Tuesday, February 1, 1966

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. T. Allen.

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

The debate continued.

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

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 Carnell, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in his name was withdrawn:—

Whereas the reconstruction and paving of the Alaska Highway is of both national and international importance to Canada and the United States of America, including Alaska, and will attract substantial flow of tourist and commercial traffic from all parts of the United States and Canada:

And whereas the economical desirability of the projected paving of the Alaska Highway has already been studied and reported upon by the Battelle Memorial Institute as sound and feasible:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia strongly urge the Government of Canada to instigate immediate negotiations with the United States of America to determine an equitable sharing of costs with the objective of an early start of a complete paving programme for the entire length of the Alaska Highway within British Columbia and Yukon Territory.

The Hon. R. W. Bonner, on behalf of the Hon. E. C. F. Martin (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance), presented the Mental Health Services Branch Annual Report for 12 months ended March 31, 1965.

30 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

With reference to completed Contract No. 1023, Department of Highways Annual Report, 1962/63:—

- 1. Has a final payment been made on this contract?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total amount finally paid?
- 3. If the answer to No. 1 is no, what is the amount paid to the contractor to date?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:—

- " 1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Continental Contractors Limited, \$154,403.89; Mannix Limited, \$1,306,-665.08; totalling, \$1,461,068.97."

40 Mr. Carnell asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

How much money was spent on the Dawson Creek-Clayhurst Road for maintenance and construction during the fiscal years 1960/61, 1961/62, 1962/63, 1963/64, and 1964/65?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:—

"1960/61, maintenance, \$7,880, construction \$42,500; 1961/62, maintenance, \$22,239, construction, *nil*; 1962/63, maintenance, \$7,841, construction, *nil*; 1963/64, maintenance, \$7,021, construction, \$38,396; 1964/65, maintenance, \$8,444, construction, \$65,000."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1, 1966

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Turner, 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 10.45 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2, 1966

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. E. Bergbusch.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. L. R. Peterson, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, seconded by the Hon. R. G. Williston, it was Ordered,—

That a Special Committee be named by those responsible for listing Select Standing Committees of this House to examine and report their recommendations to the Legislature on the following matters in the order of priority as set forth:—

- (1) The application of Western Mines for a townsite within the boundaries of Strathcona Provincial Park:
- (2) To receive, review, and report on a Special Report on Fisheries Concerning the Jurisdictional and Administrative Management of the Commercial Fisheries of British Columbia and the Major Problems Associated with the Management of the Resource:
- (3) To review the progress made to date in relation to public access and use of privately operated roads.

With power to send for persons, papers, and records and hear such representations as may, in their discretion, appear pertinent to the above matters.

On the motion of the Hon. R. G. Williston, seconded by the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, it was Ordered,—

Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries be convened to receive the listed reports requested last Session from the Forest Service as follows:—

- (a) A report on the operation of the 30-50 per cent contract clause in tree-farm licence documents:
- (b) A report on the additional management requirements for those quotaholders in public sustained-yield units where cutting rights are confined to a small number of operators:
- (c) A report on the effects of quota exchanges relative to costs of production, community development, and use of manpower:
- (d) A report on the steps taken to initiate sustained-yield management in the region north of the Fraser River and east of Howe Sound:
- (e) A report on the problem of management of temporary tenures:
- (f) A report on the steps taken to initiate a programme of close utilization of Crown timber in public sustained-yield units.
- The Committee shall also be asked to study
- (a) the proposed regulations governing the close utilization of the timber resources both on the Coast and in the Interior;
- (b) the problems associated with the efficient salvage of driftwood from the waters and beaches along the coast, to determine whether any changes are required in either legislation or regulations to assist in securing more complete use of such wood.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Thursday, February 3, 1966

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Father Philip Hanley.

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

The debate continued.

