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Prayers by the Rabbi Harry Brechner of the Congregation Emanu-El.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 29th day of January, 2003.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature:

I join you again, when as legislators you look to the future of our great province and the future of all its people through this Speech from the Throne.

Since this Assembly last convened, several honoured British Columbians have passed away, and we pay tribute to them today. They include Vancouver lawyer Peter Butler, forestry consultant and entrepreneur Charles Widman, Provincial Court Judge William Ostler and Haida artist Freda Diesing.

We also note the passing of one of our country's admired former Governors General, Ramon Hnatyshyn and one of the most honoured citizens of this province, Brigadier General, The Honourable Henry Bell-Irving who served British Columbia both as a soldier and a citizen and was a distinguished Lieutenant Governor from 1978 to 1983.

All these citizens and many more that we have lost since we last met have added much to the life of this province and are sorely missed.

On behalf of all Members, I also send the good wishes of this Assembly and the people of B.C. to former Premier Mike Harcourt for a continued positive recovery from his recent and terrible accident.

A lot has happened over the past year, as the world has struggled to recover from the devastating after-effects of September 11, 2001.

We live in trying, uncertain times of great global change.

New solutions are required to cope with the generational challenges that all provinces are facing in health care, education, and other vital social program areas.

New approaches are needed to refocus public resources where they are needed most — on people: patients, students and those most vulnerable in our society.

Significant change is needed to make our economy more competitive and to build a stronger foundation for prosperity for every family, in every region of our province.

Reforms are required to make our government institutions and services more responsive and accountable to the people they serve.

Yet with the need for change and modernization come exciting new worlds of opportunity. These are times of renewal, hope and accomplishment. They are times of discovery, achievement and unlimited possibility.

No place on Earth is blessed with more potential than British Columbia.

In the heartlands of British Columbia, from one community to the next, the optimism of the people burns bright, as it has throughout our history.

It is that indefatigable sense of confidence and community spirit that has always been the hallmark of British Columbia. In these times, as in those long past, it is the strength and imaginations of British Columbians that carries us to a brighter future.

We still have a long way to go, and there are challenges yet ahead. But we are moving forward, farther, *faster* than anyone thought possible.

The world will open up for us as we *open up* our province to all British Columbians and to the world. That is our central strategic imperative. It is the mission to *open up* British Columbia to the wealth of opportunities that lie in wait of our discovery.

We must *open up* our minds to new ways of meeting our common interests. We must *open up* our province to new partnerships with First Nations, other governments and private enterprise.

This is the government's overriding vision: to *open up* every region and every community to new horizons of hope. To *open up* every sector of our economy to new opportunities, wherever they exist. To *open up* the free flow of people, goods and services within our province and with our trading partners. To *open up* every region of B.C. to visitors from around the globe through a successful 2010 Olympic bid.

There is no place on Earth that has more to offer the world than British Columbia.

With all we have to work with as a province — our wealth of talent, our rich natural resources, and our tremendous competitive advantages — there is no dream we can't realize if we really want to make it happen.

Opening Up Our Democratic Institutions

Today across the country Canadians have lost some of their confidence in their public institutions.

They are skeptical about government's ability to meet their needs and meet the challenges of our rapidly changing world.

Your government is acting to change that. It has worked to open up our public institutions to the people of the province through a number of reforms that are in some cases without precedent in Canada or the Commonwealth.

These include free votes, active legislative committees, new Government Caucus Committees, televised open Cabinet meetings, and a set date for provincial general elections.

There are now three-year rolling service plans, with performance targets that Ministers must meet to earn their full pay, and an independent Progress Board to report on how well our province is doing.

All of these measures have made the government more open, accessible and accountable to British Columbians.

The government's initiative to create Canada's first Provincial Congress reflects the growing understanding among all Canadians that all elected officials serve the same citizens.

Provincial Dialogues on Health and Education have reinforced the government's prime commitment to improve health and education, as well as its dedication to new ideas, to learn from one another and to bring British Columbians together in search of new solutions to their common challenges.

We can open up new worlds of possibility if we have access to the information and facts needed to make informed decisions.

New efforts will be made to ensure that British Columbians do have the information they need to understand the challenges their government faces and to assess the decisions it is making on their behalf.

Additional resources will be committed to foster informed public debate of the facts and choices at hand, and understanding of the opportunities and solutions the government is pursuing in the public interest.

The government will do more this year to bring citizens together in search of new ideas for constructive change.

A Dialogue on Crime will bring together community leaders, MLAs, law enforcement experts and others in pursuit of better ways to prevent and combat crime in our schools and on our streets.

In the interim, legislation will be introduced this Session to help our police better manage and track information on criminals, suspects and sentencing conditions imposed by the courts.

This new high-tech computer-based system will enhance public safety, and will be provided to police across British Columbia.

A Seniors and Youth Congress will also be organized to examine the challenges facing our province from the perspective of both the younger generation and seniors.

The government wants to build a bridge between the generations where the enthusiasm and new ideas of youth are tempered by the wisdom of experience.

Moreover, this year your government will put the drafting pen in the hands of the people to shape the future of our parliamentary democracy in the 21st century.

A Citizens' Assembly will examine and make recommendations on the crucial issue of electoral reform.

British Columbians will have an unprecedented opportunity to review and debate all models available throughout the world for electing their MLAs, consistent with our system of responsible government.

And if the Assembly ultimately determines that there is a better model than the current system, that model will be put directly to the people in a referendum to amend our provincial constitution on May 17, 2005.

A motion will be introduced in this Assembly within the next few weeks to initiate this process, following the release of the report on this issue that was so ably completed by the respected Gordon Gibson.

To open up the future, we must have the confidence to challenge the status quo and build upon the values of British Columbians. We must embark upon a bold, exciting, new course: one that ventures to dare and dream and *do* whatever might be done to make B.C. the best it can be.

Opening Up New Worlds of Possibility

Education is the key to opening up new worlds of possibility, and along with health care, it is your government's highest social priority.

This year, the government will build on the major reforms introduced in education last year. New measures will be taken to improve graduation requirements and ensure graduates have the skills they need in life after school.

Amendments will be introduced to the *Teaching Profession Act* that will enhance accountability and administrative efficiency, while clarifying the role of the British Columbia College of Teachers.

New steps will be taken to encourage student involvement in education planning in schools. New Web-based informational tools will help parents foster student achievement and improve literacy and numeracy skills.

Similarly, improvements will be made to advanced education.

Our universities remain a source of provincial pride and educational excellence. The government will continue to help liberate the expertise and potential that exists within our universities, to ensure they remain engines of knowledge generation and discovery.

It will continue to pursue new partnerships through initiatives like the Leading Edge Endowment Fund, Genome BC and the B.C. Life Sciences Initiative that will build on the nearly \$700 million the government has committed to advance research and foster innovation in British Columbia.

Your government is excited by the contributions that are made by B.C.'s exceptional colleges and institutes throughout the province.

This year the government will initiate a new research partnership aimed at providing new resources for applied economic and social research that takes place in our colleges. The new B.C. Regional Innovation Chairs will be seed-funded by a \$7.5 million one-time grant from the government. The chairs will be administered by the Leading Edge Endowment Fund.

The legislative committee on education will focus its attention on B.C.'s institutes and colleges to determine what can be done to build on their accomplishments.

