

Monday, April 2, 1979

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Norman K. Archer*.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* asked leave of the House to dispense with oral question period. Leave was not granted.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, it was *Ordered*—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1977/78 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the period ending March 31, 1978, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* moved, seconded by the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Social Services Tax Amendment Act, 1979*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1979*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Pari Mutuel Betting Tax Amendment Act, 1979*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Revenue Surplus of 1977-78 Appropriation Act, 1979*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Vancouver and Victoria Trade and Convention Centres Funds Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Lower Mainland Stadium Fund Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Special Purpose Appropriation Act, 1979*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1979*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
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)

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* it was *Resolved*—

That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied in such manner and at such times as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine a sum not exceeding in the whole \$1 billion, 227 million towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980, not otherwise provided for, and being substantially one-quarter of the total amount of the votes of the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980, 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. *E. M. Wolfe* the report of the 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.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, 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. *E. M. Wolfe*, it was *Resolved*—

That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied in such manner and at such times as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine a sum not exceeding in the whole \$1 billion, 227 million towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980, not otherwise provided for, and being substantially one-quarter of the total amount of the votes of the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980, 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. *E. M. Wolfe* presented Bill (No. 2) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1979*.

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. 2) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1979*, a debate arose.

Mr. *King* rose on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker stated, without ruling, on the point of order, that it should in any event have been raised at the earliest opportunity.

The debate continued.

The Speaker's attention was drawn to the clock.

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

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* moved—

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

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. M. Shelford* (Minister of Agriculture) tabled a report intituled *Rangelands of British Columbia: Phase 1, Research Report*, dated March 1979.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1978, in accordance with the provisions of section 10 (1) of the *Auditor General Act* (in manuscript form).

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

Monday, April 2, 1979

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1979*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *British Columbia Resources Investment Corporation Amendment Act, 1979*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 30, 1979.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Public Schools Amendment Act, 1979*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1979.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1979*.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3, 1979

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Capt. *John Wilder*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1979*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 2) was read a second time.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1979* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On leave being requested by the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) that the House proceed to "Public Bills and Orders," for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *British Columbia Resources Investment Corporation Amendment Act, 1979*, leave was not granted.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, on behalf of the Hon. *D. M. Phillips*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

By leave, Mr. *Davidson*, on behalf of Mr. *Lloyd*, moved—

That this House recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor the appointment of Dr. Karl A. Friedmann, the person unanimously recommended to the Legislative Assembly for appointment as Ombudsman by the Ombudsman Special Committee, as an officer of the Legislature to exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned to the Ombudsman under the *Ombudsman Act*.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

By leave, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) made a statement correcting his Budget Speech on April 2, 1979, to conform with page 41 of the printed copy thereof.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Bill:

(No. 2) *Supply Act, No. 1, 1979*.

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 thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

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

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

The debate continued.

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

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

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, on behalf of the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education), tabled the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Report of the Ministry of Education for the period July 1, 1977, to June 30, 1978.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

H. P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

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 Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and to all whom it may concern, GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

G. B. GARDOM *Attorney-General* { WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of our Executive Council of Our Province of British Columbia, to dissolve the present Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, which stands prorogued until summoned for dispatch of business.

NOW KNOW YE, that We do, for this end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the Legislative Assembly accordingly as on Tuesday, the 3rd day of April 1979, and the members thereof are discharged from further attendance on the same.

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 HENRY P. BELL-IRVING, Lieutenant-Governor in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine, and in the twenty-eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

H. A. CURTIS
Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services