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

- 3 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—
 With reference to litigation costs involved in the placing of the British Columbia Electric Company under public ownership and the Attorney-General's answer to Question No. 124 recorded in the 1964 Journals of this House:—
 - 1. Have any further costs been paid by the Crown?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the names of the individuals or firms who received the further costs and in what amounts were they paid?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:--

- "1. See answer to Question No. 153 recorded in the 1965 Journals of the House. No further costs since then.
- "2. See answer to Question No. 153 recorded in the 1965 Journals of the House."
- **41** Mr. Carnell asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—
- 1. How many soil surveys samples were submitted to the Department for analysis during the fiscal year 1964/65?
- 2. Since the Department started charging a fee for soil sample reports how much revenue has been collected for this service during the fiscal year 1964/65?

The Hon. F. X. Richter replied as follows:—

- "1. Number of soil samples submitted for analysis during 1965 calendar year, 2,690.
 - "2. Revenue derived during 1965 calendar year for soil testing, \$5,247."
- 46 Mr. Perrault asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—
 With respect to traffic fatalities and injuries in the year ended December 31, 1965:—
 - 1. How many fatalities occurred on the highways of British Columbia?
 - 2. How many injuries occurred on the highways of British Columbia?
 - 3. What was the estimated cost in terms of property damage?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—

"Motor-vehicle accident statistics for the year 1965 are as follows: Accidents, 40,085; vehicles involved, 70,118; killed, 500; injured, 17,562; fatal accidents, 421; accidents (personal injury), 11,547; property damage accidents, 28,117; property damage, \$22,592,741.97; deaths per 10,000 vehicles registered, 6.5; deaths per 100 million miles, 8.1; accidents per 1,000 vehicles registered, 52.44; and fatal accidents per 100 million miles, 6.84."

47 Mr. Perrault asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

With respect to traffic fatalities and injuries in the year ended December 31, 1965, how many deaths or injuries occurred on the roads of British Columbia where the principal cause was (a) excessive speeding, (b) mechanical defects, (c) impaired driving, (d) blow-outs, and (e) highway obstructions?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:-

"An analysis of traffic fatalities, and deaths and injuries arising out of traffic incidents, during the period January to November 30, 1965, by contributing factors, is as follows:—

	Total Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Personal Injury Accidents	Property Damage Only
Careless driving (including speeding)	5,926	107	2,166	3,653
Impaired drivers	1,062	54	346	662
Obstruction in road	475	4	122	349
Road under repair	468	6	134	328
Puncture or blow-out	467	4	145	318
Brakes or steering defective	1,267	9	397	861 "

53 Mr. Perrault asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

With respect to grants to agriculture, since 1953 how much has been contributed by the Government of Canada in the form of conditional grants to the agriculture industry of British Columbia?

The Hon. F. X. Richter replied as follows:—

- "Payments received from the Federal Government under shared-cost arrangements, 1953/54 to 1964/65, inclusive, \$1,601,844."
- 92 Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—
 With reference to individuals' driving records kept by the Motor-vehicle
 Branch:—
- 1. Were any searches made of these records at the request of insurance companies and (or) anyone else during the fiscal year 1964/65 and since March 31, 1965?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of searches made in each relevant period and (b) what was the total number of searches made at the request of insurance companies?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:-

- " 1. Yes.
- "2. (a) The total number of searches made during the fiscal year 1964/65 was 52,284, and for the period April 1, 1965, to December 31, 1965, 58,010 and (b) the total number of searches made at the request of insurance companies during the fiscal year 1964/65 was 48,721, and for the period April 1, 1965, to December 31, 1965, 55,216."

94 Mr. Carnell asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following question:—

Concerning recent breakdown of supply of natural gas to communities in South Peace River District due to broken transmission-line, what control does the Department exercise over the companies concerned to guarantee uninterrupted delivery?

The Hon. D. L. Brothers replied as follows:—

"The Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources has no authority to exercise control over gas pipe-line companies. However, when such companies find that the supply of gas to communities is inadequate due to extremely cold weather, or to mechanical failures, the Department grants the producers permission to produce gas wells at rates in excess of the normal individual well daily-production limits. The only British Columbia gasfield tied to the South Peace River District after the recent pipe-line failure was the Dawson Creek field. Permission was granted to overproduce this field until the pipe-line was repaired. The remaining sources of supply were the Pouce Coupe and South Pouce Coupe fields situated in Alberta, over which the Department has no control."