The new BC Campus on-line learning model will be advanced to significantly increase access to post-secondary education. A new *Private Career Training Institutions Act* will be introduced to guide career-related private training, and to ensure tuition protection for students.

A new model for industry training in trades and technical sectors will be implemented to address skills shortages and increase training and apprenticeships.

All of these initiatives will help open up new worlds of learning for British Columbians.

Opening Up

New Hope for Sustainable, Accessible Health Care

No area of government is in more dire need of reform than health care. We must find new ways of controlling rising health costs, while also increasing access to services, drugs, technology and highly skilled health professionals.

Despite the \$1.1 billion increase that the government has directed to health care, it is still not enough to keep pace with British Columbians' growing demands, an aging population and rising expectations for ever bigger, better, and more expensive health care services.

Over the past decade Pharmacare costs have jumped by 147 per cent and are now projected to grow by almost 500 per cent over the next two decades. Over the past ten years, we've seen the cost of health care grow from 34 per cent of all expenditures to 41 per cent today.

This growth in health spending is increasingly squeezing out the money available in the budget for other vital social services. Clearly this trend cannot continue.

New solutions are needed. New approaches are required. New cooperative relationships and cost containment strategies are essential.

The additional federal funding negotiated at last week's First Ministers' Conference will help. But it will not in itself solve our sustainability problem, or adequately offset the cost pressures of current health services and health reform.

The Province's vision for health care, the Picture of Health, clearly outlines many reforms that will also help meet the challenges at hand.

More steps will be taken this year to act on that vision.

The Action Schools project represents only one of several initiatives that will be taken to promote health prevention and wellness.

The new 24/7 BC NurseLine, the BC HealthGuide, the Aboriginal Companion handbook, and new programs aimed at early childhood development will all help promote health and wellness for all B.C. families.

Later this year, the government will initiate a new strategy for Chronic Disease Management. New measures will be taken to strengthen British Columbia's Ambulance Service.

Your government will continue to pursue new independent living options for seniors, to improve their quality of life and to reduce pressure on long-term care facilities.

A new Fair PharmaCare Plan will be introduced later this month that will significantly benefit most British Columbians living on fixed and lower incomes.

Some 280,000 low-income families will pay less than they do now. For the first time young families with lower incomes will be supported in their drug costs through the Fair PharmaCare Plan.

The new Fair PharmaCare Plan will end the existing inequities whereby higher income earners sometimes pay less for their drug costs than those with much lower incomes. Yet it will ensure that the vast majority of B.C. families will pay the same or less for their prescription drug costs than they do today.

All of these measures will help put health care on a solid and sustainable footing for the future.

Opening Up

New Ways of Meeting Our Common Interests

Your government will continue to open up new ways of meeting our citizens' common interests.

New steps will be taken this year to improve choice and access to childcare services, as all services are consolidated under the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

The new funding model announced last December will increase the number of government-funded childcare spaces by over 50 per cent, from 45,000 to 70,000. More than 1,400 licensed family and group childcare providers will be eligible for government assistance for the first time.

The government will also introduce legislation to open up a new provincial authority called Community Living BC to oversee the design and delivery of services to people with developmental disabilities.

As the government continues with employment assistance reforms aimed at fostering greater independence and self-sufficiency, funding will continue to be focused on those who need it most.

Funding for employment programs for people with disabilities was increased by 40 per cent this past fiscal year, and in the new year those with disabilities will see their earnings exemptions rise again.

The changes the government has made have not been easy or without controversy. But they are working. Today there are 55,000 fewer British Columbians dependent on income assistance than there were when this government came to office.

Exit surveys show that 92 per cent of those leaving income assistance have done so for employment, educational opportunities or because they have other sources of income. The majority — 66 per cent — found paid employment and are generally earning two or three times more than they were on welfare.

Opening Up

Recognition and Reconciliation with First Nations

If history has taught us anything, surely it is this: we are always stronger as a country and as a province when we work together.

We are enhanced as a people when we celebrate our diversity and build on all we have in common. We are enriched when we listen to one another and learn from our mistakes.

Nowhere is that truer than with governments' relations with First Nations. For too long we have been stuck in a rut of our own making, talking past each other and heading in opposite directions.

There is no mileage in the status quo. To make progress, we must all find a new path forward together. We must move beyond the old approaches and flawed policies of the past.

It is up to us to accord First Nations the respect, support and social and economic opportunities to which they are entitled.

Errors have been made in the past. Our institutions have failed Aboriginal people across our province.

Your government deeply regrets the mistakes that were made by governments of every political stripe over the course of our province's history.

It regrets the tragic experiences visited upon First Nations through years of paternalistic policies that fostered inequity, intolerance, isolation and indifference.

Inadequate education, health care and housing; rampant unemployment; alcoholism and drug abuse; unconscionably high rates of physical and sexual abuse, incarceration, infant mortality and suicide: these are the hallmarks of despair that have disproportionately afflicted First Nations' families, on and off-reserve.

These are the legacies of history that we must act to erase. They are sad reminders that it is always our children who pay the biggest price for society's shortcomings.

No words of regret can ever undo the damage that has been done to First Nations in all the years we have shared this land together. Nor are governments solely responsible for all of the misfortunes endured by First Nations at the cruel hand of history.

The point of reflecting on the errors made is not to assign blame or bear guilt for the actions of our forefathers. Rather, it is to assume today's responsibility to heal the wounds that time has wrought.

It is to offer our hand in a new partnership of optimism and hope, as one people of many peoples, in pursuit of common goals.

The place to meet is at the negotiating tables, not in the courts or on opposite sides of new barriers to understanding.

Your government will prove this year that it is serious about negotiating workable, affordable treaties that will provide certainty, finality and equality. It will take bold new steps to advance issues that are common to most treaty tables, such as governance, certainty, and access to fish.

Agreements-in-principle are within reach. With goodwill and mutual commitment we can break new ground and lead by example.

Progress is not just being made in treaty talks. First Nations leaders have worked closely with the government to create social and economic opportunities for their communities throughout B.C.

Your government is determined to provide a new level of economic opportunity for First Nations communities and people.

A three-year, \$30 million Economic Measures Fund has been established to help First Nations pursue new economic opportunities now. That Fund will be indefinitely extended with an additional \$10 million per year.

Funding has been approved to support Aboriginal involvement in oil and gas, tourism, forestry, fish aquaculture and the Olympic bid.

Your government is working to expand First Nations' involvement in the co-management of parks and recreational services.

A formal new partnership with Aboriginal leaders is leading the country in Aboriginal child protection and family development.

Funding has been enhanced for Aboriginal post-secondary programs, early childhood development, childcare services and programs to protect and promote Aboriginal languages. The First Citizens' Fund is being doubled, from \$36 million to \$72 million.

All of these initiatives will help, but more must be done. The treaty process will not be completed overnight — it will take time. Interim measures will help, but it must be remembered that a third of First Nations have opted not to participate in the treaty process.

Regardless, the courts have been very clear that the Crown always has a legal duty to consult and accommodate First Nations where their rights may be affected. Your government will do more over the next years to meet that obligation.

It will work with First Nations and others to explore ways of building upon the Provincial Policy for Consultation with First Nations, in furtherance of the New Era goal of developing a legislative framework for respecting Aboriginal rights in the absence of treaties.

