

**Monday, April 10, 1978**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* asked leave of the House to dispense with oral question period. Leave was granted.

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1976/77 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:

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1979;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the Public Service for the period ended March 31, 1977, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

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*April 10, 1978*

*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:

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1978*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 10, 1978*

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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:

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Revenue Surplus of 1976-77 Appropriation Act, 1978*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 10, 1978*

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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:

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Pari Mutuel Betting Tax Amendment Act, 1978*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 10, 1978*

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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:

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1978*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 10, 1978*

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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:

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Social Services Tax Amendment Act, 1978*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 10, 1978*

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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:

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1978*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 10, 1978*

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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:

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Municipalities Aid Amendment Act, 1978*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 10, 1978*

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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 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 117 million toward defraying the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1979, 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, 1979, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present session.

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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 117 million toward defraying the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1979, 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, 1979, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present session.

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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. 3) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1978*.

*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.

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Resolution reported.  
Report considered forthwith and adopted.  
Bill introduced and read a first time.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1978*, a debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1978*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

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## Tuesday, April 11, 1978

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Vickers*.

His Honour the Administrator 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. 3) *Supply Act, No. 1, 1978*.

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

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture) made a statement relating to Farm Income Insurance cheques.

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) tabled a Statement on Youth Containment Program.

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 Mr. *Lockstead* 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. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the following:

Law Reform Commission Report on the Absconding Debtors Act and Bail Act: Two Obsolete Acts.

Second Annual Report of the Legal Services Commission for the period April 1, 1976, to March 31, 1977.

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

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## Tuesday, April 11, 1978

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EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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. *W. N. Vander Zalm*, 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.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following report:

### REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 11, 1978

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on March 30 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees for the present Session be as follows:

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Messrs. *Mussallem* (Convener), *Davidson*, *Haddad*, *Rogers*, *Smith*, *Strongman*, the Hon. *Sam Bawlf*, the Hon. *K. R. Mair*, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, Messrs. *Lauk*, *Levi*, *Macdonald*, *Gibson*, and *Stephens*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—Messrs. *Nicolson* (Convener), *Calder*, *Kahl*, *Kerster*, *Veitch*, the Hon. *Sam Bawlf*, the Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser*, the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt*, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer*, the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm*, the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, Messrs. *Lauk*, *Lea*, *Skelly*, *Gibson*, and *Stephens*.

AGRICULTURE—Messrs. *Bawtree* (Convener), *Davidson*, *Shelford*, *Strongman*, the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt*, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips*, Messrs. *D'Arcy*, *Stupich*, and Mrs. *Wallace*.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING—Messrs. *Lloyd* (Convener), *Haddad*, Mrs. *Jordan*, Mr. *Rogers*, the Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser*, Messrs. *Barber*, *Barnes*, *Nicolson*, and *Gibson*.

LABOUR AND JUSTICE—Messrs. *Loewen* (Convener), *Bawtree*, *Veitch*, the Hon. *K. R. Mair*, the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, Ms. *Brown*, Mr. *Macdonald*, and Ms. *Sanford*.

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN RESOURCES—Mrs. *Jordan* (Convener), Messrs. *Kahl*, *Kerster*, *Mussallem*, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer*, the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm*, Ms. *Brown*, Messrs. *Cocke*, *D'Arcy*, and *Stephens*.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS—Messrs. *Kempf* (Convener), *Calder*, *Davis*, *Kahl*, *Rogers*, *Shelford*, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, Messrs. *Barnes*, *Lea*, and *Lockstead*.

ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES—Messrs. *Kerster* (Convener), *Davis*, Mrs. *Jordan*, Messrs. *Kempf*, *Lloyd*, *Smith*, *Strongman*, the Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen*, the Hon. *T. M. Waterland*, Mrs. *Daily*, Messrs. *King*, *Lea*, *Skelly*, *Gibson*, and *Stephens*.

OMBUDSMAN—Messrs. *Davidson* (Convener), *Calder*, *Lloyd*, *Mussallem*, the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt*, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, Mrs. *Daily*, Messrs. *King*, *Lockstead*, and *Gibson*.

Respectfully submitted.

GRACE M. MCCARTHY, *Chairman*

By leave of the House, the report was taken as read and received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.54 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 12, 1978**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. F. Baldock*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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. *T. M. Waterland*, 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.

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Travel Industry) presented the following:

Royal Commission on British Columbia Railway Interim Report on the Future of the Fort Nelson Extension, dated December 30, 1977.

Pacific National Exhibition financial statements for the year ended November 30, 1977.

Annual Report of the Public Service Commission from January 1 to December 31, 1977 (in manuscript form).

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) presented the Universities Council of British Columbia Funding Recommendations for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1978.

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

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**Thursday, April 13, 1978**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. A. Smith*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) made a statement relating to usage of pool cars by the Chairman of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.



The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) presented the following:

Annual return for the calendar year 1977 submitted in accordance with section 53 of the *Administration Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits, under authority of *Unclaimed Money Deposits Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1977.

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* (Minister of Human Resources) presented the Fourth Annual Report of The Burns Lake Community Development Association, dated March 1978.

By leave, Mr. *D'Arcy* tabled two packing notices referred to during oral question period today.

Mr. *Barrett* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Royal Commission on British Columbia Railway, The Future of The Fort Nelson Extension.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The ruling of the Speaker to reserve his decision was challenged.

