# Thursday, April 4, 1974

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. S. McDonald.

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

JOHN L. FARRIS

Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 102) intituled *Income Tax* Amendment Act, 1974, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 3, 1974

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

- 113. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$107,504 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1975.
- 114. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$641,364 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, General Administration, to 31st March 1975.

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

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

The Hon. Eileen E. Dailly, on behalf of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 104) intituled *Regional Hospital Districts Amendment Act*, 1974, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 4, 1974

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

### Thursday, April 4, 1974

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

### (IN THE COMMITTEE)

- 115. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$669,024 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Income Security Division, to 31st March 1975.
- 116. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$14,604,625 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Field Service, to 31st March 1975.
- 117. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$332,574 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Health and Pharmacare Divisions, to 31st March 1975.
- 118. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$264,476,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Social Assistance, to 31st March 1975.
- 119. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$168,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, New Denver Pavilion, to 31st March 1975.
- 120. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$575,922 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Child Welfare Division—Administration, to 31st March 1975.
- 121. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$591,411 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March 1975.
- 122. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,276,248 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Child Care Treatment Centres, to 31st March 1975.
- 123. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$332,046 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Programmes for Seniors, to 31st March 1975.
- 124. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$46,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Human Resources, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March 1975.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

### Friday, April 5, 1974

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. H. Dobson.

By leave of the House, the Hon. W. S. King (Minister of Labour) made a statement relating to the dispute between the Registered Nurses Association and the Hospitals Association.

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, Bill (No. 107) intituled Riding Trails Designation Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave of the House, Mr. D. A. Anderson tabled a copy of a submission by the Government of Canada to the Federal Power Commission, dated March 15, 1974, regarding the proposed flooding of the Skagit Valley.

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

Mr. Liden presented the Report of the Special Committee on Assessment Procedures, as follows:

#### REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, April 5, 1974

MR. SPEAKER:

The Special Committee to Review Assessment Procedures in British Columbia begs leave to report as follows:

A. This Committee was created to review assessment procedures in British Columbia and to make recommendations to the Legislature before the end of this Session respecting new assessment legislation.

The Committee heard representation from:

Assessment Commissioner W. P. Wright.

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

The British Columbia Association of Assessors.

The British Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

The British Columbia Hotels Association.

The British Columbia Motels, Resorts, and Trailer Parks Association.

The Canadian Restaurant Association, British Columbia Region.

The Assessment Committee, established by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Hon, *James G. Lorimer*.

The British Columbia School Trustees Association.

The British Columbia Federation of Agriculture.

The Council of Forest Industries.

In addition to the briefs submitted by the above organizations, numerous written submissions were received by the Chairman from interested individuals in the Province. These submissions were distributed to the members of the Committee and considered in the deliberations.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all the organizations and individuals who gave their time, effort, and experience to a positive and responsible contribution toward the Committee's task.

B. General—The Committee accepts as a basic premise that equalized assessment of all land and improvements in British Columbia is essential to the achievement of equity in real property taxation in this Province. The achievement of this basic premise was the goal of the Government when the Assessment Equalization Act first became the law, and all of the real property tax legislation in British Columbia depends upon the maintenance of this assessment basis.

The majority of the submissions to the Committee recognized that the assessment function is, or should be, the mechanism for determining the value of land and improvements for taxation purposes. However, the representations to the Committee also recognized that existing assessment legislation in fact creates different assessed values for different classes of property.

C. Specific—1. The Committee deems it worth while to note that assessment procedures in British Columbia are carried out by assessors employed by the municipalities and by assessors employed by the Provincial Government through the Department of Finance.

The former are responsible for assessments within the employing municipality, the latter are responsible for assessments in all villages and areas outside municipal boundaries.

The briefs submitted to the Committee clearly suggest that this division of assessment responsibility results in two major problems—first, an inefficient distribution of assessment personnel between the various regions of the Province and, secondly, the *apparent* control of assessors by the taxing authority. The first of these problems contributes to ineffectiveness; the latter to suggestions of improper pressures being brought to bear in respect of assessors. In this latter regard the Committee found no evidence of such pressures but, nonetheless, found that the belief exists among the general public.