Efforts to renew forestry, to develop energy, to build tourism, to restore mining, to revitalize the fishery, to expand agriculture, to improve health care delivery and educational prospects, all create new opportunities for British Columbians that must include First Nations.

Clearly, new partnerships are required to promote greater equity and certainty for all concerned — Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal alike.

Achieving those partnerships will require new commitments to cooperative approaches on everyone's part, especially in our forest and fishing industries.

Significant reforms will be introduced this year to ensure that more access to logging and forest opportunities is available to First Nations.

Your government will take another bold step to forge a new era of reconciliation with First Nations. Starting this year, funding will be earmarked in the budget for revenue sharing arrangements with First Nations that wish to help revitalize the forest industry in their traditional territories.

The distribution of that revenue will be negotiated with First Nations in exchange for legal certainty that allows all regions and all British Columbians to more fairly prosper from their resource industries.

The future will be forged in partnership with First Nations — not in denial of their history, heritage and culture. It will be won in recognition of First Nations' constitutional rights and title — not lost for another generation because we failed to act.

It will be earned through reconciliation and mutual respect. It will be built with bold new approaches that will materially improve First Nations' quality of life — before and after treaties are concluded.

Opening Up

The Canada — British Columbia Partnership

As your government acts to create a new generation of understanding and collaboration with First Nations, it recognizes the federal government must also play a crucial role.

The Province is striving to create a new Canada-British Columbia Partnership that meets the needs of all our citizens and includes everyone in the promise of Canada.

British Columbians want their provincial and federal governments to work together on their behalf, not in isolation or opposition to one another. B.C. taxpayers also want to see a fairer share of their federal tax contributions being reinvested in their province.

Your government is pleased with the federal government's growing appreciation of this fact. Over the past year, significant commitments have been made in partnership with British Columbia.

The Province is working in partnership with the federal government on the 2010 Olympic bid; the new Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre; the new Gulf Islands National Park; the softwood lumber dispute; the pine beetle infestation; and cross-border initiatives.

The governments have joined together to build important new infrastructure, and a strong new partnership.

British Columbia's new Life Sciences Initiative is one such example. It has the potential to provide support for cutting edge research in life sciences critical to our traditional resource industries and to our future.

New knowledge, new technologies and applied applications will create a new wave of economic opportunity for entrepreneurial scientists and small businesses across B.C.

Working with the federal government we are confident we can close the digital divide that separates many Aboriginal and rural British Columbians from the world of information, opportunity and benefits that flow from broad band access.

Another area where the Province is working in partnership with the federal government is in transportation. Improvements to highways and border crossings have already begun. But more is needed, starting with critical improvements to the Trans-Canada Highway.

That is your government's top priority for funding under the new Canada-British Columbia Partnership. We need to open up Canada's gateway to British Columbia through the Kicking Horse Canyon of the Trans-Canada Highway.

Your government will pursue that goal and other priorities to meet British Columbians' transportation needs under the new Canada-B.C. Partnership.

As well, the government is working with the federal government to harmonize environmental assessment policies and to improve fisheries management.

This year the government is hoping to enter into a new, multi-year national agriculture policy to improve food safety, quality, and environmental sustainability.

It will also explore the potential for a new national park in the Okanagan, as well as new marine parks to protect some of our most valuable marine ecosystems.

There is so much that can be achieved for our province and our country when we build them both together. This is the promise of Confederation.

Opening Up

New Partnerships with Local Governments

Your government will also open up new partnerships with local governments. A new Community Charter will shortly be introduced to give local governments greater autonomy, new planning tools, and new sources of revenue.

New partnerships will be opened up with the private sector. Partnerships BC will aggressively pursue public-private partnerships that will improve customer services, maximize private sector investment and minimize costs to taxpayers.

While public-private partnerships are already underway with a new ambulatory care centre in Vancouver and the new Fraser Valley Health Centre, new public-private partnerships will be actively sought this year in transportation, health care, information technology, housing, and land and resource development.

Opening Up

British Columbia to the World

There can be no better way to open up our province to the world than by hosting the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver and Whistler.

No money could ever buy the exposure that event would give our province over the next decade and beyond.

What better way to invite the world to visit our province and build our tourism industry? What better way to turbo-charge our economy and create lasting legacies of achievement? What better way to celebrate our multicultural heritage as Canadians?

All of Canada is counting on us to win that bid. Cities across the nation forfeited their own chance to host the Olympics so that we might win the bid for all Canadians.

And now we are approaching the finish line with only two other cities vying for the honour of standing in the spotlight.

The Olympics are about much more than tourism or sport. They are about reaching for the best in all of us.

It is the light of competition, dedication, commitment, discipline and excellence that shines from the Olympic flame. It is the light of humanity and international unity. It is the light in a young person's eye as she dreams of standing on the podium, singing our National Anthem.

The Olympics are all about showing ourselves and all the world just how much we can do and how great we can be in every respect — as individuals, communities, British Columbians and Canadians.

They are about giving our country and our province a chance to shine... a chance to achieve more than we ever thought possible.

The economic benefits of hosting the Olympics are undeniable. They will attract billions of dollars in new investment and economic activity into our province and create thousands of new jobs.

Independent studies have confirmed what former Olympic hosts from Calgary, to Sydney, to Salt Lake City have all told us — the Olympics will generate far more in jobs and economic activity than their cost. Ask Lake Placid, Albertville, Lillehammer or Seoul. They all agree it was the best thing they ever did.

Should we be successful this July, we will gain a once-in-a-lifetime chance to showcase our province to some two billion viewers worldwide. We will gain the right to build upon the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games for years before and after that magnificent event.

What a legacy it would leave to our children. What an opportunity it would afford our tourism industry and communities throughout our province. What a way it would be to put our province, our athletes and our nation front and centre on the world stage.

The decision will be made on July 2nd.

Opening Up Our Transportation Infrastructure

The key to building our province has always been to open it up — to open up B.C. to new opportunities for growth and prosperity wherever they exist.

To open up our gateways to all of Canada and the world... To open up our provincial lands and resources to wealth creation... To open up every region to better transportation infrastructure and freer movement of goods, services and people.

Your government has a vision for transportation to do just that.

In rural B.C. there are roads that you cannot drive on because they are in such bad shape. Resource industries face increasing costs and complications because our transportation system does not meet their needs.

Cities and suburbs are choked by traffic and are in desperate need of public transit. Coastal communities need improved ferry service to meet not just their economic needs but their social needs as well.

Goods must flow freely to our customers on the continent and around the world if our economy is to prosper. Ports need to be opened to new levels of access and our airports need to be recognized as critical social and economic infrastructure.

When our transportation system is failing, we cannot work together as we should or reach our full potential as a province.

Your government has completed the first stage of a comprehensive transportation plan.

It is a vision that opens up the North with major improvements to rural roads, new access to gas and oil fields, and the completion of the new Nisga'a Highway.

The heartlands of our province will be opened up through an integrated rail network that improves service and protects public ownership of the BC Rail lines, beds and rights-of-way.

Improvements to the Kicking Horse Canyon will help open up the Kootenays and the Columbia Valley to the rest of Canada and all of B.C.

New investments in border infrastructure will improve the movement of our goods to our customers. The Island and Coast will be opened up to greater choice, competition and better service through the new BC Ferries Services.