The ruling of the Speaker was sustained on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

NAYS—17

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>			

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 Mr. *Shelford*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

I have now had an opportunity to consider the matter raised earlier today pursuant to Standing Order 35 by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

Before proceeding further I would like to remind all Honourable Members that other Speakers of this House have stated that "it is desirable and according to accepted practice that the Member ask the opinion of the Speaker before raising the matter in the House as the Speaker should be appraised of the proposed proceedings." As the merit of this practice is so evident I would hope all Honourable Members will conform.

A review of the statement of the matter offered by the Honourable Member discloses both the import of argument as well as an assumption of intent.

In May, 16th edition, at pages 369 to 371, a number of special restrictions are set forth on adjournment motions.

These restrictions include the following:

- (1) The matter must not import an argument;
- (2) The matter must not involve hypothetical circumstances; and further that
- (3) The motion has been refused when an ordinary parliamentary opportunity will occur shortly or in time;
- (4) When the matter could be raised on the Estimates.

Other Speakers of this House have ruled that the motion also fails because the House is currently engaged either in the Throne Debate or the Budget Debate. The Chair appreciates that some Members have already spoken in the Budget Debate but nevertheless those Members will have a further opportunity either shortly or in time to debate the matter during consideration of the Estimates.

Accordingly, the matter raised does not comply with the prerequisites to which I have referred as set forth in the 16th edition of Sir Erskine May and it is my opinion that the matter is not in order.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

Mr. *Barrett* stated he wished to appeal the Speaker's decision.

Mr. Speaker ruled that his ruling on a matter raised under Standing Order 35 was not subject to appeal, quoting the authority of Mr. Speaker Dowding's decision to the same effect, Journals of the House, 1974, at page 286.

The ruling of the Speaker was challenged.

The ruling of the Speaker was sustained on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Jordan</i>			

NAYS—14

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Lauk</i>		

By leave, Mr. *Veitch* presented the petition of the Pacific Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend The Royal Canadian Legion Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Veitch*, the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Pacific Command of the Royal Canadian Legion was received.

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

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the following:

Sixth Annual Report of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1977.

Annual Report of the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia for the calendar year 1977.

Annual Report of the British Columbia Racing Commission for 1977.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

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**Thursday, April 13, 1978**

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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 Mr. *D'Arcy*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Travel Industry) presented the British Columbia Steamship Company (1975) Limited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1977.

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

## Friday, April 14, 1978

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Capt. *S. Ratcliffe*.

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.

Mr. *King* moved in amendment, seconded by Ms. *Sanford*—

That the motion that "Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply" be amended by adding the following: "but this House regrets that, in the opinion of this House, the Honourable Minister of Finance has failed to adequately relieve our citizens of the onerous burden of government-imposed costs and taxes or to mobilize our human and natural resources toward a strategy of full employment, and also that no cost-control provision has been offered to prevent unauthorized expenditures by special warrant over-runs, which last year reached \$215 million."

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. M. Phillips*, 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. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

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## Monday, April 17, 1978

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Guy Merville*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement relating to the Western Premiers' Conference held at Yorkton, Saskatchewan, on April 13 and 14, 1978, and tabled the following documents:

Agenda and Communique, Western Premiers' Conference.

Report of the Western Premiers' Task Force on Constitutional Trends—Second Report.

The Non-Tariff Barrier Codes in the Multi-Lateral Trade Negotiations—A Brief Jointly Submitted by the Western Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba to the Government of Canada.

Western Trade Objectives—Position Paper.

By leave, the Hon. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) tabled a reply to a question asked by the 2nd Member Vancouver-Burrard on April 6, relating to Rentalsman's office, telephone expenses.

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

By leave, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) tabled a document relating to Original Budget and Actual Expenditures.

The debate on the amendment continued.

Mr. *Barrett*, seconded by Mr. *Levi*, moved the following subamendment—

That motion No. 6 be amended by adding after the words "\$215 million" the following: "and that no clear-cut commitment has been made to continue the operation of the British Columbia Railway Ft. Nelson extension."

The debate on the sub-amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Levi*, the debate on the subamendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, on behalf of the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) presented the One Hundred and Sixth Report of the Ministry of Education, 1976/77 (in manuscript form).

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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**Monday, April 17, 1978**

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate on the subamendment continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, 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 10.49 p.m.

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## Tuesday, April 18, 1978

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Dobson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the House proceeded to "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

7 The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* moved—

1. That this House instructs the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to continue the examination of all segments of the British Columbia food industry undertaken by the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture constituted during the Second Session of this Assembly in accordance with the resolution of this House on the 6th day of April 1977.

2. That the Committee shall consider any changes in the present food marketing system which may be beneficial to consumers, producers, and merchandisers, and shall recommend methods whereby Government may influence the adoption of such changes.

3. That the Committee be authorized to engage the services of such research staff and such facilities as it considers necessary to collect and compile the required information.

4. That the Committee shall have authority to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear presentations from such organizations and individuals at public hearings or in camera as may, at the discretion of the Committee, appear necessary, and, pursuant to section 80 of the *Constitution Act*, examine witnesses upon oath. The Committee shall have the authority to conduct hearings in any part of the Province.

5. That the Committee may accept and consider as evidence before it any evidence and representations made before the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture appointed and acting during the Second Session of this Assembly, and any findings, decisions, and reports made by it, and may adopt and confirm as its findings, decisions, and reports, any findings, decisions, and reports contained in the record and evidence of the proceedings of that Committee.

