Island-Coast Development Initiative Trust Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 7) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2004/2005.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 8) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 10) 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. 6) intituled *Northern Development Initiative Trust Amendment Act, 2005* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) made a personal statement regarding comments made by him during Oral Question Period.

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Evans*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled a copy of the Notice of Appointment of an Industrial Inquiry Commission to Inquire into Labour Relations Matters Between the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, referred to during Oral Question Period.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *North Island-Coast Development Initiative Trust Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Act* was committed.

Mr. *Macdonald* moved a proposed amendment to section 2 of Bill (No. 8), which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—32

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Conroy</i>

NAYS—39

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	

Bill (No. 8) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House recessed until 5.40 p.m.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2005* was committed.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Bill (No. 10) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$233,686,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,132,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community Services, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services and progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Community Services) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.55 p.m.

Thursday, October 20, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Routley*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. Richmond*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, October 20, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

Monday, October 24, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Yap*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

34 By leave, Mr. *Black* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the role British Columbia's military veterans have played in protecting the rights and freedoms Canadians today enjoy, and the essential lessons future generations can learn from their sacrifice and bravery.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

55 By leave, Ms. *McIntyre* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes BC's life sciences industry which is the fastest growing in Canada, and the seventh largest in North America, ensuring BC is not only a base for R&D but also for financing, and commercializing ideas, inventions and innovation.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, October 24, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
October 21, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Horgan* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 13) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,356,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,068,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2006, on division.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,189,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Integrated Land Management Bureau, to 31st March, 2006, on division.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Agriculture and Lands) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.53 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Roddick*.

Mr. *Horgan* rose on a point of privilege relating to statements made by the Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services in Question Period on October 19, 2005 relating to the role and mandate of Mr. Vince Ready.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* reserved the right for the Government House Leader to make representations.

The Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Dix*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Children's Commission 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.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawes*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *World Trade University Canada Establishment Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister for Children and Family Development) tabled documents concerning case review procedures referred to in a response to a question taken on notice in Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* made representations regarding the point of privilege raised earlier today by Mr. *Horgan*.

The Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Thorne* presented a petition regarding Bill 12.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2003.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Following question period on Monday, October 24, 2005, the Honourable Member for Malahat-Juan de Fuca rose and reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege relating to statements made in the House by the Minister of Labour.

On Tuesday morning prior to entering on Orders of the Day, the Member raised his matter of privilege and presented the statement of the matter together with supporting documentation and a motion the Member would propose to move if the Chair found that he had established a *prima facie* case of privilege. The Member has complied with the technical requirements upon raising a matter of privilege and also provided the Chair with notice of his intention in this regard.

On Tuesday afternoon following question period the Hon. Minister of Labour and Government House Leader responded to the matter of privilege and tabled with the House his statement and supporting documentation.

Both Members ably argued their position and I have had an opportunity to examine the material filed, the *Hansard* report and the relevant authorities.

I wish to first deal with the "earliest opportunity" rule which was raised by the Minister of Labour and is canvassed in some detail at pages 48 and 49 of *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition. In that decision Speaker Schroeder, after canvassing the facts in that case, observed as follows:

"The Chair must, however, consider the rules relating to matters of privilege. It is necessary that the matter be raised at the earliest opportunity and the proposed motion be tendered at the same time. The motion was properly tendered in accordance with the rule so it remains for the Chair to consider whether this matter was raised at the earliest opportunity."

In that case the alleged offence occurred on Monday the 23rd and the matter was raised in the House on Wednesday the 25th. By way of explanation for the delay the Member observed that it was not until the 25th he learned the identity of the person complained of and therefore the matter had not been raised earlier. The Chair observed as follows, and I quote:

“It seems to the Chair that the Member should have brought the incident to the attention of the House immediately to preserve his rights, and then pursued his investigation as to the identity of the party. This procedure would have conformed with the authority in this House which states the proposition that a matter of privilege may be raised to satisfy the “earliest opportunity” rule, even though complete detail upon which the matter is based is not available at that time.”

Honourable Members will be aware that the Standing Orders of this House state clearly that whenever a matter of privilege arises, it shall be taken into consideration immediately.

A reading of the statement submitted by the Member for Malahat-Juan de Fuca clearly identified October 19th as the date on which the alleged offence occurred, yet it was not until the afternoon of Monday, October 24th that the same Member rose to reserve his right to raise a matter of privilege. Notwithstanding the Member may not have had all his facts in hand on October 19th, it seems to the Chair that that was the date upon which he should have reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege to be in conformity with the Standing Orders and the decision of this House quoted above.