- 97 Mr. Gargrave asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—
- 1. Are any Magistrates in the Province members of the British Columbia Law Society and, if so, how many?
 - 2. What is the total number of Magistrates in the Province?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—

- "1. As of January 31, 1966, 55 Magistrates in the Province hold law degrees or are qualified to practise law. In addition, there are three vacancies, all of which will, in the normal course, be filled by legally trained men.
- "2. As of January 31, 1966, 205 Magistrates, sitting in (a) nine District Magistracies over each of which, with one exception, a legally trained District Magistrate presides and (b) Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, February 3, 1966

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. R. R. Loffmark, 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.

Friday, February 4, 1966

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. Beaton.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES, Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, February 3, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 10) intituled An Act to Amend the Partnership Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled An Act to Amend the Supreme Court Act.

Bill (No. 4) intituled An Act to Amend the Survivorship and Presumption of Death Act.

Bill (No. 5) intituled An Act to Amend the Plans Cancellation Act.

Bill (No. 7) intituled An Act to Amend the Special Surveys Act.

Bill (No. 11) intituled An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act.

Bill (No. 12) intituled An Act to Facilitate the Subdivision of Land in Strata and the Disposition of Title Thereto.

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

GEORGE R. PEARKES, Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, January 27, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled An Act to Amend the Regional Parks Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Price 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. *Price* the Rules were suspended and the petition of the City of Vancouver was *Ordered* received.

Mr. Price presented the petition of Peter Arthur Manson, Paul Ashton Jaffary, and Hans Bjorn Hareid for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate the Heritage Life Assurance Corporation.

On the motion of Mr. *Price* the Rules were suspended and the petition of Peter Arthur Manson, Paul Ashton Jaffary, and Hans Bjorn Hareid was *Ordered* received.

Mr. Price presented the petition of Frederick Kirkman, John Ross Johnston, William John Bell, Bert Henry Woodward, and Walter Daniel Evans for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate the Southwest Mortgage Indemnity Corporation Limited.

On the motion of Mr. *Price* the Rules were suspended and the petition of Frederick Kirkham, John Ross Johnston, William John Bell, Bert Henry Woodward, and Walter Daniel Evans was *Ordered* received.

Mr. Price presented the petition of Francis Dominic Farrell, Philip Knight, and Brian Milton Rudkin for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate Westco Insurance Company.

On the motion of Mr. *Price* the Rules were suspended and the petition of Francis Dominic Farrell, Philip Knight, and Brian Milton Rudkin was *Ordered* received.

Mr. Price presented the petition of Guy Young Keetch, Boyden Lees Wood, Kendall D. Garff, Carl Roland Jonsson, Roger J. West, and William Hamilton Mulholland for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate the Major Life & Casualty Company of Canada.

On the motion of Mr. *Price* the Rules were suspended and the petition of Guy Young Keetch, Boyden Lees Wood, Kendall D. Garff, Carl Roland Jonsson, Roger J. West, and William Hamilton Mulholland was *Ordered* received.

Mr. Price presented the petition of Floyd MacIntyre and Elora MacIntyre for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.

On the motion of Mr. *Price* the Rules were suspended and the petition of Floyd MacIntyre and Elora MacIntyre was *Ordered* received.

Mr. Bruch presented the petition of Fergus O'Grady, O.M.I., Bishop of Prince Rupert, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate the Prince George College of Prince George.

On the motion of Mr. Bruch the Rules were suspended and the petition of Fergus O'Grady, O.M.I., Bishop of Prince Rupert, was Ordered received.

Mr. Carnell, on behalf of Mr. Matthew, presented the petition of the Vancouver Policemen's Union for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter.

On the motion of Mr. Carnell the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Vancouver Policemen's Union was Ordered received.

Mr. Carnell, on behalf of Mr. Matthew, presented the petition of the Canadian Society of Radiological Technicians, British Columbia Division, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act Respecting the Practice of Radiological Technique and Respecting Radiological Technicians.

On the motion of Mr. Carnell the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Canadian Society of Radiological Technicians, British Columbia Division, was Ordered received.

Mr. Speare presented the petition of The Granby Mining Company Limited for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled The Granby Mining Company Limited Act Amendment Act, 1966.