6. And that the Committee may sit

- (a) during a period in which the Legislative Assembly is adjourned and during a sitting of the House, and
- (b) during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session, and shall report to the House on the matters referred to it without delay at this Session, or following the adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, on the motion of Mr. King, the following notice of motion standing in his name on the Order Paper, was withdrawn:

1. That this House instructs the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to examine, in four separate phases, all segments of the British Columbia food industry and to conduct this examination within the following parameters:

*Phase I—Agricultural Land, Present and Future Requirements*

- (a) Evaluate the amount of agricultural land currently in production within the agricultural land reserves, its present classifications and utilization in meeting current food requirements of the Province.
- (b) Determine the need for further development and improvement of those lands to both safeguard the Province's future food requirements as well as to provide for exports where such activity can be accomplished on an economically sound basis.

*Phase II—Producer and Marketing Board Level*

- (a) Examine the powers, pricing practices, and operating policies of the British Columbia Milk Board and of all commodity marketing boards established under the *British Columbia Natural Products Marketing Act* to determine their relative influence on retail prices of food commodities under their respective jurisdictions.
- (b) Examine comparative producer returns and changes in those returns at producer level over the past ten years of a selected list of food items in British Columbia, Alberta, and other areas of the Pacific Northwest. The list of food items shall include some commodities under marketing board control (e.g., apples, potatoes, tomatoes, broiler chickens, turkeys, milk, eggs, and mushrooms) and some which are not under marketing board control (e.g., salmon, beef, lamb, bread, bacon, oranges, breakfast cereals, and raspberries). The Committee shall be free to expand this list of items as it feels appropriate.
- (c) Examine the comparative costs of producing these food commodities in British Columbia, Alberta, and other areas of the Pacific Northwest.

*Phase III—Processing, Distribution, and Merchandising Level*

- (a) Examine pricing practices and merchandising methods of food merchandisers in the Province, including those involved in the processing, distribution, brokerage, wholesaling, and retailing of food. Undertake a critical examination of markups in food prices at the various levels.
- (b) Examine comparative prices and price changes over the past ten years in British Columbia, Alberta, and other areas of the Pacific Northwest at processor and retail levels of the food items examined in Phase I.
- (c) Examine comparative costs of processing, distribution, and merchandising food in British Columbia, Alberta, and other areas of the Pacific Northwest.

*Phase IV—Overview*

Develop a general overview of the food price situation as it is influenced by factors which the committee considers important. Included in these considerations will be

- (a) the impact of labour costs on food prices;
- (b) the impact of other input costs on food prices (e.g., the cost of money, transportation, packaging, labelling, additives, farm inputs, quotas, etc.);
- (c) examination of average weekly incomes in British Columbia and other areas over the past ten years, and the relationship of these to food prices in the same period;
- (d) examination of the degree of pricing competition between retailers in British Columbia;
- (e) the impact of food imports, franchises, and vertical integration on food prices;
- (f) examination of any other factors considered by the Committee to be significant in determining food prices.

2. That the Committee shall consider any changes in the present food marketing system which may be beneficial to consumers, producers, and merchandisers, and shall recommend methods whereby Government may influence the adoption of such changes.

3. That the Committee be authorized to engage the services of such research staff as it considers necessary to collect and compile the required information.

4. That the Committee shall have authority to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear presentations from such organizations and individuals at public hearings or in camera as may, at the discretion of the Committee, appear necessary and, pursuant to section 80 of the *Constitution Act*, examine witnesses upon oath. The Committee shall have the authority to conduct hearings in any part of the Province.

5. That the Committee shall file its reports with recommendations to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Minister of Agriculture on the following schedule:

- Phase I—not later than August 31, 1977.
- Phase II—not later than August 31, 1977.
- Phase III—not later than December 31, 1977.
- Phase IV—not later than March 31, 1978.

6. And the Committee may sit

- (a) during a period in which the Legislative Assembly is adjourned and during a sitting of the House, and
- (b) during the recess after prorogation until the next following session, and shall report to the Legislative Assembly on the matters referred to it following the adjournment, or at the next following session, as the case may be.

7. That all the books, records, transcripts, minutes of evidence, and submissions made to the Standing Committee on Agriculture in the past session be placed in the custody of this Committee for its consideration in carrying out the above instructions.



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

The debate on the sub-amendment continued.

The House divided.

The sub-amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—15

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	

NAYS—33

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Jordan</i>			

On the motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave, Mr. *Strongman* presented the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter*.

On the motion of Mr. *Strongman*, the Rules were suspended and the petition of the City of Vancouver was received.

By leave, Mr. *Strongman* presented the petition of The Royal Trust Company and Royal Trust Corporation of Canada for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act Respecting The Royal Trust Company and Royal Trust Corporation of Canada*.

On the motion of Mr. *Strongman*, the Rules were suspended and the petition of The Royal Trust Company and Royal Trust Corporation of Canada was received.

By leave, Mr. *Davidson* presented the petition of Sister Margaret O'Rourke, Sister Genvieve Hennessey, Sister Anne Bachman, Sister Imelda O'Connor, Sister Frances Rooney, Sister Jean Keenan, Sister Rita Lynch for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate St. Vincent's Hospital at Vancouver, British Columbia*.

On the motion of Mr. *Davidson*, the Rules were suspended and the petition of Sister Margaret O'Rourke, Sister Genvieve Hennessey, Sister Anne Bachman, Sister Imelda O'Connor, Sister Frances Rooney, Sister Jean Keenan, Sister Rita Lynch was received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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## Tuesday, April 18, 1978

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EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Stupich*, 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 10.55 p.m.

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## Wednesday, April 19, 1978

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *Norman Harrison*.

On the motion of Mr. *Skelly*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Vancouver Island Energy Authority 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, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) made a statement relating to questions referred to him in his capacity as a Director of B.C. Hydro.