And your government will continue to work to ensure our airports become the regional social and economic engines they should be.

Improvements to transportation are long overdue and starting this year they will be secured for the future through dedicated funding from fuel tax revenue that ensures those investments are made.

Opening Up A Revitalized Forestry Industry

No issue will dominate this Session's legislative agenda like the reforms aimed at revitalizing B.C.'s forest industry.

A number of measures will be taken to open up our forest industry and put it on a sound, sustainable, competitive footing.

This Session, your government will introduce legislation to create a working forestland base. The working forest is meant to secure a working land base for forest companies, forest workers and communities throughout the heartlands of British Columbia.

The government will pass forest reforms to diversify tenure and move towards market-based stumpage that is regionally sensitive and socially responsible. These measures will ensure that British Columbians get top value for every log harvested from their public forests.

More timber will be available for innovative, smaller, local operators through the B.C. Timber Sales Program and also for First Nations.

Fair compensation will be assured for existing tenure holders that recognizes both the benefits and costs of reform.

There will be benefits from the elimination of water bedding, cut controls and appurtenancy requirements that have hurt forest companies' ability to successfully compete.

We will maintain current restrictions on the export of logs from Crown lands. As noted, significant steps will be taken to involve and accommodate First Nations' interests in the development of forest resources.

These measures will not be easy, painless or welcomed by all. Restructuring of this magnitude simply cannot be made without some short-term dislocation. But restructuring is needed now. It cannot wait.

The Coastal industry is in deep trouble and has implored the government to act, despite the attendant hardships and growing pains that will inevitably result in the short-term. To delay further would be to invite devastating consequences and unthinkable permanent job losses.

The changes that must be made are difficult, yet absolutely critical to the Coastal industry's long-term viability and survival.

The Interior forest industry faces other structural pressures, beyond the softwood lumber dispute. The pine beetle infestation threatens communities throughout most of the Interior and the North.

Your government will continue to work with the industry in each region to act in a measured, determined way to bring about the right reforms at the right time for the greatest public good.

The government's primary concern as we move through this generational change in forest policy is the people who count on the forests directly for their livelihoods.

It will work with labour, the federal government and industry representatives to try to mitigate the trauma of change on people's lives and in our heartlands communities.

Over the long term, the government's forest reforms will modernize our forest industry and make it more competitive. Forestry will remain British Columbia's number one industry for many, many years to come.

This year the sun will begin to rise on a new forest industry where forest workers look to the future with confidence and optimism.

Opening Up B.C.'s Heartlands to Economic Growth

Your government's new B.C. Heartlands Economic Strategy will open up new opportunities for economic growth throughout our entire province.

The Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise will complete and implement economic development plans across the province, incorporating plans for infrastructure, human capital, and marketing.

The B.C. Heartlands Economic Strategy will open up new partnerships with First Nations, new investments in transportation infrastructure, new opportunities for tourism, sport and recreation from a successful Olympics bid, and a revitalized forestry industry.

Yet more will be done.

No sector of our economy offers more promise for job and wealth creation throughout British Columbia than our energy industry. The new Energy Policy will open up new investments in independent power production and clean, renewable alternative energy throughout B.C.

Coalbed methane has huge potential for the Kootenays, the Central Interior and Vancouver Island. Opportunities for job creation in that new enterprise will be pursued this year with new vigor, supported by new legislation.

Offshore oil and gas exploration holds tremendous promise for communities in the Northwest and on northern Vancouver Island.

By 2010, your government wants to have an offshore oil and gas industry that is up and running, environmentally sound, and booming with job creation.

Tourism is another sector that is critical to the government's B.C. Heartlands Economic Strategy. By 2010, your government wants to see our tourism industry more than double in size.

The government wants to see B.C.'s parks be major magnets for tourism. The new Recreational Stewardship Plan will help make that happen.

But more can be done to leverage the opportunities that will flow from those parks, new investments in transportation, and hosting the 2010 Olympics.

B.C.'s summer and winter resorts are unparalleled in the world. From Kelowna's Big White to Vernon's Silver Star... From Courtenay's Mount Washington to Penticton's Apex... From Sun Peaks in Kamloops, to Eight Peaks and Saddle Mountain near Blue River...

From Canoe near Valemount, to Hudson Bay Mountain near Smithers and Powder King near Chetwynd... From Golden's Kicking Horse to Invermere's Panorama... From Kimberley Alpine Resort and Fernie Alpine Resort to Nelson's White Water and Rossland's Red Mountain, British Columbia's resort potential is unmatched.

There are brand new resort communities on the horizon.

B.C.'s four-season resorts are an enormous economic asset and represent a major opportunity for British Columbians throughout our heartlands.

This year your government is establishing the B.C. Resort Task Force to bring together all the resources and assets of government with First Nations and Resort Communities across B.C.

It will develop new programs to ensure our resort potential is fully met and fully recognized around the world.

The Heartlands Economic Strategy will bring together transportation, energy, forestry, tourism, agriculture, and new technologies to create a powerful economic force for the regions and province as a whole.

This can all happen if we lift our sights higher...if we set new goals for ourselves that oblige us all to reach higher than we ever thought possible.

Opening Up Economic Opportunities for All

Still more opportunities for growth exist in our technology sector.

To help focus government's efforts on expanding our knowledge economy, the government intends to follow the advice of the Premier's Technology Council.

All information technology and e-government related services will be consolidated this year under the Ministry of Management Services.

Your government wants high-speed Internet access in communities throughout the province.

It wants B.C. to be the most computer literate province in Canada.

Other steps will be taken this year to help stimulate investment and job creation in small businesses throughout our province.

The government will launch a new international marketing strategy to aggressively develop new markets and increase market share for B.C. products worldwide.

A national information campaign will market British Columbia's competitive advantages to all Canadians.

Your government will continue to streamline and modernize regulation and encourage business investment and job creation.

It will simplify consumer protection legislation by consolidating seven existing statutes into one.

Changes to the *Small Business Venture Capital Act* will increase access to seed capital, eliminate red tape, and provide funding opportunities for all regions of the province.

Changes will be introduced to save B.C. businesses time and money.

Companies will soon be able to use a single business number to complete several business processes at one time, from incorporation to registration and data maintenance.

Amendments will also be tabled to the *Coal Act*, the *Mineral Tenure Act*, the *Mines Act*, and the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* to streamline administration and stimulate investment in those sectors.

New legislative measures will open up ICBC, BC Ferries and BC Hydro to independent regulatory oversight that better protects ratepayers, free of political interference.

Legislation will be introduced to open up fair and transparent government procurement practices; modernize the *Waste Management Act*; improve contaminated sites regulation; streamline and strengthen the *Pesticide Control Act*; and enhance planning for agriculture and the right to farming.

Opening Up Prosperity and Opportunity

There is much to be done to build a New Era of hope, prosperity and public service for British Columbia.

The challenges at hand will not solve themselves. The opportunities that lie in wait will not be found unless we search for them.

The future we all want for our families, communities, province and country will not materialize by clinging to the status quo.

Real progress always necessitates change... movement... growth. Never has that been truer than it is today.

No region should be left behind as our province moves forward. No segment of our society should be marginalized by a lack of will to make things better.

No sector of our economy should be hamstrung by policies that close off opportunities, turn away investment, or deny job creation.