On the motion of Mr. Speare the Rules were suspended and the petition of The Granby Mining Company Limited was Ordered received.

Mr. Vogel presented the petition of Seaboard Life Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Seaboard Assurance Company Act, 1953.

On the motion of Mr. Vogel the Rules were suspended and the petition of Seaboard Life Insurance Company was Ordered received.

Mr. MacSorley presented the petition of John A. Grimmett, V. Howard Chadwick, Helen W. Martin, Murray A. Edworthy, John P. Wellwood, Harry N. Watson, and J. Stuart Gifford for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate Fraser Valley Mutual Insurance Company.

On the motion of Mr. MacSorley the Rules were suspended and the petition of John A. Grimmett, V. Howard Chadwick, Helen W. Martin, Murray A. Edworthy, John P. Wellwood, Harry N. Watson, and J. Stuart Gifford was Ordered received.

Mr. Skillings presented the petition of the Victoria Foundation for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Victoria Foundation Act.

On the motion of Mr. Skillings the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Victoria Foundation was Ordered received.

Mr. Skillings presented the petition of the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act Respecting the Practice of Professional Engineering.

On the motion of Mr. Skillings the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia was Ordered received.

The Hon. D. R. J. Campbell (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented the Department of Municipal Affairs Report for the year ended December 31, 1965.

- 1 Mr. Gargrave asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—
- 1. What was the total number of staff employed at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31, 1965?
- 2. What was the total number of prisoners held at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31, 1965?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—

- " 1. 482.
- "2. 868."
- 2 Mr. Gargrave asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:— What was the average per diem cost of keeping a prisoner at Oakalla Gaol in 1965?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—
"For the year ended March 31, 1965, \$8.45."

98 Mr. Gargrave asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—
What was the total number of Provincial employees who were employed exclusively in the capacity of treating narcotic addicts as at December 31, 1965?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—
"Thirteen, plus a part-time psychiatrist."

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

Monday, February 7, 1966

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon B. T. Page.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett made the following statement:—

"It is with deep regret that we have learned of the serious illness of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia. His Honour was taken ill last Friday in Vernon, where he was about to carry out another of those many official duties which he has always performed so willingly and so graciously. However, we are heartened by the latest report, that he has passed a comfortable night in the hospital at Vernon. We offer to him and to Mrs. Pearkes the warmest wishes of this House for his speedy and complete recovery."

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett moved, seconded by Mr. Strachan,—

"That the members of this Legislative Assembly offer to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor George R. Pearkes and to Mrs. Pearkes their warmest wishes for his speedy and complete recovery."

Motion agreed to nem. con.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:-

Honourable Members,—On Thursday afternoon last at the opening of the sitting, a point of order was raised by the honourable member for Oak Bay, whereby a ruling was requested on whether or not Select Standing Committees may, at their organizational meeting, by reference to the House, request that certain matters and things be referred to them for consideration and report.

Standing Committees are those Sessional Committees which are appointed beforehand for the consideration of all subjects of a particular class arising in the course of a Session. The tendency of modern practice is to refer to Committees all matters requiring the taking of evidence and laborious investigation. In this way the House is able to simplify its proceedings and make greater progress with the public business. (Bourinot, 4th edition, pages 454, 455.)

Select Standing Committees of the House are appointed by motion at the commencement of each Session in accordance with Standing Order No. 68, and such Committees are empowered by that motion "to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House . . ."

May, 17th edition, at page 643, states that "Select Committees are regarded as portions of the House, limited in their inquiries by the extent of the authority given them . . ." and Bourinot at page 464 expresses an identical Rule.

Mr. Speaker Carson deals partially with the subject at page 147 of the 1948 Journals of this House, and he determined "No matter or thing having been referred to the Committee by this House, it necessarily follows that this House may not receive a report from said Committee."

Further, May, 17th edition, at page 641, states that "A Select Committee, like a Committee of the whole House, possesses no authority except that which it derives by delegation from the House by which it was appointed. When a Select Committee is appointed to consider or inquire into a matter, the scope of its deliberations or

inquiries is defined by the order by which the Committee is appointed (termed the order of reference), and the deliberations or inquiries of the Committee must be confined within the limits of the order of reference."