Finally, on this particular point, let me quote again from the final paragraph of the decision referred to:

“Because a motion based on privilege is given precedence over the prearranged program of public business, strict compliance with the rules has invariably been required. I am unable to find any authority which would permit the Chair to allow this matter to proceed when it has been raised in the House on the second sitting day after the event complained of. Even had the matter been raised in the House at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, the 24th, it seems to the Chair, based on the existing authorities, the matter would have failed to satisfy the “earliest opportunity” rule. There is no doubt that the onus on the Member raising a matter of privilege is a heavy one but the Chair has no authority to relax these rules, even though the Chair may well be satisfied a *prima facie* case exists.”

On this ground the Member’s application cannot succeed.

Having made that finding, I also wish to touch on the substantive portion of this matter. I have examined with great care, not only the written submissions of the Honourable Minister of Labour and the Honourable Member for Malahat-Juan de Fuca, but I have examined the *Hansard* reports of both Members’ submissions. I should mention as an aside that the speedy and accurate transcription by the Hansard staff of the remarks made by Members in cases like the one before me, are of enormous assistance to the Chair in coming to a decision.

The Member’s submission alleges that the Minister’s replies to questions posed by the Opposition on October 19th conveyed misleading information to the House.

The Minister says that the information conveyed on that occasion was accurate on all aspects and tabled again the notice of appointment of an Industrial Inquiry Commission appointing Vince Ready as Industrial Inquiry Commissioner. The document in question was dated October 6, 2005, apparently in conformity with the Minister’s answers given to the House on October 19th.

The Member then quotes from Mr. Ready’s report identifying October 10, 2005, as the date of his appointment as Industrial Inquiry Commissioner. No explanation has been given as to the divergence of these two dates, but certainly the appointment document would tend to confirm the Minister’s version of events. In any event, these quotes fail to provide a foundation for an assertion that the Minister misled the House.

I commend both Members on their orderly presentations, but bearing in mind the stringent guidelines relating to such matters, I am unable to find that a *prima facie* case has been established and the Member will not be permitted to move the tendered motion.

BILL BARISOFF, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$418,644,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,380,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Direct Fire, to 31st March, 2006.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$207,701,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Housing and Homelessness, to 31st March, 2006.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,607,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2006.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 27, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, October 27, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 14, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 19, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Horning* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT

BIRCH ROOM,
OCTOBER 26, 2005

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *World Trade University Canada Establishment Act* has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HORNING, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Horning* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bill (No. Pr 401) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Act* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$829,091,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation. (Reconfirmed Section A, November 1, 2005.)

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Transportation) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

Monday, October 31, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Karagianis*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

70 By leave, Mr. *Routley* moved—

Be it resolved that this House urge the BC Government to complete an inventory of all vacant or closed public buildings and offices for consideration for conversion to housing for low-income families, seniors, and persons living with physical and mental disabilities.

A debate arose.

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

85 By leave, Mr. *Evans* moved—

Be it resolved that this House urges the BC Government to ask the British Columbia Utilities Commission to put aside their deliberations on the matter of the sale of Terasen Gas to Kinder Morgan for a 90 day period, to allow the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States to resolve the softwood lumber dispute.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Monday, October 31, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
October 21, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Farnworth* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Advanced Education) presented a petition regarding overhead high-voltage lines.

The Hon. *M. de Jong*, made a statement pursuant to Standing Order 81 (1) regarding the completion of scheduled business within the allotted time.

Mr. *Farnworth* made a statement.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, the appointment of an Information and Privacy Commissioner, pursuant to Section 37 (1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 165) and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the committee;
- (b) to sit during any period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon the resumption of the sitting of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

The said Special Committee is to be composed of: Mr. *Rustad* (Convener), Mr. *Cantelon*, Mr. *Krog*, Ms. *Polak* and Ms. *Thorne*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled draft regulations to Bill (No. 11) intituled *Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2005*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 14) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2005*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 16) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *World Trade University Canada Establishment Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thorne*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *World Trade University Canada Establishment Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. Pr 401) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 15) 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. 16) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2005* was committed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,898,297,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

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

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Advanced Education) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

On a point of order being raised by Mr. *Farnworth*, the Speaker reminded Members that BlackBerries were not to be used during Question Period.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2005* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 11) 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 recessed until 6.35 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,268,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.55 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Robertson*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6:45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$369,012,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,281,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2006.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, *Crown Proceeding Act*, to 31st March, 2006.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Attorney General) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Thursday, November 3, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Puchmayr*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *World Trade University Canada Establishment Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$176,967,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, November 3, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Campaign Finance Reform Act, 2005* 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 “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. Wyse reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

And then the House adjourned at 5.41 p.m.

Monday, November 14, 2005

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.