Therefore the Committee recommends that legislation be introduced at the current Session to create a Province-wide Assessment Authority. This Authority must be independent of taxing function (either municipal or Provincial) and its control must be such as will result unmistakably in complete independence. The Committee feels that the Authority could operate under the administrative umbrella of the Municipal Finance Authority, or an agency similar to it, but it is also recommended that the specific responsibility for the Assessment Authority be carried out by an appropriate Board. The senior executive officer of the Authority would be the Assessment Commissioner, and the assessment function would be carried out

by assessors working from regional offices serving assessment districts, the size of which would be determined on the basis of an efficient distribution of tax portfolios. In respect of the matter of number of assessment districts, the Committee would wish to see boundaries which, as nearly as possible, could be co-terminal with the boundaries of one or more regional districts and (or) school districts.

With the creation of the independent Assessment Authority it is to be understood that all assessors now under the direction of the municipalities and the Pro-

vincial Government would come under the direction of the Authority.

2. It is anticipated that considerable administrative work will be required in establishing the new Assessment Authority, both at the staff and procedural levels. In addition, there may be continuing costs to the Authority which are presently carried by the Province.

The Committee recommends that the Provincial Government make substantial start-up fund grants available to the Authority so that it can begin its tasks on a

proper financial footing.

It is further recommended that, where the Authority assumes what is presently a Provincial responsibility, annual grants be provided by the Province to cover such costs. With respect to other continuing operating costs, it is recommended that these be made by proportionate levy on all properties in the Province, based upon assessed value.

3. Throughout the various representations to the Committee it was found that, even among those persons intimately familiar with assessment, there was a tendency to confuse "actual value," market value," "actual market value," whether in respect of lands or improvements. Confusion also exists because legislation governing assessments is spread among four statutes—the Assessment Equalization Act, the Municipal Act, the Taxation Act, and the Public Schools Act. These factors, together with the legislative interference with equalized assessment, serve to increase the confusion surrounding assessment, assessment procedures, and the proper role of assessment in the scheme of real property taxation.

Therefore the Committee recommends that legislation be introduced in 1974 creating a single Assessment Act. The Committee further recommends that all assessments of land and improvements be determined at 100 per cent of "actual value," and that the definition of "actual value" contained in the Assessment Equalization Act be adopted.

In making this recommendation the Committee is fully cognizant of the task which will be presented to the present assessment procedures and as well to the proposed Assessment Authority because of the inadequate staffing available for the assessment function and the volume of work to be done in bringing equality of assessment out of the present state of confusion. At the same time the Committee realized that a continuation of the existing anomalies will prolong the taxation inequities presently being experienced.

It is therefore strongly recommended that every effort be made to return to equalized assessment for the assessment roll of 1975 or, at the very latest, the assessment roll for 1976.

4. Many of the submissions to the Committee pointed out the problems arising in respect of assessment appeals to some Courts of Revision and to the Assessment Appeal Board. Additional submissions have raised questions concerning the capabilities of individuals appointed to some Courts of Revision.

Therefore the Committee recommends that the new assessment legislation provide an extended and uniform time limit within which appeals to the Court of Revision can be made, and that provision be made which will give greater assistance

to property-owners in the submission of their appeals. Appearances before the Courts of Revision should be simplified so as to ensure that each citizen will be afforded a proper hearing. In particular, members of the Courts of Revision should be fully briefed and trained in respect of their duties and responsibilities under the law.

It is further recommended that the Courts of Revision and Assessment Appeal Board continue to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and that these appeal tribunals be maintained separate from the administrative structure of the Assessment Authority.

5. Based upon almost all submissions to the Committee, it is obvious that one of the great difficulties with respect to the current assessment situation is the inability on the part of members of the public to recognize the distinction between assessed value and the role of the assessor, on the one hand, and property tax and the role of the taxing authority on the other hand.

The Committee therefore recommends that it be the responsibility of the Assessment Authority to produce a standard assessment notice that explains in clear language the significance of the information contained in the notice, and includes a straightforward description of the right of appeal. Additionally, the Assessment Authority should also initiate a continuing public information programme designed to instruct property-owners in the difference between "assessment" and "taxation", and to ensure a public awareness of changing assessment procedures.