It is axiomatic therefore, and a clear principle of parliamentary law, that in the absence of an order of reference which would lay specific matters or things before a Committee, Select Standing Committees are powerless to act, and can neither initiate, recommend, nor otherwise request that the House refer a matter to them for consideration and report.

Honourable members who desire that specific matters be referred by the House to a Select Standing Committee have procedures available to them in the House to seek such a referral. However, the procedure initiated within the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters by the honourable member for Oak Bay was not in order, and I so rule.

W. H. Murray, Speaker.

An appeal was taken from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

The Speaker's ruling was sustained on the following division:—

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		Messieurs	
Speare	Brothers	MacSorley	Loffmark
Smith	Kiernan	LeCours	Campbell
Carnell	Williston	Chabot	Chant
Robinson	Bennett	Skillings	Peterson
Tisdalle	Bonner	Little	Martin
Matthew	Black	Jefcoa t	Gaglardi
Shelford	Vogel	Huhn	Richter
Price			
		Nays—16	
		Messieurs	
McGeer	Gargrave	Macfarlane	Squire
Stupich	Barrett	Nimsick	Harding
Calder	McKay	Haggen, Mrs. Strac	
Eddie	Perrault	Macdonald	Turner
		PAIRS:	
		Messieurs	
	Lundell	Gibson	
	Bruch	Dowding	

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. P. A. Gaglardi, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. R. W. Bonner presented the following report:—

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 7, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

In accordance with the resolution that a Special Committee be named to examine and report their recommendations to the Legislature on the following matters in the order of priority set forth:—

(1) The application of Western Mines for a townsite within the boundaries

of Strathcona Provincial Park:

(2) To receive, review, and report on a Special Report on Fisheries Concerning the Jurisdictional and Administrative Management of the Commercial Fisheries of British Columbia and the Major Problems Associated with the Management of the Resource:

(3) To review the progress made to date in relation to public access and use

of privately operated roads.

Your Special Committee appointed on January 27th to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of that Special Committee of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

Messis. Speare (Convener), Bruch, MacSorley, Price, Tisdalle, Vogel, the Hon. R. R. Loffmark, the Hon. R. G. Williston, Messiss. Strachan, Calder, Eddie,

Nimsick, and McKay.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, Chairman.

The report was taken as read and received.

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

- 45 Mr. Perrault asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—
 With respect to traffic fatalities and injuries in the year ended December 31, 1965:—
- 1. Did the Government of British Columbia undertake any study of the cause of traffic fatalities and injuries on the roads and highways of British Columbia?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the cost of the study and (b) were recommendations submitted to the Government?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:-

"See Votes and Proceedings, February 3, 1966, page 2, answer to Question No. 47. The Department has had the benefit of a variety of studies published in other jurisdictions and is aware of two private studies currently being undertaken in the Province."

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

Tuesday, February 8, 1966

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Father C. T. Alberry.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan presented the Report to the Special Committee on Fisheries Concerning the Jurisdictional and Administrative Management of the Commercial Fisheries of British Columbia and the Major Problems Associated with the Management of the Resource.

On the motion of the Hon. F. X. Richter, seconded by the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, it was Ordered,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to inquire into the availability of farm labour as requested by farm organizations such as the B.C. Federation of Agriculture with a view to ascertaining what steps might be taken to meet this problem and to report its findings to this House.

99 Mr. Calder asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

With reference to bridges in the Atlin constituency:—

- 1. Were any bridges repaired in 1965/66?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the names of the bridges, upon what roads are they located, and what was the total cost of repairs of each bridge?
 - 3. Were any bridges rebuilt in 1965/66?
- 4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what are the names of the bridges, upon what roads are they located, and what was the total cost of construction to each bridge?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:—