By leave, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) tabled a copy letter to Mr. *Elwood Veitch*, M.L.A., Chairman, Crown Corporation Reporting Committee, dated April 18, 1978, relating to B.C. Hydro.

Mr. *Gibson* asked leave to reply to the Minister's statement. Leave was not granted.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Gibson* rose on a point of order and stated that leaders of Opposition parties had traditionally been allowed the right to reply to ministerial statements and that he had therefore been improperly refused a right of reply to the statement of the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement.

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—13

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	

The debate continued.

By leave, the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* (Minister of Human Resources) tabled a copy of a newspaper column.

On the motion of Mr. *Barber*, 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.

By leave, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled the following document:

Official Reports of the Joint Committee on Housing: Prince George, September 22, 1976, and Vernon, September 23, 1976.

And then the House adjourned at 6.06 p.m.

**Thursday, April 20, 1978**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *G. Jensen*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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. *Sam Bawlf*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

**6** Mr. *Lockstead* asked the Hon. the Minister of Energy, Transport and Communications the following question:

What were the total numbers of vehicles and passengers (on a monthly basis) using the British Columbia ferry service in (a) 1977 and (b) 1978?

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* replied as follows:

"1977		1978	
	Vehicles	Passengers	
January .....	175,066	454,436	November .... 217,360
February .....	172,290	441,228	December .... 232,173
March .....	208,056	568,586	
April .....	240,515	675,883	Total ....
May .....	251,834	709,748	3,145,862
June .....	293,915	835,570	8,713,122
July .....	410,135	1,241,065	
August .....	432,840	1,310,828	January .....
September .....	319,274	839,580	February .....
October .....	192,404	479,507	March .....

**9** Mr. *Lockstead* asked the Hon. the Minister of Energy, Transport and Communications the following question:

With reference to fuel-oil purchased for the B.C. Ferries fleet—

What was (a) the total cost and (b) the unit cost of oil purchased in the fiscal years 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74, 1974/75, 1975/76, and 1976/77?

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* replied as follows:

“(a) Total cost—

	\$	
1971/72 ..	2,864,370.93	
1972/73 ..	2,979,394.53	
1973/74 ..	3,737,404.41	
1974/75 ..	6,975,769.07	
1975/76 ..	8,114,729.23	(This total includes \$590,655.80 Federal Sales Tax Rebate payments)
1976/77 ..	8,118,092.00	(This total includes \$617,567.94 Federal Sales Tax Rebate payments)
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Total cost.	32,789,760.17	
Less F.S.T.	1,208,223.74	
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	31,581,536.43	
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“(b) Unit cost of oil purchased (not including gasoline tax)—

	Swartz Bay Terminal	Tsawwassen Terminal	Horseshoe Bay Terminal	Departure Bay Terminal
1971/72.....	.1332	.1313	.1313	.1366
	.1492	.1473	.1473	.1526
1972/73.....	.1553	.1521	.1516	.1569
	1973/74.....	.1748	.1713	.1705
.1838		.1803	.1795	.1885
1974/75.....	.1982	.1947	.1939	.2025
	1975/76.....	.2412	.2340	.2327
.3052		.2980	.2967	.3390
1976/77.....	.3262	.3190	.3177	.3440
	.3452	.3380	.3367	.3640
1975/76.....	.3652	.3580	.3567	.3640
	1976/77.....	.2961	.2860	.2850
.3111		.3010	.3000	.3180
1976/77.....	.3181	.3080	.3070	.3250
	.3741	.3640	.3630	.3810
1976/77.....	.3427	.3269	.3339	.3415
	.3527	.3369	.3359	.3505
1976/77.....	.3727	.3569	.3539	.3855
	.3757	.3599	.3569	.3885
1976/77.....	.3787	.3629	.3599	.3915”

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

**Friday, April 21, 1978**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. E. Austin*.

On the motion of Mr. *Rogers*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Smoke Alarm Installation 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.

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.

The Member for Nelson-Creston having failed to obey the direction of the Chair when repeatedly called upon to do so, was thereupon ordered by the Speaker to withdraw from the House for the remainder of the sitting.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Smith</i>			

NAYS—12

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

Order for Committee of Supply called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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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.

By leave, Mr. *Mussallem* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

## REPORT NO. 1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 21, 1978

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with relating to the petitions for leave to introduce the following Private Bills:

*An Act to Amend The Royal Canadian Legion Act.*

*An Act Respecting The Royal Trust Company and Royal Trust Corporation of Canada.*

*An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter.*

*An Act to Incorporate St. Vincent's Hospital at Vancouver, British Columbia.*

Your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the said Bills.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. MUSSALLEM, *Chairman*

The report was read and received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.49 p.m.

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**Monday, April 24, 1978**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph Senkiw*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Sam Bawlf* (Minister of Recreation and Conservation) rose on a matter of privilege relating to unparliamentary words which had been directed at him on Friday last.

The Member for Nelson-Creston withdrew the words in question.

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) tabled the Fifth Annual Report of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1978.

By leave, Mrs. *Wallace* tabled a document intituled British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture Response to British Columbia Federation of Agriculture Proposals Respecting Farm Income Assurance Plan Submitted March 15, 1978.

Mr. *Skelly* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, press articles and other material relating to the status of the chemical 2, 4-D.

By leave, Mr. *Skelly* tabled documents referred to in his statement.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his decision.

The Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* (Minister of the Environment) asked leave to make a statement relating to the appropriate Government authority having jurisdiction in pollution matters.

On a point of order being raised as to the right of the Opposition to respond to the Minister's statement, Mr. Speaker ruled that the statement by the Minister as to a factual matter did not require leave and debate was not permissible.