D. Supplemental recommendations—1. Although the responsibility of the Special Committee was restricted to a review of assessment procedures in British Columbia, the Committee cannot ignore the clear concern that there is on the part of property-owners with respect to the real property tax burden. The submissions to the Committee almost invariably drew its attention to the fact that changes in assessment procedures and practices could have a serious impact upon real property tax and that to deal with assessments only and to ignore the final result to the tax-payer could merely shift the concern from the assessment responsibility to the taxing authority.

It is an inescapable conclusion that changes in the determination of property tax as between different classes of property must be undertaken at the same time as the assessment base is changed. To do otherwise would be to create a situation where the result would be to have equalized assessment but inequality of tax burdens.

The Committee therefore strongly recommends that careful study be undertaken into the changes in taxing procedures necessary to ensure the equitable distribution of the real property tax contemporaneously with the legislation which will return equalized assessment to British Columbia. The Committee realizes that such a study will be a major undertaking and urges that it commence at the earliest moment in order that changes with respect to assessment will not be delayed beyond the time recommended earlier in this report (section C. 3).

2. The Committee is acutely aware that the changes in assessment effective for the assessment roll of 1974 have led to problems of classification of land according to use.

The Committee therefore respectfully recommends immediate consideration be given to clarifying the question of farm classification, residential use of property, the intended residential use of property, and the separation of residential from commercial uses on single parcels of land.

Respectfully submitted.

CARL LIDEN, Chairman

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

- 84 Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:
- 1. Has the Department of Highways prepared a report on southwestern British Columbia, namely, the route generally following Harrison, Anderson, and Seton Lakes to Lillooet?
  - 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, has the report on this study been made public?

The Hon. G. R. Lea replied as follows:

"1. A report has been prepared on a portion of the route indicated in the question, namely Anderson and Seton Lakes to Lillooet.

"2. No."

And then the House adjourned at 1.01 p.m.

# Monday, April 8, 1974

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. D. N. Robinson.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 105) intituled Landlord and Tenant Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 8, 1974

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

On the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, Bill (No. 106) intituled *Pharmacy Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled *Residential Premises Interim Rent Stabilization Act*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Barnes*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

# Monday, April 8, 1974

#### HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled Residential Premises Interim Rent Stabilization Act.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3.15 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 9, 1974

### FIFTEEN MINUTES PAST THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. W. Hayes.

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

Walter S. Owen
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 88) intituled Sewerage Facilities Assistance Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 4, 1974

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, it was Resolved-

That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding in the whole one billion eight hundred and seventy-five million dollars towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province not otherwise provided for and being Estimates for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1975, passed by the Legislative Assembly at this Session up to and including the Department of Human Resources and one-quarter of the Estimates for the balance of the departments for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1975, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present Session.

The Committee reported the Resolution. Report to be considered forthwith.

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the report of Resolution from the Committee of Supply was taken as read and received, read a second time, and agreed to.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, it was Ordered, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means."

### (IN THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS)

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, it was Resolved—

That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding in the whole one billion eight hundred and seventy-five million dollars towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province not otherwise provided for and being Estimates for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1975, passed by the Legislative Assembly at this Session up to and including the Department of Human Resources and one-quarter of the Estimates for the balance of the departments for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1975, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present Session.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. David Barrett presented Bill (No. 108) intituled Supply Act, No. 1, 1974.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

### (IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the Bill.

Resolution reported.

Report considered forthwith and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 108) intituled *Supply Act*, No. 1, 1974, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to nemine contradicente.

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

The Bill was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled Residential Premises Interim Rent Stabilization Act.

The debate continued.

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

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

Mr. Speaker read the title to the following Bill:

(No. 108) Supply Act, No. 1, 1974.

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

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

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

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

Mr. Cummings presented the Second and Third Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

#### REPORT No. 2

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 9, 1974

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs

leave to report as follows:

That the preamble to Bill (No. 51) intituled An Act to Amend the British Columbia School Trustees Association Incorporation Act has been proved, and the Bill Ordered to be reported without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Roy Cummings, Chairman

#### REPORT No. 3

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 9, 1974

#### MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble to Bill (No. 50) intituled An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter has been proved and the Bill Ordered to be reported with amendments.

Pursuant to Standing Order 113, your Committee directs attention to the fact that the proposed sections 48 and 49 were not advertised by the petitioner. Your Committee requested that the said sections be advertised prior to their consideration in Committee, and such advertising was duly completed and an appropriate affidavit relating thereto filed with the Clerk of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The reports were read and received.