- " 1. Yes.
- "2. Bear Creek, Atlin Highway No. 2, \$132; Hitchcock, Atlin Highway No. 2, \$169; Base Camp Bridge, Atlin Highway No. 2, \$172; Glacier Creek, Atlin Highway No. 2, \$14; Fourth of July Bridge, Atlin Highway No. 2, \$110; Birch Creek, Atlin Highway No. 2, \$136; Telegraph Creek, Atlin Highway No. 2, \$131; Cormior Bridge, Stewart-Cassiar Highway, \$21; Halfway Bridge, Spruce Creek Road, \$25; Pine Creek Bridge, O'Donnell River Road, \$82; Burnt Creek Bridge, Atlin Highway No. 2, \$242; McKee Creek, O'Donnell River Road, \$147; Trout Line Bridge, Stewart-Cassiar Highway, \$125; Indian River Bridge, Atlin Highway No. 2, \$147; Surprise Lake Bridge, Surprise Lake Road, \$12; Spruce Creek Bridge, Spruce Creek Road, \$30; Gate Bridge, Surprise Lake Road, \$12; Vance Bridge, Telegraph Creek village, \$36; Dedeah Bridge, Telegraph Creek village-Dease

Lake Road, \$153; Rescue Creek Bridge, Stewart-Cassiar Highway, \$1,074; Beady Creek Bridge, Stewart-Cassiar Highway, \$50; Rainey Creek Bridge, 72R Arterial Stewart Highway, \$40.77; Cullen Creek Bridge, Stewart-Watson Lake Highway No. 31, \$248.98; Bitter Creek Bridge, Stewart-Watson Lake Highway No. 31, \$421.77; and Bear River No. 1, Stewart-Watson Lake Highway No. 31, \$6,288.48.

" 3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

100 Mr. Calder asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

With reference to roads in the Atlin constituency:—

- 1. Was any money spent in 1965/66 in road construction and repairs, including snow removal, on any of the following roads: (a) Atlin Highway, (b) Atlin—Surprise Lake Road, (c) Atlin—Spruce Creek Road, (d) Atlin village roads, (e) Lower Post village roads, (f) Telegraph Creek village roads, (g) Telegraph Creek—Glenora Road, (h) Telegraph Creek—Dease Lake Road, (i) Stewart village roads, (j) Stewart—Hyder Road, (k) Stewart—Bear River Road, (l) Cassiar to Stewart—Cassiar Junction Road, (m) Stewart—Cassiar Junction to Alaska Highway, (n) Stewart—Cassiar Junction to Stikine River Crossing—Burrage River Road, (p) Alice Arm—Dolly Varden Road, (q) Alice Arm Shore Road, and (r) Alice Arm village roads?
 - 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the amount spent on each road?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

- "2. (a) \$9,599, (b) \$569, (c) \$224, (d) \$108, (e) nil, (f) \$2,475, (g) \$114, (h) \$14,719, (i) \$9,799.45, (j) \$5,560.04, (k) \$16,750.24, (l) \$1,988, (m) \$78,696, (n) \$12,864, (o) nil, (p) \$17,039.54, (q) \$248.76, and (r) \$264.66."
- **102** Mr. Tisdalle asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

How many miles of reconstruction is planned, if any, for the Pat Bay Highway in the coming fiscal year?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:—

"No information available at this time."

103 Mr. *Tisdalle* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

How much money has been spent during 1964, to date, on the reconstruction of the Pat Bay Highway, beginning at the Swartz Bay Terminal boundary and proceeding southward?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:—
"\$70,689.39."

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

Tuesday, February 8, 1966

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled An Act to Amend the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, 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 10.29 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9, 1966

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. Van Druten.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Mr. Matthew presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate Fraser Valley Mutual Insurance Company have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs

leave to report as follows:-

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act Respecting the Practice of Radiological Technique and Respecting Radiological Technicians have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 3

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter have been complied

with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 4

Legislative Committee Room, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act Respecting the Practice of Professional Engineering have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Fifth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 5

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Victoria Foundation Act* have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Sixth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 6

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate the Heritage Life Assurance Corporation have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Seventh Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 7

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs

leave to report as follows:-

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate the Southwest Mortgage Indemnity Corporation Limited have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Eighth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 8

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs

leave to report as follows:-

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter have been complied with, except for proof of publication of notice. However, your Committee recom-

mends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill subject to your Committee being satisfied as to due publication of notice.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Ninth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 9