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 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

I have considered the matter raised under Standing Order 35 by the Honourable Member for Alberni, namely, press and other material relating to a decision placing the chemical 2, 4-D in "pre-review status" and a statement by an official in the United States that "we are looking at the studies to see if there should be a full review" with respect to the use of the said chemical. The Member further states that "it appears" to him that, without immediate action by the Assembly, certain people may be exposed to a chemical with carcinogenic properties.

This matter is similar to that raised on an earlier occasion under the same Standing Order, namely, "press release statements relating to Eurasian Milfoil weed in the Okanagan system" and the proposed use of chemicals in relation thereto. The reasons for not setting aside other business of the House on that occasion are to be found in the Votes and Proceedings of June 13, 1977.

It is my opinion that the matter clearly fails on one or more of the number of grounds set forth in the 16th edition of Sir Erskine May, at pages 370, 372, and 373, including the following:

- (1) The matter must not involve hypothetical circumstances.
- (2) It must not involve the exercise of discretion under statutory powers.
- (3) It must not be offered when facts are in dispute.



- (4) The motion has been refused when an ordinary parliamentary opportunity will occur shortly or in time, namely, consideration of the Estimates which now have priority over all other business, except introduction of Bills.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

- 18 Mr. *Cocke* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question: What are the investment holdings of ICBC to the latest date available?

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* replied as follows:

"SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO SUMMARY OF POSITION  
as at April 7, 1978

Borrower	Position (millions) \$
Government of Canada.....	79.5
Canadian Chartered Banks.....	121.3
B.C. Central Credit Union.....	26.5
B.C. Municipal and Special Act	6.1
Trust Companies.....	11.3
Finance Companies.....	70.9
Corporate Borrowers.....	98.0
Demand Call Loans.....	4.9
Total.....	418.5

"SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO CALL LOAN PRINCIPAL BY DEALER  
January 1, 1977, to December 31, 1977

Dealer	Largest Individual Loan (millions) \$
A. E. Ames.....	10.5
McLeod Young Weir.....	5.0
Midland Doherty.....	8.5
Wood Gundy.....	6.5
Walwyn Stodgell.....	4.9
Greenshields.....	5.0
Dominion Securities.....	15.5
Burns Fry.....	1.9
Merrill Lynch.....	3.5

"INSURANCE CORPORATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BOND PORTFOLIO  
as at April 7, 1978

Borrower	Position \$
Government of Canada.....	20,975,662
Provincial and Guarantees.....	75,374,837
Municipal.....	6,480,625
Corporate.....	17,468,625
Total.....	120,299,749"

- 20 Mr. *Cocke* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question: What are the names of the companies who received short-term loans in 1977 from ICBC and what are the amounts of the loans?

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* replied as follows:

"COMPANIES WHO RECEIVED SHORT-TERM LOANS IN 1977 FROM ICBC

Borrower	Largest Individual Loan (Millions) \$	Borrower	Largest Individual Loan (Millions) \$
Government of Canada Guarantees..	4.6	Northland Bank.....	1.0
Province of B.C. Guarantees.....	5.0	B.C. Central Credit Union.....	7.0
Province of Alberta Guarantees.....	4.6	Greater Vancouver Water District.....	2.5

Borrower	Largest Individual Loan (Millions) \$	Borrower	Largest Individual Loan (Millions) \$
Province of Ontario Guarantees.....	2.5	Township of Chilliwack.....	.6
Bank of British Columbia.....	5.0	District of North Vancouver.....	1.3
Royal Bank of Canada.....	4.8	District of Kitimat.....	1.1
Toronto Dominion Bank.....	7.0	Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District.....	1.5
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.....	4.7	City of White Rock.....	.5
Bank of Nova Scotia.....	5.0	Royal Trust Mortgage.....	4.0
Bank of Montreal.....	6.0	Canada Trust Company.....	1.0
Mercantile Bank of Canada.....	5.0	National Trust Company.....	5.0
Canadian Commercial and Industrial Bank.....	2.9	City Savings and Trust Company.....	1.0
Industrial Acceptance Corporation.....	6.0	Yorkshire Trust.....	1.0
General Motors Acceptance Corporation.....	2.5	Noranda Mines Limited.....	2.9
Chrysler Credit Canada Limited.....	3.5	Simpsons Limited.....	1.0
Laurentide.....	2.8	Simpsons-Sears Acceptance Limited.....	1.0
Niagara Finance Company Limited... 2.0		B.A. Financial Services Limited.....	4.0
Traders Group Limited.....	2.0	Citicorp Limited.....	5.0
Avco Financial Services Canada Limited.....	2.8	Tohcan Limited.....	2.0
Canadian Acceptance Corporation Limited.....	3.0	Wardley Investments Canada Limited	2.5
Weldwood.....	1.0	BBC Mortgage.....	1.0
BBC—RI Services Limited.....	1.0	Walter E. Heller Canada Limited....	5.0
Inland Natural Gas Company.....	2.0	Transamerica Financial Corporation of Canada Limited.....	2.0
Canadian Pacific Securities Limited... 1.0		United Dominion Corporation Canada Limited.....	1.0
Kelly Douglas and Company.....	1.0	Morguard Trust.....	1.0
Aluminum Company of Canada Limited.....	1.0	Corporation Township of Langley... 1.5	
Imperial Oil Limited.....	2.0	B.T. Capital Services Limited.....	2.4
		Simpsons-Sears Limited.....	2.0
		Tordom Corporation Limited.....	1.0
		City of Prince George.....	1.9"

**21** Mr. *Cocke* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:

1. Were any borrowings made by ICBC in 1977 and to date in 1978?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what were the amounts, dates, source, and interest rate paid on each loan?