Your government understands that it too must strive to balance the need for positive change with British Columbians' desire for certainty, stability and manageable reform.

Finding that right balance is always open to debate and constructive criticism. Your government will do its best to listen, learn and act accordingly.

Undeniably, the challenges are great and cannot be surmounted without error. Yet British Columbians know what needs to be done.

This is the year to do it.

This is the year to open up our economy to new investment and job creation by opening up our lands and resources. This is the year to open up our minds to new ways of meeting our common interests, and to open up new partnerships with First Nations, other governments and private enterprise.

This is the year to win the right to host the 2010 Olympics and showcase our entire province to the world. This is the year to revitalize our forest industry and optimize growth in every sector of our economy and in every region.

Your government will open up our province to the free flow of people, goods, services and knowledge. It will modernize and improve crucial public services by putting the interests of patients, students and people in need *first*.

In short, it will put ideas into action.

Let this be the year that we earn our way forward with bold steps, hard work and a relentless commitment to the next generation. Let this be the year we win the world for British Columbia and Canada.

This truly is our time to shine.

Thank you.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Collins*, seconded by Ms. *MacPhail*, it was *Ordered* —

That *John Weisbeck*, Member for Kelowna-Lake Country Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Collins*, seconded by Ms. *MacPhail*, it was *Ordered* —

That *Harold Long*, Member for Powell River-Sunshine Coast Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

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

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

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

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be

appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *G. Collins* (Convener), Messrs. *Wong*, *Krueger*, *Wilson*, *Nuraney* and *Manhas*, Ms. *McMahon*, Ms. *Chong* and Ms. *MacPhail*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.53 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Foresters Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
February 10, 2003

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Lekstrom* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Third Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Mr. *Bennett* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bray* —

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

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Thursday, February 13, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *R. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *G. Collins* made a statement regarding a matter of privilege raised by Ms. *MacPhail* on May 30, 2002.

The Speaker stated that the matter was under consideration.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, February 13, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Kwan* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Kwan* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Monday, February 17, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nuraney*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

7 By leave, Ms. *Locke* moved —

Be it resolved that this House call on the federal government to amend the Criminal Code so that "street racing" is considered an aggravating circumstance for a person convicted of a offence committed by means of a motor vehicle under section 220 (criminal negligence causing death) or 221 (criminal negligence causing bodily harm) or subsection 249 (3) (dangerous operation causing bodily harm) or 249 (4) (dangerous operation causing death).

A debate arose.

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

3 By leave, Mr. *Visser* moved —

Be it resolved that this House recognize the important role that an environmentally responsible aquaculture industry can play in economic development for First Nations.

A debate arose.

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

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Annual Report 2001.

And then the house adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, February 17, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Museum Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 10, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Elections BC Annual Report, 2002.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *MacKay*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

90 The Hon. *R. Coleman* moved —

Resolved that the Legislative Assembly adopt the following sessional order:

Practice recommendation No. 11 (Standing Order 47, 47A)

Public Written Questions.

1. Written questions may be submitted by an elected member of a provincial or local public body designated under this order and in accordance with the guidelines established by Mr. Speaker. Questions submitted in writing to the Office of the Speaker by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday are eligible to be drawn on Thursday. Five questions drawn by the Speaker which conform to the guidelines shall be placed on the Orders of the Day on Monday of each week. A question shall be printed on 2 consecutive weeks unless answered.

2. A Private Member may ask a qualified question of a Minister during Question Period. The Member from whose constituency the question comes will have first refusal to put such question to the appropriate Minister. The Minister may answer the question orally or in writing by filing with the Clerk of the House. Written answers shall be published in the Votes and Proceedings.

3. Questions should relate to current provincial issues and public affairs, be timely, brief and stated without argument or opinion. The submission must not include unparliamentary language and shall be directed to the Minister who has responsibility for the area of interest.

Motion agreed to.

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the house adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates — fiscal year ending March 31, 2004; and

Supplement to the Estimates — fiscal year ending March 31, 2004;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17, 2003.

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

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

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

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled:
Small Business Venture Capital Amendment Act, 2003;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 14, 2003.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bills (Nos. 6 and 7) intituled:
Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2003;
Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17, 2003.

Bills introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Government Strategic Plan 2003/04 – 2005/06;

Service Plans 2003/04 – 2005/06 required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, as follows:

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Advanced Education; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries; Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services; Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Energy and Mines; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests; Ministry of Health Planning; Ministry of Health Services; Ministry of Human Resources; Ministry of Management Services (Public Service Employee Relations Commission); Ministry of Provincial Revenue; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Skills Development and Labour; Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management (Agricultural Land Commission); Ministry of Transportation; Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection; BC Environmental Assessment Office; Forest Practices Board;

Crown Corporation and Government Organization Service Plans: BC Arts Council; BC Assessment Authority; BC Buildings Corporation; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery

Corporation; BC Railway Company; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; BC Utilities Commission; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Creston Valley Wildlife Management Authority Trust Fund; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Homeowner Protection Office; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Land and Water BC; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia Society; Partnerships BC; Provincial Capital Commission; Royal BC Museum; Science Council of British Columbia; Tourism British Columbia; and

List of Government organizations exempt from section 13 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise) tabled a statement required pursuant to section 17 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* with respect to the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd.

And then the House adjourned at 3.42 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *R. Stewart*.

Mr. *K. Stewart* made a statement regarding the death earlier today of *Austin Pelton*, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker stated that he would convey to the family of the late Mr. *Pelton*, the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Employee Investment Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 18, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Health Services) made a ministerial statement regarding the BC Ear Bank.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the following:

Office of the Ombudsman Service Plan, 2003/04 – 2005/06; and

Funding the Office of the Ombudsman: Special Financial Report No. 1, February 2003.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2003

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Kerr*.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Thursday, May 30th, 2002, the Leader of the Opposition rose to present a matter of privilege relating to an alleged disclosure of the contents of a report of the Special Committee to Review the Police Complaint Process, by the Chair of that Committee.

I thank the Honourable Member for her succinct presentation, and the Government House Leader’s contribution of Thursday, February 13th, 2003, on this question.

In her submission, the Leader of the Opposition stated that the article which appeared in the *Vancouver Sun* on May 28th, 2002, violated her privileges as a Member of the House. The article in question quoted the Chair of the Committee in relation to Committee proceedings.

For his part, the Government House Leader argued that when the Chair spoke to the media, the Committee had not yet considered its report, that there was no report on May 27th and therefore the Member could not possibly have released details of a report that simply did not exist.

I will now carefully outline the facts and chronology of events because of their pertinence to this decision.

After several meetings to review the police complaint process, the Committee held a meeting of significance on Monday, May 27th, 2002. The first part of the meeting was *in camera*. The Committee then met in public forum.

In the public segment of this meeting, the Chair made a statement that the Police Complaint Commissioner had tendered his resignation to the Speaker, effective that very day. The Chair, continuing in public forum, further explained the details of the terms and conditions respecting the resignation.

An examination of the Committee’s minutes of proceedings and the *Hansard* report of May 27th, 2002, clearly confirms that the terms and conditions of the resignation were in fact discussed in the public portion of that meeting. Upon adjournment of the Committee, the Chair then proceeded to share exactly the same information with the media outside the committee room.

These facts, specifically the resignation and its terms and conditions, were then reported in the May 28th *Vancouver Sun* article submitted by the Leader of the Opposition.