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *The Granby Mining Company Limited Act Amendment Act, 1966*, have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Tenth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 10

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Seaboard Assurance Company Act, 1953, have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Eleventh Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 11

Legislative Committee Room, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate the Prince George College of Prince George have been complied with, except for proof of publication of notice. However, your Committee recommends (a) that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill subject to your Committee being satisfied as to proper publication of notice and (b) that Standing Order 100 (2) be suspended to permit your Committee to consider as sufficient publication notices published on a Thursday rather than Wednesday as prescribed by Standing Order 100 (2).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Twelfth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 12

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate Westco Insurance Company have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Thirteenth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 13

Legislative Committee Room, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Incorporate the Major Life & Casualty Company of

Canada have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Matthew presented the Fourteenth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 14

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

- **96** Mr. Eddie asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—
- 1. Were any cases presented to the Workmen's Compensation Counsellor during the year 1965?
 - 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many cases were presented?

The Hon. L. R. Peterson replied as follows:—

- " 1. Yes.
- "2, 327."
- **101** Mr. Calder asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:—
- 1. Are any mining claims registered in the names of any of the following companies: Totem Mining Company Limited, Metot Mining Company Limited, Julian Mining Company Limited, and Mart Mining Company Limited?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in the case of each company (a) how many claims are filed and (b) where are the claims located?

The Hon. D. L. Brothers replied as follows:—

- "1. According to the records on file as of February 8, 1966, in the Central Records Office of the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources, mineral claims are held under the *Mineral Act* in the names of Metot Minerals Limited and Julian Mining Company Limited. No mineral claims are held in the names of Totem Minerals Limited or Mart Mining Company Limited.
 - "2. Totem Minerals Limited: (a) and (b) Answered by No. 1.
- "Metot Minerals Limited: (a) 22 claims and (b) located approximately 48 miles south-easterly from Tulsequah on the shore of Tatsamenie Lake.

"Julian Mining Company Limited: (a) 151 claims and (b) 58 claims located north and east of Francois Lake, 20 claims located at Fenton Creek north-west of Owen Lake, 16 claims located approximately 3½ miles south of Savory, 23 claims located in the Skeena River-Galore Creek area, 4 claims located approximately 10 miles south of Letain Lake, 8 claims located 16 miles south-east of Turnagain Lake, 22 claims located 13 miles south-east of King Salmon Lake.

"Mart Mining Company Limited: (a) and (b) Answered by No. 1."

- **106** Mr. Calder asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:—
- 1. Was there any expenditure by the Provincial Government in 1965/66 on the construction of the Stewart-Cassiar Road?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in what sections of the road were the moneys spent, and how much?
- 3. With respect to each section of the road, what was the name of the company or companies involved and what amounts were paid to these companies?

The Hon. D. L. Brothers replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Strohn Creek-Bell-Irving River, \$256,100.48; South Bell-Irving River-North Bell-Irving River, \$717,024.78; and Bell-Irving River No. 1, \$49,483.
- "3. Strohn Creek-Bell-Irving River, Ben Ginter Construction Company Limited, \$226,513.54; South Bell-Irving River-North Bell-Irving River, The Cattermole Trethewey Contractors Limited, \$694,108.80; and Bell-Irving River Bridge No. 1, Benray Bridge Company Limited, \$6,349.32."
- **107** Mr. Calder asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:—

With reference to the Federal Government financial share of the construction of the Stewart-Cassiar Road:—

- 1. How much of this money, if any, was expended in the construction of the Stewart-Cassiar Road in 1965/66?
 - 2. How much of this money, if any, remains to be expended?

The Hon. D. L. Brothers replied as follows:—

- "1. \$432,636.84.
- " 2. \$695,349.13."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, February 10, 1966

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. N. S. Noel.