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

By leave of the House, Mr. Barnes withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Order Paper:

Resolved, That licensed residential rental accommodations be subject to regulations by rental boards. Such boards to be established throughout the Province of British Columbia would be empowered to

- (1) establish rental rates based on relevant economic factors, and the National Cost of Living Index:
- (2) adjudicate on questions of tenant eviction to insure that there is just cause for an eviction:
- (3) require each establishment to post conspicuously the date of annual rent increase, and that such date represent collectively the date for all such units within that establishment.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 10, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. P. Travis.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

During the question period, by leave of the House, Mr. Curtis tabled copy of a letter from the Minister of Highways to Mayor Peter Lester of Prince Rupert.

The House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled *Residential Premises Interim Rent Stabilization Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

#### YEAS-32

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

### Nays-17

Curtis	McClelland	Williams, L. A.	Jordan
Gibson	Richter	Anderson, D. A.	Smith
Gardom	Phillips	McGeer	Bennett
Schroeder Morrison	Wallace	Fraser	Chabot

Bill read a second time.

The Hon. A. B. Macdonald asked leave of the House to commit the Bill forthwith.

Leave was not granted.

Ordered, that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, April 23rd next.

By leave of the House, the Hon. D. G. Cocke (Minister of Health) presented the Report of Recommendations on Services for the Communicatively Impaired in British Columbia.

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 23, 1974

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. P. W. R. Isles.

On the motion of the Hon. A. B. Macdonald the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today:

Bill (No. 74) intituled County Courts Amendment Act, 1974.

Bill (No. 73) intituled Criminal Injuries Compensation Amendment Act, 1974.

Bill (No. 110) intituled Interpretation Act.

By leave of the House, the Hon. D. G. Cocke (Minister of Health) made a statement relating to the take-over by the Provincial Government of certain veterans' hospitals in British Columbia.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

#### (IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

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

# Walter S. Owen Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 109) intituled *Community Care Facilities Licensing Amendment Act*, 1974, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 23, 1974

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

By leave, the Hon. D. G. Cocke (Minister of Health) tabled copies of the Transfer Agreements dated April 23, 1974, relating to the Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, and the Veterans' Hospital, Victoria.

The Hon. A. B. Macdonald (Attorney-General) presented the Annual Report of the Corrections Branch for the year ended March 31, 1973.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 23, 1974

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

### (IN THE COMMITTEE)

129. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$78,724 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1975.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.56 p.m.

# Wednesday, April 24, 1974

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. P. D. Ross.

On the motion of the Hon. A. B. Macdonald, Bill (No. 18) intituled Energy Amendment Act, 1974, was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 112) intituled *Islands Trust Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 24, 1974

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

130. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,732,386 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Administration and Labour Standards, to 31st March 1975.

131. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$621,604 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Branch, to 31st March 1975.

- 132. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$9,601,114 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Branch, to 31st March 1975.
- 133. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$355,194 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Labour Research and Planning Branch, to 31st March 1975.
- 134. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$706,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Labour Relations Board, to 31st March 1975.
- 135. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$295,234 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Mediation Services, to 31st March 1975.
- 136. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$69,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March 1975.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

- Bill (No. 2) intituled Administration of Justice Act was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.
- Bill (No. 3) intituled Administration Amendment Act, 1974, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 4) intituled *Occupiers' Liability Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.
- Bill (No. 5) intituled *Frustrated Contracts Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 6) intituled *Crown Proceedings Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. Gardom's proposed amendment to section 15 (2), line 2, the Committee divided.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. McGeer, the Rules were suspended and it was Ordered that the division on Mr. Gardom's proposed amendment to section 15 (2), line 2, be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

#### YEAS-14

Curtis	McClelland	Williams, L. A.	Fraser
Gibson	Richter	Anderson, D. A.	Smith
Gardom	Phillips	McGeer	Chabot
Morrison	Wallace		

Calder

#### Nays-25

Lewis	Stupich	Gorst	Young
Barnes	Nimsick	Lockstead	Lea
Anderson, G. H.	Strachan	Gabelmann	King
Cummings	Dailly	Skelly	Cocke
D'Arcy	Macdonald	Nicolson	Lorimer
Nunweiler	Hall	Radford	Levi
Calder			

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. McGeer's proposed amendment to section 17, the Committee divided.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. A. B. Macdonald, the Rules were suspended and it was Ordered that the division on Mr. McGeer's proposed amendment to section 17 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

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Fraser
Smith
Chabot
Young
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King
Cocke
Lorimer
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The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 43) intituled Coroners Amendment Act, 1974.