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2. Not applicable."

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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**Monday, April 24, 1978**

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)

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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.

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

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**Tuesday, April 25, 1978**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *C. H. Butler*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *The Accountability 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."

Mr. *Levi* rose on a point of order, namely, whether or not a certain matter had been referred to the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations within the meaning of the Rules applicable to inadmissible questions during oral question period.

Mr. Speaker stated he would take the question under advisement.

By leave, Mr. *Veitch* advised the House that, pursuant to Standing Order 72A (7), he had filed Report No. 1 of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations with the Clerk of the House and tabled a copy of said Report.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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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 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

Mr. *Cocke* rose on a point of order, namely, that the report tabled by the Chairman of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations purporting to be a report of the said Committee was in fact a report of a Subcommittee of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement.

By leave, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) tabled a document intituled List of Directorships—C. W. Brazier.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:

On the motion of Mr. *Veitch*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *An Act to Amend the Royal Canadian Legion Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Strongman*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *An Act Respecting The Royal Trust Company and Royal Trust Corporation of Canada*.

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Health) tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Medical Centre for the year 1977.

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

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**Tuesday, April 25, 1978**

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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)

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105,330 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1979.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,072,434 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Administrative and Support Services, to 31st March 1979.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,002,470 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Office of the Comptroller-General, to 31st March 1979.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,801,506 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Computer and Consulting Services, to 31st March 1979.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,045,495 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March 1979.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,797,307 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Taxation Administration, to 31st March 1979.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Assessment Act Appeal Boards, to 31st March 1979.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,684,386 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Government Agencies, to 31st March 1979.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,853,323 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Interest on Public Debt, to 31st March 1979.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,481,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Grants, Contributions, and Subsidies, to 31st March 1979.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,400,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Interest on Deposits, to 31st March 1979.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,860,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Incidentals, to 31st March 1979.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Advances Under Various Statutes, to 31st March 1979.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,064,320 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Salary Contingencies (All Ministries), to 31st March 1979.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,148,468 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Treasury Board, to 31st March 1979.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,737,896 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1979.

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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. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.46 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26, 1978

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *John L. Rennie*.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

In the course of yesterday's proceedings the Honourable 2nd Member for Vancouver-Burrard raised a point of order, namely, that the matter of certain questions directed initially to B.C. Hydro and thereafter to the Minister of Finance in his capacity as Director of B.C. Hydro have not been referred to the Committee by the House and therefore there should be no prohibition against questions relating thereto being put to the Minister in question period.

With reference to questions to Ministers, it is stated in the 16th edition of May, at page 359, that questions are inadmissible dealing with matters (a) before a parliamentary committee and (b) that no question can be asked regarding proceedings in a Committee which have not been placed before the House by a report from the Committee.

The authority cited by Sir Erskine May as the foundation of the rule is to be found in Parliamentary Debates (U.K.) No. 237, April 8, 1930, at page 1926. On that occasion a point of order was taken that, as a matter in question was under consideration by a Select Committee, it was highly improper that the House should be allowed to discuss it. The Speaker ruled that if the matter *is under discussion* by a Select Committee obviously it would be undesirable to raise it by questions in the House.

It is quite true, as the 2nd Member for Vancouver-Burrard stated, the matter in question was not "referred" to the Committee by the House as is the usual method of bringing a matter before a Select Standing Committee. However, it is clear from the authority quoted, that the essence of the rule is whether or not the matter is under *examination or discussion* by a Committee of the House, regardless of how the matter was placed in the hands of the Committee, so long of course the matter is within its competence to consider. Irrespective of the statement of the Minister of Finance, made on April 19th last, that he had "referred" the matter, the Committee has, of its own initiative, now undertaken consideration of the matter. Accordingly, the matter in question now falls within the rule as stated in Sir Erskine May.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

Mr. *Barrett* rose on a point of order relating to the necessity of the House having knowledge of matters being examined or discussed in Committee on Crown Corporations, and the difficulty which might arise where the Committee was dealing with a matter on its own initiative as opposed to dealing with a matter referred to it by Resolution of the House.

Mr. *Gibson* rose on a point of order and requested Mr. Speaker to review the problem arising from the fact the Committee on Crown Corporations has a continuing mandate to review all of the operations of the five major Crown Corporations assigned to it, and that it was not the intent of the House in establishing the Committee to preclude discussion in the House.

Mr. Speaker stated he would consider further the points raised by the Honourable Members.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

At the closing of yesterday's sitting the Member for New Westminster rose on a point of order and requested the Chair to consider the tabling of a document intitled Committee on Crown Corporations Report No. 1 to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, with other documents appended thereto, including the Minutes of a Subcommittee Meeting of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations held on April 24, 1978, and a letter dated April 25, 1978, addressed to the Clerk of the House, whereas, in fact, the document was a report of a Subcommittee of the Committee on Crown Corporations.

Standing Order 72A (7) provides as follows:

"Notwithstanding any other Order or Rule of practice of the House, the Chairman of the Committee shall file reports of the Committee with the Clerk of the House as they are completed, but not less often than annually, and the reports shall include a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held in respect of the report."

Section 4 (5) of the *Crown Corporation Reporting Act*, Statutes of British Columbia, 1977, chapter 49, provides, and I quote:

"4 (5) The committee may make rules governing its own procedures and respecting its inquiries and examinations."