On May 30th, 2002, the Special Committee to Review the Police Complaint Process presented its report to the House, a report that contained no additional information other than that which had been made public at the Committee meeting earlier in the week. Again, the report strictly addressed the resignation and its terms and conditions.

I have carefully examined the material presented by the Leader of the Opposition in her submission which included the Committee's report to the House. A report to the House, by extension, is comprised of and is complemented by the corresponding minutes of proceedings and the *Hansard* report of all the committee meetings. It appears to me that the information, which the Chair disclosed to the media, was not information relating to decisions and recommendations arising out of *in camera* proceedings.

The Chair's information to the media related to matters and only matters that had been made public by the Chair when the Committee was meeting in public forum.

This was all in the public domain well before the Committee tabled its report to the House on May 30th. On the facts, I cannot find that there was a premature publication of confidential or *in camera* committee material.

On the question before the House today, I must rule that the matter raised by the honourable the Leader of the Opposition does not constitute a *prima facie* matter of privilege.

The Chair notes that premature disclosure of the contents of a report to the House, before tabling in the House, is a potential breach of the privileges of this House and of its Members, a situation that the Chair considers extremely serious. May's 19th edition, at page 146 states:

“By the ancient custom of Parliament, no act done by any committee should be divulged before the same be reported to the House ... Where the public are admitted, this rule is usually not enforced.”

In this instance the Committee had made a public statement on the matter at its public meeting, and the statement was not a Committee proceeding “conducted with closed doors”. (May, 19th edition, at p. 146.)

I would, nevertheless, remind the House that when a committee is mandated to undertake a certain task, the committee usually presents a report to the House at the conclusion of its work. Committee reports should be presented to the House before public release. The practice of discussing the contents of reports to the House in public session should be discouraged as the Committee has a duty to report its findings first and foremost to the House.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the house adjourned at 12.00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Roddick* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Health for the Third Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Roddick* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Monday, February 24, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Christensen*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

5 By leave, Ms. *MacPhail* moved —

That this House calls upon the government to halt the plan to income test seniors, to make public all hearings related to the broader review of Pharmacare announced December 3, 2002, and to ensure that seniors are included in that process.

A debate arose.

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

And then the house adjourned at 12.03 p.m.

Monday, February 24, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Agrologists Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 10, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Auditor General Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy and Mines) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Energy and Mines Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Bid.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the following:

Auditor General 2002/2003: Report 9: A Review of Government Oversight of Multi-Employer Public Sector Pension Plans in British Columbia; and Auditor General Service Plan 2003/04 – 2005/06.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bray*.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report on Bill 9 – 2003, *Auditor General Act*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Energy and Mines Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—64

Falcon
Hogg
L. Reid
Halsey-Brandt
Hawkins
Cheema
Hansen
Santori
Barisoff
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Masi
Lee
Thorpe

Hagen
Murray
Plant
Collins
Clark
Bond
de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Abbott
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson

Orr
Nuraney
Brenzinger
R. Stewart
Bell
Chutter
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Bennett
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke

Nijjar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—3

*MacPhail**Kwan**Nettleton*

Bill (No. 10) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy and Mines) tabled documents referred to during debate on Bill (No. 10).

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.49 a.m.

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled: *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 24, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy and Mines) made a personal statement.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Harris*.

The Hon. S. *Santori* (Minister of Management Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Energy and Mines Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report progress, the House divided.

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

YEAS—55

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Energy and Mines Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was again committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 10), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—56

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Manhas</i>

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 10) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a personal statement.

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 20, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise) tabled a Major Project Capital Plan required pursuant to section 14 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* with respect to the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre Expansion Project.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—42

<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>		

NAYS—2

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

The debate continued.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Robert Vaive, Esq., Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 10) *Energy and Mines Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

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

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

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

Monday, March 3, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brenzinger*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

58 By leave, Mr. *Bray* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports greater parental involvement in the education system.

A debate arose.

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

10 By leave, Ms. *McMahon* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the importance of sound, safe transportation infrastructure to the economy of British Columbia and calls on the federal government to invest further in upgrading the Trans-Canada Highway.

A debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Halsey-Brandt*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, March 3, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *MacPhail*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Fisheries Act Amendment Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

The debate continued.

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

91 The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

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

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

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

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

4. Section A shall consist of 19 Members, being 17 Members of the B.C. Liberal Party and 2 Members of the New Democratic Party. In addition, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole, or his or her nominee, shall preside over the debates in Section A. Substitution of Members will be permitted to Section A with the consent of that Member’s Whip, where applicable, otherwise with the consent of the Member involved. For the fourth session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Bennett, Bloy, Bray, Hamilton, Hunter, Jarvis, Lee, MacKay, Manhas, Penner, R. Stewart* and *Visser*; Mmes. *Locke, Orr, Sahota, Trumper* and Mmes. *Kwan* and *MacPhail*.

5. At fifteen minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House, the Chair of Section A will report to the House. In the event such report includes the last vote in a particular ministerial Estimate, after such report has been made to the House, the Government shall have a maximum of eight minutes, and the Opposition a maximum of five minutes, and all other Members (cumulatively) a maximum of three minutes to summarize the Committee debate on a particular ministerial Estimate completed, such summaries to be in the following order:

- (1) Other Members;
- (2) Opposition; and
- (3) Government.

6. Section B shall be composed of all Members of the House.

7. Divisions in Section A will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells four times.

8. Divisions in Section B will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells three times at which time proceedings in Section A will be suspended until completion of the division in Section B.

9. Section B is hereby authorized to consider Bills referred to Committee after second reading thereof and the Standing Orders applicable to Bills in Committee of the Whole shall be applicable to such Bills during consideration thereof in Section B, and for all purposes Section B shall be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole. Such referrals to Section B shall be made upon motion without notice by the Minister responsible for the Bill, and such motion shall be decided without amendment or debate. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to all such referrals.

10. Bills or Estimates previously referred to a designated Committee may at any stage be subsequently referred to another designated Committee on motion of the Government House Leader or Minister responsible for the Bill as hereinbefore provided by Rule Nos. 3 and 9.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division.

YEAS—63

Falcon
Hogg
Halsey-Brandt
Hawkins
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
J. Reid
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Masi

Lee
Thorpe
Hagen
Murray
Plant
Collins
Bond
de Jong
Stephens
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr

Harris
Nuraney
Brenzinger
R. Stewart
Bell
Chutter
Long
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Bennett
Christensen
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke

Nijjar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—3

*MacPhail**Kwan**Nettleton*

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 11) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Small Business Venture Capital Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Employee Investment Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. Orr.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Unclaimed Property Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 27, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Christensen presented a petition regarding the Small Scale Salvage Program.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division.