28 By leave, Mr. *Rustad* moved —

Be it resolved that this House respects seniors and their families who, over their lifetime, have worked to impart the fruits of their labour to the next generation so that they may continue their family’s legacy; and in support of that, this House opposes an inheritance tax on British Columbians.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, November 14, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the following:

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the Statement of Votes of the Thirty-eighth Provincial General Election held on May 17, 2005, pursuant to section 13 (1) (b) of the *Election Act*; and

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the Statement of Votes for the 2005 Referendum on Electoral Reform held on May 17, 2005.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,222,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,628,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cantelon*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2005* was committed.

Mr. *Krog* moved a proposed amendment to section 3 of Bill (No. 14), which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—31

<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Lali</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	

NAYS—39

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Polak</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Horning</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	

Bill (No. 14) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Lekstrom* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the First Session of the Thirty-Eighth Parliament entitled Report on the 2006 Budget Consultation Process.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Lekstrom* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Yap*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2005* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$134,380,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,480,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2006.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,955,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Environment) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.47 p.m.

Thursday, November 17, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Polak*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, November 17, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendment Act, 2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 17, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, Bill (No. 17) to be read a second time later today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Coons* tabled a petition regarding the Brentwood to Mill Bay ferry.

Mr. *Chudnovsky* tabled a petition regarding the No. 1 Highway Expansion Project between Vancouver and Langley.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendment Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—76

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Lali</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Wyse</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Evans</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Rustad</i>

Bill (No. 17) read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, Bill (No. 17) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 17) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.42 p.m.

Monday, November 21, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Chouhan*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

By leave, on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Campaign Finance Reform Act, 2005*, a debate arose.

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

88 By leave, Mr. *Puchmayr* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the impact of the labour dispute between Telus and the TWU on British Columbia's residents, businesses and most significantly the Telus workers and their families.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, November 21, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Financial Statement Audit Coverage Plan for Fiscal Years 2006/07 – 2008/09.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 Repeal Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
November 21, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, Bill (No. 19) to be read a second time later today.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19), a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—70

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Horgan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Oppal</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Ilich</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Taylor</i>	<i>B. Simpson</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Cubberley</i>	<i>Ralston</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Coons</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Thorne</i>	<i>Chudnovsky</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Puchmayr</i>	<i>Sather</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Gentner</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Conroy</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Black</i>
<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>
<i>Horning</i>	<i>S. Simpson</i>	<i>Bloy</i>	<i>Rustad</i>
<i>Cantelon</i>	<i>Fleming</i>		

NAYS—1

Mayencourt

Bill ('No. 19) read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, Bill (No. 19) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 19) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 5.01 of the *Public Service Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385, the appointment of an individual to hold office as the Merit Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia, and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee, and is also empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during any period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment of the House, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

The said Special Committee is to be composed of: Mr. *Rustad* (Convener), Mr. *Cantelon*, Mr. *Krog*, Ms. *Polak* and Ms. *Thorne*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That this House recommend to the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Howard Kushner be appointed Acting Ombudsman pursuant to section 6 (3) (b) of the *Ombudsman Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 340).

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend the appointment of an Ombudsman, pursuant to Section 2 (2) of the *Ombudsman Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 340), and that the said Committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition is empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

The said Special Committee is to be composed of: Mr. *Rustad* (Convener), Mr. *Cantelon*, Mr. *Krog*, Ms. *Polak* and Ms. *Thorne*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,354,960,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.51 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cubberley*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,664,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2006.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Office of the Premier.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,073,905,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Education) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General's Strategic Direction and Funding Proposal for fiscal year 2006/07.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture be appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to Sustainable Aquaculture in British Columbia and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing to consider:

1. The economic and environmental impacts of the aquaculture industry in B.C.
2. The economic impact of aquaculture on B.C.'s coastal and isolated communities.
3. Sustainable options for aquaculture in B.C. that balance economic goals with environmental imperatives, focusing on the interaction between aquaculture, wild fish and the marine environment.
4. B.C.'s regulatory regime as it compares to other jurisdictions.
5. Solicit and consider written and oral submissions from any interested person or organization by any means the Committee considers appropriate;

The Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

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

and shall report to the House as soon as possible but no later than May 31, 2007 or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

That the Special Committee is to be comprised of: Mr. *Austin* (Convener), Mr. *Cantelon*, Messrs. *Coons*, *Fraser*, Messrs. *Hogg*, *Jarvis*, Messrs. *Robertson*, *S. Simpson*, Mr. *Yap* and Ms. *Trevena*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,323,248,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Health and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Fraser*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General) tabled the Child and Youth Officer for British Columbia Annual Report, 2004/2005.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be appointed to review the annual reports and service plans of British Columbia Crown Corporations.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the Committee shall be empowered:

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

and shall report to the House as soon as possible or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General) tabled a Statement of Expenditures for the Air India Trial.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$192,838,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,217,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, to 31st March, 2006.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,670,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2006.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$292,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2006.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,506,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2006.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,211,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2006.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,388,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 2006.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,290,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2006.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,571,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,358,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Public Affairs Bureau, to 31st March, 2006.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$684,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 2006.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$320,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies All Ministries and New Programs, to 31st March, 2006.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Family Bonus, to 31st March, 2006.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Commissions on Collection of Public Funds, to 31st March, 2006.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2006.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,924,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,560,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Contracts and Funding Arrangements, to 31st March, 2006.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.24 p.m.