Bill (No. 44) intituled Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1974.

Bill (No. 45) intituled Professional Corporations Amendment Act, 1974.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

# Thursday, April 25, 1974

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. K. H. Prior.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

# Thursday, April 25, 1974

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

**184** Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

With respect to the surrender of Crown-granted land affected by provisions of the *Mineral Land Tax Act* for the most recent 12 months for which information is available—

- 1. How many separate parcels of land have been surrendered?
- 2. What total acreage has been surrendered?

The Hon. L. T. Nimsick replied as follows:

"Question 184 cannot be answered in the form stated. Some surrenders concerning the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway belt are currently pending due to registration difficulties. The following surrender has been completed by registration in the Nelson Land Registry Office.

"Canadian Pacific Ltd. retained mineral rights to 160 acres out of a total of 5,161,269 acres originally included in the Crown grants made to B.C. Southern

Railway Company, Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company, and Columbia and Western Railway Company, to which Canadian Pacific Ltd. is the successor in title. The extent of mineral right dispositions prior to the surrender is not known. Therefore, the extent of mineral right surrender in acres is not known."

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

# Friday, April 26, 1974

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Marlowe Anderson.

On the motion of the Hon. A. B. Macdonald, Bill (No. 111) intituled Statutes Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

#### (IN THE COMMITTEE)

- 174. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$68,724 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1975.
- 175. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,458,716 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources, General Administration, to 31st March 1975.
- 176. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$41,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March 1975.
- 177. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$800,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, to 31st March 1975.
- 178. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources, Grants in Aid of Roads and Trails, Petroleum and Natural Gas, to 31st March 1975.
- 179. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources, Grubstaking Prospectors, to 31st March 1975.
- 180. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources, Special Mineral Surveys, to 31st March 1975.

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

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. R. M. Strachan (Minister of Transport and Communications) presented the Government Aircraft Passenger Log for the year 1973.

And then the House adjourned at 1.08 p.m.

# Monday, April 29, 1974

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Peter Rashleigh.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 115) intituled *Supreme Court Amendment Act*, 1974, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 26, 1974

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, Bill (No. 113) intituled Tuberculosis Institutions Amendment Act, 1974.

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, Bill (No. 118) intituled An Act to Amend the Protection of Children Act.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

### (IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

The Hon. R. M. Strachan (Minister of Transport and Communications) presented the First Annual Report of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 30, 1974

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. E. C. Harper.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 114) intituled Accelerated Park Development Fund Amendment Act, 1974, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 26, 1974

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. G. V. Lauk (Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce) made a statement relating to steel supplies in British Columbia.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

181. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$71,744 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1975.

- 182. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$740,588 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, General Administration, to 31st March 1975.
- 183. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$139,940 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Transit Services Division, to 31st March 1975.
- 184. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Metropolitan Transit Subsidy, to 31st March 1975.
- 185. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Provincial Rapid Transit Subsidy Act, to 31st March 1975.
- 186. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,423,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March 1975.
- 187. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$76,900,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants in Aid of Local Government and Home-owners Subsidies, to 31st March 1975.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The Hon. Ernest Hall moved-

That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills examine the following matters:

- (1) Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2 of Mr. Speaker's Second Report of September 28, 1973, dealing with the duration of debates such as the Throne and Budget Debates and second reading of Bills:
- (2) Length of speeches generally:
- (3) Some appropriate rule or order for completing estimates in Committee of Supply within a fair and reasonable time:
- (4) What, if any, authorization should be obtained from the House for the amplification and control of the Chamber sound system, bearing in mind the practice, in this regard, used in Ottawa, Westminster, and elsewhere with regard to control by the Speaker and Chairman of the equipment used for recording as well as the amplifying of speeches:
- (5) An appropriate method of providing assistance to private members to ascertain whether or not Public Bills and Motions which they desire to introduce comply with Parliamentary rules and to determine compliance with such rules prior to such Bills being placed on the Order Paper for second reading.