It would seem, therefore, that, in accordance with the statutory authority given to it and the practice of the House, the procedures themselves of the Committee as well as *questions* of procedure should be settled in the Committee and not be brought before the House.

It is the view of the Chair, therefore, that the question raised by the Honourable Member for New Westminster should be taken up in the Committee.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

By leave, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) tabled the Government Aircraft Passenger Logs for the period January 1977 to March 1978.

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.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

On Wednesday, April 19, the Minister of Finance made a statement in the House prior to the question period, by leave, and was granted leave to file a

document referred to in the statement. The Liberal Leader asked leave to reply to the statement of the Minister and leave was not granted. The Liberal Leader cited a decision from page 83 of the Journals of 1976 indicating that Leaders of Recognized Parties have traditionally been allowed to make a reply to ministerial statements.

The rules relating to ministerial statements over the years have become somewhat confused largely, it appears, as a result of leave being required for the interruption of other business rather than leave itself being required to make the statement. In addition there is no provision in the daily order of business for ministerial statements.

An examination of our Journals indicates that the practice in our House with respect to ministerial statements has been *similar* to the practice in the House of Commons at Ottawa. In the Journals of 1976, at page 83, it is stated that leave was not required for ministerial statements and affirmed that a reply is allowed to the Leader of the Opposition and Leaders of Recognized Parties. The practice is summarized in the following passage at page 165 of Dawson's "Procedure in the Canadian House of Commons"

"For many years the Government has been allowed by custom to make statements of new or altered policy at the opening of the daily proceedings. These announcements usually relate to matters of general interest and urgency and the practice is accepted today as a useful vehicle by which Government policy may be made known to the House when no other proceeding offers a suitable opportunity. These announcements are not made by the consent of the House, nor are they recognized by any rule; but at least one Speaker has ruled that the practice is one of such long standing that a Minister may make such a statement by right. This right may not be exercised without restraint, for although there is no set limit on the length or content of the statements, a Minister who persisted in long and argumentative recitals would soon find himself in trouble with the Opposition.

"The rights of the Opposition in this matter have also gradually developed and become more clear. Early ministerial statements were followed by a few questions asked largely for the purpose of clearing up doubtful points of fact. These questions occasionally got out of hand and as early as 1891 a Speaker appealed to the House to support him in an effort to suppress the practice of conducting long discussions at such a time. Later Speakers appear to have had little difficulty and although from time to time they referred briefly to the "custom" which allowed only questions, they made no formal ruling. Mr. Speaker Macdonald extended the practice during his occupancy of the Chair and by 1951 the House had accepted a new "practice" by which each one of the leaders of the opposition parties was allowed to comment briefly on the statement made. Mr. Speaker Beaudoin extended the custom still further in 1954 and ruled that each party would henceforward be allowed one comment on any ministerial statement. The change was made to allow the party spokesman on a specific subject to represent his party should he so wish. The House has followed this practice since."

and further at page 82 of Beauchesne . . .

"In case of ministerial changes, explanations are generally allowed to be made when the Orders of the Day are called. It is usual to permit the leader of the Opposition to make some remarks thereon. Considerable latitude is allowed on those occasions. In the British House no debate is allowed after the ministerial statement has been made unless the adjournment of the House is moved, but such a practice could not take place in Canada, as our adjournment motions are not debatable."

also at page 84 of Beauchesne . . .

"When a minister makes a statement on government policy or ministerial administration, either under routine proceedings, between two orders of the day or shortly before the adjournment of the House, it is now firmly established that the Leader of the Opposition or the Chiefs of recognized groups are entitled to ask explanations and make a few remarks, but no debate is then allowed under any Standing Order (C.H. of C. Feb. 19, 1954)."



In our Journals, at page 19 of 1975, a decision indicates that leave is a prerequisite for both statements and replies but *that* decision does not really apply to the situation at hand as it is directed at answers to oral questions taken on notice.

In summary, ministerial statements may be made without leave at the appropriate time, namely, before proceeding to Orders of the Day. Leave is required, however, if the statement is to be made by interruption of another proceeding. When a statement has been made, whether by leave or by right, replies as previously described are allowed and do not require leave. However, as stated by Beauchesne, such replies are limited to asking explanations and to making "a few remarks" but no debate is allowed.

During a further point of order which took place during the discussion of the point of order, it was suggested that the Minister's statement was that of a Private Member and not that of a Minister so that no reply was allowed. The Minister's statement concerned his duties in office and, therefore, it can be viewed only as a ministerial statement.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

**Thursday, April 27, 1978**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. Bickel*.

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 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

**Friday, April 28, 1978**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Pastor *D. L. McMillan*.

By leave, Mr. *Macdonald* made a statement relating to newspaper reports of a statement made by an official of the Ministry of the Attorney-General.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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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.

And then the House adjourned at 12.50 p.m.

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**Monday, May 1, 1978**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *G. Cassell*.

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)

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$116,724 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1979.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,294,013 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, General Administration, to 31st March 1979.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$495,024 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Information and Education, to 31st March 1979.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$551,430 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Marine Resources Branch, to 31st March 1979.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,064,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Salmonid Enhancement Program, to 31st March 1979.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,323,445 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Branch, to 31st March 1979.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,559,956 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Federal and Other Agency Programs, to 31st March 1979.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$129,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Creston Valley Wildlife Management, to 31st March 1979.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,346,619 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Parks Management, to 31st March 1979.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Parks Capital, to 31st March 1979.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,858,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Land Acquisition—National and Provincial Parks, to 31st March 1979.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Youth Crew, to 31st March 1979.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,477,331 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Heritage Conservation Branch, to 31st March 1979.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,333,953 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Recreation and Fitness Branch, to 31st March 1979.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Recreation Facilities Grants, to 31st March 1979.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,080,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Grants-in-aid of Regional Park Development, to 31st March 1979.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$421,299 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Cultural Services Branch, to 31st March 1979.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,436,193 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Library Services Branch, to 31st March 1979.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$579,796 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Provincial Capital Commission, to 31st March 1979.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,390,270 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1979.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$342,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1979.