On the motion of Mr. Barrett, Bill (No. 28) intituled An Act to Amend the Training-schools Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the Motion of Mr. Nimsick, Bill (No. 29) intituled An Act to Amend the Sale of Goods 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 Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

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	Messieurs				
Lundell	Price	Vogel	Huhn		
Speare	Brothers	MacSorley	Loffmark		
Smith	Kierna n	LeCours	Campbell		
Carnell	Williston	Chabot	Chant		
Robinson	Bennett	Skillings	Peterson		
Tisdalle	Bonner	Little	Martin		
Bruch	Black	Jefcoat	Richter		
Shelford					
	Nays—18				
	Messieurs				
McGeer	Dowding	Macfarlane	Squire		
Gibson	Gargrave	Nimsick	Harding		
Stupich	Barrett	Haggen, Mrs.	Strachan		
Calder	McKay	Macdonald	Turner		
Eddie	Perrault				

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, seconded by the Hon. R. W. Bonner, it was Ordered,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, seconded by the Hon. R. W. Bonner, it was Ordered,—

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

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. W. D. Black (Provincial Secretary) presented the Civil Service Commission Forty-seventh Annual Report, January 1 to December 31, 1965.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

Friday, February 11, 1966

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. E. King.

On the motion of Mr. Macdonald, Bill (No. 31) intituled An Act to Amend the Fair Employment Practices Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, seconded by the Hon. R. W. Bonner, it was Ordered,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1964/65 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett (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. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. O. WILSON,

Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1967;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31, 1965, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 9, 1966.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett moved, seconded by the Hon. R. W. Bonner, "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. Strachan, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. O. WILSON,

Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Taxation Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 9, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled An Act to Amend the Taxation Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. O. WILSON,

Administrator.

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

Government House,

February 9, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 18) intituled An Act to Amend the Social Services Tax Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. O. WILSON,

Administrator.

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

Government House, February 9, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 20) intituled An Act to Amend the Provincial Homeowner Grant Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. O. WILSON,

Administrator.

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

Government House, February 9, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 22) intituled An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. O. WILSON,

Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Improvement Districts Assistance Loan Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 9, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 19) intituled An Act to Amend the Improvement Districts Assistance Loan Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. O. WILSON,

Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled An Act Respecting the Purchase of Unissued Shares of the Capital Stock of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 9, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 17) intituled An Act Respecting the Purchase of Unissued Shares of the Capital Stock of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. O. WILSON,

Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled An Act to Amend the British Columbia Ferry Authority Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 9, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 21) intituled An Act to Amend the British Columbia Ferry Authority Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. D. Black presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

J. O. WILSON,

Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled An Act to Amend the Medical Grant Act, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 9, 1966.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 23) intituled An Act to Amend the Medical Grant Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett (Minister of Finance) presented the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company Statement of Accounts as at December 31, 1965.

The Hon. F. X. Richter (Minister of Agriculture) presented the Department of Agriculture Sixtieth Annual Report, 1965.

111 Mr. Carnell asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following question:—

Has any study been made by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority as to what effect there will be on development of fish, wildlife, and recreation by the (a) construction of the Portage Mountain Dam and subsequent lake, and (b) construction and development of the Columbia River project and subsequent dam or dams, and lake or lakes?

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan replied as follows:-

- "(a) Some surveys have been made on the probable effect of the Portage Mountain Dam, and subsequent lake, on fish and wildlife. Detailed studies have not been made and would prove costly, and the benefits from these are open to question in terms of corrective action that could be undertaken at this time. The main effects will involve the loss of big-game winter range and waterfowl habitat. It is anticipated that a worth-while fishery for such species as Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, whitefish, and kokanee could develop. This will depend, however, on the extent to which a partially cleared reservoir will physically permit both commercial and sport fishing.
- "(b) Studies have been conducted in respect to the Mica, Arrow, and Duncan dams and reports have been prepared. Resulting from the Duncan River study, a large-scale project is currently under way on the Lardeau River to compensate for the loss of kokanee spawning-grounds on the Duncan River. This involves construction of an artificial spawning-channel. Total project costs about three-quarters of a million dollars. In respect to wildlife, there will be a loss of habitat mainly for game animals and waterfowl. It is hoped that the effects of the Duncan Dam can be offset by increasing attention to the development of the Duck Lake area, which is now covered by a 11,000-acre reserve for wildlife-management purposes. The present hydro projects will not likely affect big-game hunting in British Columbia to a measurable degree. This may not be the case, however, if many additional projects are carried out without adequate provisions for the mitigation of wildlife losses."

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 4.27 p.m.