YEAS—62

Falcon
Coell
Hogg
L. Reid
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Hansen
J. Reid
Bruce
Barisoff
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Masi
Lee

Thorpe
Hagen
Plant
Campbell
Collins
Clark
Bond
de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Abbott
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Jarvis
Anderson

Orr
Harris
Nuraney
Brenzinger
Bell
Chutter
Long
Mayencourt
Johnston
Bennett
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les

Locke
Nijjar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—2

*MacPhail**Kwan*

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Auditor General Act*, a debate arose.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

On the motion that Section B recess for 10 minutes, the Committee divided, as follows:

YEAS—2

*MacPhail**Kwan*

NAYS—53

Falcon
Hogg
Hawkins
Whittred
Hansen
J. Reid
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
van Dongen
Roddick
Wilson
Masi
Lee

Thorpe
Plant
Collins
Clark
Bond
de Jong
Stephens
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr

Harris
Nuraney
Brenzinger
R. Stewart
Bell
Chutter
Long
Johnston
Bennett
Christensen
Krueger
Les
Locke

Nijjar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr

Section B continued to sit.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,617,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Revenue, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,637,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Skills Development and Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Provincial Revenue; Ministry of Skills Development and Labour and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Ministry of Finance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Provincial Revenue; Ministry of Skills Development and Labour) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Thursday, March 6, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nijjar*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Employee Investment Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Small Business Venture Capital Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,249,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,812,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Public Sector Employers' Council, to 31st March, 2004.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$170,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs, to 31st March, 2004.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$190,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Government Restructuring (All Ministries), to 31st March, 2004.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Family Bonus, to 31st March, 2004.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Commissions on Collection of Public Funds and Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2004.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, March 6, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved an amendment to section 10 of Bill (No. 13) which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 13) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$480,862,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,957,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Statutory Services, to 31st March, 2004.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

The Hon. C. Clark moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Brenzinger.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *T. Nebbeling* (Minister of State for Community Charter) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Community Charter* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2003*, was committed.

In consideration of section 24 of Bill (No. 6) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—65

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Hagen</i>			

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Nettleton*

Bill (No. 6) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Income tax Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Auditor General Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Unclaimed Property Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 15) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Les*.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Coastal Ferry Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *University of British Columbia Services Continuation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Hon. *G. Bruce* proposed that, pursuant to Standing Order 81, the Bill be permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Unclaimed Property Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a recess for consideration of the application of Standing Order 81 to Bill (No. 21) intituled *University of British Columbia Services Continuation Act*.

Ms. *MacPhail* made representations.

The Hon. *G. Collins* made representations.

The Hon. *G. Bruce* made representations.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

The question before me is whether under Standing Order 81 an urgent or extraordinary occasion exists wherein Bill 21 intituled *University of British Columbia Services Continuation Act* may be advanced through more than one stage in one day. I have examined the Bill and listened to the arguments which were ably presented by both sides of the House.

The Bill deals with the labour situation at one institution only, namely, University of British Columbia. It is limited in effect to the period from the present to the end of the month, namely 19 days, at which time it expires. The Government House Leader states that student exams are scheduled to commence in 20 days and that a strike will have a direct impact on the academic year of a large number of students.

In their arguments both House Leaders dealt with Speaker Barnes' ruling of April 26, 1996, wherein he ruled that Standing Order 81 would not be applied where a Bill was too broad in scope. The Bill in that case, *Education and Health Collective Bargaining Assistance Act*, extended beyond the scope of a labour dispute involving the Surrey school district.

The Opposition House Leader argued that this Bill is too broad and in particular that the definition of "Trade Union" in section 1 allows the Government to designate a union by regulation. It is my view that the definition of "Trade Union" must be read in light of the definition of "Employer" in section 1, which is limited to the University of British Columbia.

It is my view that the limitation of the scope and duration of the Bill at hand distinguish it from the Bill considered by Speaker Barnes.

I am also of the view that the actions with which the Bill is concerned will have an immediate and detrimental effect on the academic year of a large number of students.

Accordingly, I am of the view that the case has been made out for the application of Standing Order 81 so that Bill 21 may advance through all stages.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *University of British Columbia Services Continuation Act* a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House recessed until 6.30 p.m.

The debate continued.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *University of British Columbia Services Continuation Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—26

Coell
Hogg
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Bruce
Masi

Clark
Bond
de Jong
Nebbeling
Coleman
Penner
Jarvis

Nuraney
Mayencourt
Johnston
Locke
Nijjar
Visser

K. Stewart
Suffredine
Sultan
Sahota
Hawes
Manhas

NAYS—1

MacPhail

Bill (No. 21) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Bruce*, Bill (No. 21) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 21) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—26

Hogg
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
Bruce
Masi

Bond
de Jong
Nebbeling
Coleman
Penner
Jarvis
Nuraney

Bell
Mayencourt
Johnston
Locke
Nijjar
Visser

K. Stewart
Suffredine
Sultan
Sahota
Hawes
Manhas

NAYS—1

MacPhail

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 21) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—39

Hogg
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
Bruce
Barisoff
Bray
Masi
Lee

Thorpe
Murray
Bond
Nebbeling
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Nuraney

Brenzinger
Bell
Mayencourt
Johnston
Belsey
Christensen
Locke
Nijjar
Wong
Visser

Lekstrom
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Sultan
Sahota
Hawes
Manhas

NAYS—1

MacPhail

Bill (No. 21) was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 21) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—39

Hogg
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
Barisoff
Bray
Masi
Thorpe
Murray

Nebbeling
Coleman
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Nuraney
Brenzinger
Bell
Mayencourt
Trumper

Johnston
Belsey
Christensen
Krueger
Locke
Nijjar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay

Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Manhas

NAYS—1

MacPhail

Bill (No. 21) read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 3) *Small Business Venture Capital Amendment Act, 2003.*

Bill (No. 6) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2003.*

Bill (No. 7) *Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003.*

Bill (No. 8) *Employee Investment Amendment Act, 2003.*

Bill (No. 9) *Auditor General Act.*

Bill (No. 11) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003.*

Bill (No. 13) *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003.*

Bill (No. 15) *Unclaimed Property Amendment Act, 2003.*

Bill (No. 21) *University of British Columbia Services Continuation Act.*

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

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

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 8.23 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Santori* (Minister of Management Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Procurement Services Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Twenty-Sixth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act* for the year ended March 31, 2002.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,859,939,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Monday, March 24, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Kerr*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Fisheries Act Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, March 24, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Safety Standards Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Safety Authority Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 13, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 13, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Hospital District Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 22, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 22, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 2002.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Ms. *MacPhail* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, a call for the halting of hostilities in Iraq and endorsement of the resolution adopted by the City Council of New York, March 12, 2003.

The Hon. *G. Collins* made representations.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Coastal Ferry Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 18) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 17) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

The debate continued.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier this day, the Leader of the Opposition sought to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance under Standing Order 35, namely “A call for the halting of hostilities in Iraq” and “Endorsement of the Resolution adopted by the City of New York, March 12/03, regarding substantiation of all attempts to disarm Saddam Hussein in accordance with United Nations Resolutions.”

I note the Honourable Member followed the procedures outlined in Standing Order 35 in making her application and thank her for the courtesy of having given the Chair advance notice.

The Government House Leader commented that there exists a number of opportunities for the House to debate the matter raised.

The Chair has considered the matter in light of representations made.

There is no doubt that the Chair recognizes the seriousness of the events occurring in Iraq. Such terrible events conjure up strong feelings and emotions on both sides of the debate. War in any theater is always a matter of great concern generating a sense of urgency.

In dealing with applications under Standing Order 35, the Chair must consider the urgency and public importance of the matters but paramount to this is the urgency of debate.

The words urgent and public importance as stated in Standing Order 35 suggest a sudden and unexpected occurrence — hence the presence of the essential element of suddenness.