The Committee shall report its recommendations on the said subjects to the House before the conclusion of this Session.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. Barnes, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Order Paper was withdrawn:

That this House is of the opinion that rents on residential accommodation be frozen, such freeze to be retroactive.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 30, 1974

#### HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 2) intituled Administration of Justice Act.

Bill (No. 4) intituled Occupiers' Liability Act.

Bill (No. 6) intituled Crown Proceedings Act.

Bill (No. 7) intituled Special Funds Appropriation Act, 1974, was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Municipalities Aid Amendment Act, 1974*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled *Unified Family Court Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 66) intituled *Prejudgment Interest Act* was committed. The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. Gardom's proposed amendment to section 1, the Committee divided.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on Mr. *Gardom's* proposed amendment be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

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Curtis	Morrison	Wallace	Fraser
Gibson	McClelland	Williams, L. A.	Jordan
Gardom	Richter	Anderson, D. A.	Smith
Schroeder	Phillips	McGeer	Chabot
		Nays—28	
Lewis Webster Steves Barnes Anderson, G. H. Rolston Cummings	Sanford	Macdonald	Lauk
	Calder	Hall	Radford
	Hartley	Gorst	Young
	Stupich	Lockstead	King
	Strachan	Gabelmann	Cocke
	Dailly	Skelly	Lorimer
	Barrett	Nicolson	Levi

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.11 p.m.

# Wednesday, May 1, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. John Russell.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The committal of Bill (No. 66) intituled *Prejudgment Interest Act* was resumed. Bill reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 75) intituled Residential Premises Interim Rent Stabilization Act was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

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

Bill (No. 115) intituled Supreme Court Amendment Act, 1974.

Bill (No. 61) intituled British Columbia Day Act.

Bill (No. 62) intituled British Columbia Tartan Act.

Bill (No. 80) intituled Metric Conversion Act.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 83) intituled *Lotteries Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to.

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

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

The Hon. D. D. Stupich (Minister of Agriculture) presented the Report of the Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries and World Disaster Areas Fund.

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

# Thursday, May 2, 1974

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. E. W. McQuarrie.

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

On the motion of the Hon. A. B. Macdonald, Bill (No. 85) intituled Public Officials and Employees Disclosure Act.

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, Bill (No. 123) intituled Bonded Businesses Act.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. G. V. Lauk, the Order for second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled Pacific North Coast Native Co-operative Loan Amendment Act, 1974, was discharged.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

On the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 7) intituled Special Funds Appropriation Act, 1974.

Bill (No. 49) intituled Unified Family Court Act.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled Burrard Inlet (Third Crossing) Fund Amendment Act, 1974.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled *Transit Services* Act a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

Liden Lewis Webster Kelly Steves Anderson, G. H. Rolston Cummings	D'Arcy Sanford Brown Calder Hartley Stupich Nimsick Strachan	Dailly Macdonald Hall Gorst Lockstead Gabelmann Skelly Nicolson	Lauk Radford Young King Cocke Lorimer Levi
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Curtis Gibson Gardom Schroeder	Morrison Richte <b>r</b> Phillips Wallace	Anderson, D. A. Fraser Jordan	Smith Bennett Chabot

Bill 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. 75) intituled Residential Premises Interim Rent Stabilization Act was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 115) intituled Supreme Court Amendment Act, 1974, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled Sewerage Facilities Assistance Act was read a second time and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

Bill (No. 95) intituled Public Service Superannuation Amendment Act, 1974.

Bill (No. 96) intituled College Pension Amendment Act, 1974.

On the motion of the Hon. Eileen E. Dailly that the House revert to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions," leave was not granted.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 97) intituled *Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act, 1974*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. D. A. Anderson, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.04 p.m.

### Thursday, May 2, 1974

#### HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. D. D. Stupich, the Order for second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled Agricultural Credit Amendment Act, 1974, was discharged.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 97) intituled *Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act*, 1974.

Bill 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. 98) intituled Municipal Superannuation Amendment Act, 1974, was 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 reverted to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. D. G. Cocke (Minister of Health) tabled a letter from John D. E. Price, M.D., Professor, Department of Medicine, University of British Columbia, to the Hon. D. G. Cocke re the statement by Dr. P. L. McGeer in the Legislature on March 6, 1974, concerning the capillary dialyzer.

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 p.m.