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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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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## Monday, May 1, 1978

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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)

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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.

And then the House adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

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## Tuesday, May 2, 1978

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Ronald C. Nelson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Lauk*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Tourist Accommodation Act*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Bawtree* tabled the following documents:

Select Standing Committee on Agriculture—British Columbia Food Shoppers: Results of a Consumer Survey, Phase III, Research Report, dated April 1978.

Select Standing Committee on Agriculture—Cross Border Shopping: An Investigation Into Food Purchases Made Outside the Province by British Columbians, Phase III, Research Report, dated April 1978.

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 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

**30** Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

With reference to expenditures on 4-H programs—

What was the total expenditure and the number of staff employed in the years 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, and 1977?

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* replied as follows:

"Fiscal year ending	Permanent Staff Employed	Additional Summer Assistants	Total Expenditure \$
1972.....	7	5	103,010
1973.....	7	5	102,777
1974.....	7	5	118,746
1975.....	9	7	140,550
1976.....	10	5	213,403
1977.....	8	4	173,397"

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

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**Tuesday, May 2, 1978**

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 Chairman's attention was drawn to the clock.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Without the question put, the Chairman reported progress and that the Committee ask leave to sit again.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Chairman further reported that, on the motion the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

## YEAS—16

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

## NAYS—26

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>		

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.03 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 3, 1978**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gilbert D. Smith*.

Mr. *Nicolson* rose on a matter of privilege relating to statements made by the Member for Omineca.

By leave, Mr. *Nicolson* tabled documents referred to in his statement.

Mr. Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement.

On the motion of Ms. *Brown*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Guaranteed Available Income for Need Amendment Act, 1978*, 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."

Oral question period being concluded, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) asked leave to answer a question asked during question period.

Mr. *Lea* asked leave to make a statement. Leave was not granted.

Mr. *Barrett* rose on a point of order, namely, the procedure to be adopted upon a Minister asking leave at the end of question period to answer a question asked him during a prior question period.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

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**Thursday, May 4, 1978**

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 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

I have now had an opportunity of considering the matter of privilege raised by the Honourable Member for Nelson-Creston.

The Honourable Member complains that, as a result of erroneous and misleading statements made by the Honourable Member for Omineca, his efforts to seek answers in the House have been frustrated. The Honourable Member for Nelson-Creston tabled transcripts relating to the speech of the Honourable Member for Omineca and a copy of a speech supplied to him by the Member for Omineca, which copy, according to the statement of the Member for Nelson-Creston, was not a copy of the speech which had been delivered.

It is the duty of the Speaker to be satisfied (a) that a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has been established which would justify such proceedings taking precedence over all other business of the House (May, 17th edition, page 248) and (b) that the matter in question has been raised at the earliest opportunity (May, 17th edition, page 377).

If these prior conditions have been met, any further action is for the determination of the House and, if they have not been met, the matter must proceed by way of notice of motion should the Member so wish.

On the issue of whether or not the matter has been raised at the earliest opportunity, I notice from the material tabled that the statement in question was made in the House on April 12th last. Although the Honourable Member states that he raised the matter at the first opportunity there is no explanation of the delay.

I note in the 18th edition of Sir Erskine May, at page 343, that a matter was refused precedence when a newspaper article published on May 6th was not raised until the 14th day of May and that a matter involving a speech made on a Saturday was not raised until the following Tuesday. Possibly the delay in bringing this matter forward was occasioned by the Member for Nelson-Creston having to obtain the transcript which he tabled, although he has not so indicated. I, of course, accept the Honourable Member's statement that he raised the matter as soon as he was enabled to do so.

It appears from Speakers Decisions, Volume II, at page 46, a question of privilege was raised, predicated on a Member submitting to the House incomplete and erroneous information which was misrepresentative of the real facts. The Speaker ruled that no question of privilege was disclosed so as to dispense with the usual notice of motion.

I also note in the Journals of the House, 1975, at pages 29 and 35, a matter of privilege was raised relating to information given to the House which was alleged to have been inaccurate and misleading. On this occasion, the Speaker observed, and I quote:

Claims of breach of privilege raised by members relating to the veracity of statements attributed to members continue to plague the records of Hansard in Ottawa and the numerous claims of privilege to be found there have consistently been rejected by the distinguished Speakers of that House whenever they occur.

and *again* it was ruled that if the matter was to be pursued further it should be by regular notice.

There is no doubt that the House may treat the making of a *deliberately* misleading statement as a contempt. However, under the present circumstances which are closely analagous, if not identical, to those under review in the decisions



to which I have referred, I cannot find that there is a *prima facie* matter of privilege raised which requires precedence over other public business calling for the immediate interposition of the House.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

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## Friday, May 5, 1978

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. T. Allen*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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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.

- 10** Mr. *King* asked the Hon. the Minister of Forests the following questions:  
With reference to the Minister's visit to Japan in 1977/78—
1. Who accompanied the Minister?
  2. What was the total cost of the visit?

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* replied as follows:

“With reference to the visit to Japan in 1977/78—

“1. Mr. R. S. Wood.

“2. \$6,294.63.”

And then the House adjourned at 12.53 p.m.