Thursday, November 24, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Wyse.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,111,979,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2006.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$524,664,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Adult Community Living Services, to 31st March, 2006.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Thursday, November 24, 2005

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *S. Simpson* presented a petition regarding BC Parks.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following:

Statement of 2004/2005 Borrowings pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedules A and Schedule B, and

Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2005.

The Hon. *B. Penner* (Minister of Environment and Minister Responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities) tabled the Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 2004/2005.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the *Crown Proceeding Act* Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2005.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

The Select Standing Committee on Health be empowered to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to finding effective strategies to change behaviour and encourage children and youth to adopt lifelong health habits that will improve their health and curb the growing rate of obesity to achieve the great goal of leading the way in North America in healthy living and physical fitness.

The Committee is also empowered to conduct consultations and to:

1. Report on recommendations from the Select Standing Committee on Health Report from 2004 titled *The Path to Health and Wellness: Making British Columbians Healthier by 2010*.

2. Conduct research into other successful childhood health and wellness promotion campaigns in other jurisdictions to analyze their potential effectiveness in BC.

3. Undertake discussions on how to promote childhood health and wellness including the appropriate use of incentives and disincentives to help influence behaviour, particularly as it relates to healthy nutrition and physical activity.

4. Undertake discussions with experts and if necessary undertake research into the factors contributing to unhealthy eating and physical inactivity in youth of today.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Health, the Committee shall be empowered:

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

and shall report to the House no later than November 30, 2006, to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

The Select Standing Committee on Education be empowered to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to finding effective strategies to address the specific challenge of adult literacy and in particular to conduct consultations to:

1. Consider successful strategies from other jurisdictions on the promotion of adult literacy.
2. Consider specific strategies to improve literacy rates among aboriginal people, English-as-a-Second-Language adults, and seniors.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Education, the Committee shall be empowered:

- (a) to appoint to their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned and during any sitting of the House;
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and shall report to the House no later than November 30, 2006, to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Rustad* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint an Information and Privacy Commissioner for the First Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Rustad* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Rustad* moved—

That this House recommend to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Mr. David Loukidelis as a statutory Officer of the Legislature, to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Information and Privacy Commissioner for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 165).

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on October 4, 5, 19, 24, 26, 27, November 1, 2, 3, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 24 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 26 billion, 498 million, 642 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2005* and section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 2005* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 1 billion, 483 million, 626 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2005* and section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 2), 2005* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the capital, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Supply Act, 2005-2006* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
November 21, 2005.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Bill (No. 18) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. Taylor* Bill (No. 18) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 18) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* and Mr. *B. Simpson* made a statement thanking the staff of the Legislative Assembly, Caucuses and Ministerial Offices.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —
E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2005.*

Bill (No. 3) *Budget Measures Implementation Act (No. 2), 2005.*

Bill (No. 6) *Northern Development Initiative Trust Amendment Act, 2005.*

Bill (No. 7) *North Island-Coast Development Initiative Trust Act*.

Bill (No. 8) *Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Act*.

Bill (No. 9) *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2005*.

Bill (No. 10) *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2005*.

Bill (No. 11) *Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2005*.

Bill (No. 13) *Civil Forfeiture Act*.

Bill (No. 14) *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2005*.

Bill (No. 15) *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005*.

Bill (No. 16) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2005*.

Bill (No. 19) *Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 Repeal Act*.

Bill (No. Pr 401) *World Trade University Canada Establishment Act*.

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

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

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 18) *Supply Act, 2005-2006*.

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

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

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the First Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3.58 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:
Office of the Auditor General 2005/2006 Report 6: Monitoring the Government's Finances;
Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2004/2005; and
Ombudsman Special Report No. 27: The Power of an Apology: Removing the Legal Barriers.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you all on the accomplishments of the past year. This session has seen the passage of measures of wide-ranging and significant importance to the people of the province. On behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention that you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your duties.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued.

The following report was received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Provincial Health Officer's Annual Report, 2004.

And the House prorogued at 10.09 a.m.

PROCLAMATION

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, at Our City of Victoria—GREETING

Know Ye, for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said legislature or Parliament on the fourteenth day of February, two thousand six at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at Our City of Victoria.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, the Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this second day of February, two thousand six and in the fifty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Command.