The unfortunate events that came to a head last week in Iraq had in fact been evolving over a period of months and had been the subject of widespread debate. Hence the matter raised under Standing Order 35 is substantially the same as that which has been the subject of public debate for months. The matter has been on-going for some time, culminating in hostilities in Iraq.

The on-going nature of the matter raised by the Member has the effect of taking the matters outside the scope of Standing Order 35.

The Chair is also satisfied that there does exist ordinary parliamentary opportunities for raising and debating this matter.

Additionally, while the matter generates global interest and concern, it is clearly not a matter involving the administrative responsibilities of any Ministry of the Province of British Columbia but rather falls within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada.

Jurisdictional issues precluding Standing Order 35 were noted in Speaker Barnes’ decision of May 24, 1994. It is noted that matters in the House that have proceeded to debate under Standing Order 35 were all under the jurisdictional umbrella of the Province of British Columbia.

For these reasons, the Member’s application does not qualify under Standing Order 35.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 8.46 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. K. Stewart.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Museum Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Agrologists Act*, a debate arose.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy and Mines) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Coalbed Gas Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 6, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education) tabled the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission Annual Report, 2001/2002.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 26) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Coastal Ferry Act* was committed.

Section 34 of Bill (No. 18) passed, on division.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Robert Vaive, Esq., Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Museum Act*.

Bill (No. 17) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2003*.

Her Honour was pleased in Her Majesty’s name to give assent to the said Acts.

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

“In Her Majesty’s name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Bond*.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Forestry Revitalization Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 25, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 25, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy and Mines) tabled a Major Capital Project Plan required pursuant to section 14 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* with respect to the 120MW Brilliant Expansion Project.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Coastal Ferry Act* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 22) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.15 p.m.

Thursday, March 27, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *van Dongen*.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the following:

Ombudsman Public Report No. 42: Code of Administrative Justice 2003; and

Ombudsman Special Report No. 23: The Right to Know, A Complaint about the Greater Victoria Public Library Meeting Room Policy.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Forestry Revitalization Act* a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, March 27, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. Hawkins* (Minister of Health Planning) made a ministerial statement concerning the status of the situation with regard to SARS.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Agrologists Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Forestry Revitalization Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—39

Coell
Hansen
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Lee
Collins
Bond
de Jong

Stephens
Abbott
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Orr
Harris
R. Stewart
Bell
Chutter

Long
Mayencourt
Johnston
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar

Bhullar
Visser
Bloy
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Nettleton

Bill (No. 28) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 4) *Agrologists Act*.

Bill (No. 18) *Coastal Ferry Act*.

Bill (No. 22) *Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Administrator doth assent to these Acts."

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 26) *Supply Act (No. 1), 2003*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Monday, March 31, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bell*.

Ms. *MacPhail* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

10 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 10 with respect to safe transportation infrastructure.

Motion agreed to.

8 By leave, Ms. *Sahota* moved—

Be it resolved that this House endorse the Burnaby fire fighters' bid for the 2009 World Police and Fire Games as a tremendous economic and social opportunity to showcase Burnaby and BC to the world.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

12 By leave, Mr. *Wilson* moved—

Be it resolved that this House encourages the expansion of the ranching industry in British Columbia, and recognizes its immensely important role in maintaining economic stability and attracting investment.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, March 31, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *MacPhail* raised a point of privilege alleging the Minister of Forests was in contempt of Parliament in presenting, debating and voting on Bill (No. 28).

The Hon. *G. Collins* made a statement and reserved his right for further response.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement and stated that consideration of the Bill should proceed.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Forestry Revitalization Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

The Hon. *G. Collins* made further representations relative to the earlier point of privilege.

Ms. *MacPhail* made representations.

The House recessed until 6.30 p.m.

Bill (No. 28) was again committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 28) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—53

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Brice</i>
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<i>Masi</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
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<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>de Jong</i>			

NAYS—1

MacPhail

Ms. *MacPhail* moved an amendment to section 3 (1) of Bill (No. 28) which was defeated, on division.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved an amendment to section 3 (1) of Bill (No. 28) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—1

MacPhail

NAYS—55

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
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<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	

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

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,451,472,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved that the House at its rising stand recessed for 15 minutes and continue to sit thereafter until adjournment.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—59

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Brice</i>
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<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
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NAYS—1

MacPhail

The House recessed until 9.32 p.m.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today the Leader of the Opposition sought to raise a matter of Privilege in alleging that the Minister of Forests “has, by sponsoring, defending in debate and voting in favour of Bill 28, sought to derive a financial benefit”, and was thereby in contempt of the House. The Member has followed all the rules applicable to raising a matter of privilege.

Bill 28, the *Forestry Revitalization Act*, enacts, as a matter of state policy, a fundamental change in forestry tenures and provides for a compensation fund which could have the effect of a financial penalty to the Minister of Forests under section 5 (1) of the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act*. Section 11 of Bill 28 creates an exemption from the penalty for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

In her argument she quoted section 2 of the *Members’ Conflict of Interest Act* which reads in part as follows:

“2 (1) For the purposes of this Act, a member has a conflict of interest when the member exercises an official power or performs an official duty or function in the execution of his or her office and at the same time knows that in the performance of the duty or function or in the exercise of the power there is the opportunity to further his or her private interest.”

Section 2, however, must be read in light of the definition of “Private Interest” in section 1 of that Act, which clearly exempts “the remuneration and benefits of a member of the Legislative Assembly” from the definition.

While Standing Order 18 was not specifically mentioned, it is modelled on the British practice to which the Member alluded. Standing Order 18 reads as follows:

Member having pecuniary interest not to vote.

18. No Member is entitled to vote upon any question in which he or she has a direct pecuniary interest, and the vote of any Member so interested shall be disallowed.

Numerous Speakers’ decisions have dealt with the issues raised in Standing Order 18 as enumerated in *MacMinn’s Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd ed., beginning at p. 27. A review of those decisions and the 20th ed. of *Erskine May’s Parliamentary Practice* at p. 412 indicates that matters of state policy or involving salaries and benefits of Members are exempt from the rule. Examples given include Members’ salaries, pensions and a vote against a specific reduction in a Minister’s salary.

On the question of the application of the rule to advocacy the following passage from *Parliament, Functions and Procedures* by J. A. G. Griffith and Michael Ryle makes it clear that the rule does not apply to public bills, being applicable only to Private Bills.

“On July 17, 1811 Mr. Speaker Abbot ruled: “No member who has a direct pecuniary interest in a question shall be allowed to vote upon it” and this was understood then to be an ancient practice. But he distinguished an interest “in common with the rest of His Majesty’s subjects or on a matter of state policy”; the vote of a member would not be disallowed solely because of such interests and this is the governing doctrine today. In practice members may vote on all business before the House except private legislation where they have a direct pecuniary interest. So in 1983, the Speaker ruled that members who were solicitors might vote on the Home Buyers Bill (intended to remove their exclusive rights on conveyancing) as the bill was on a matter of public policy. But on a private bill to regulate Lloyds, members of that corporation were advised not to vote.”

The Member also quoted from the Report of the Select Standing Committee on the Conduct of a Member, House of Commons, 18th December 1940. That report, however, dealt with an allegation that a Member received a benefit from an outside party in exchange for advocating a course of action through political speeches and pressure on Ministers and officials. That is clearly not the case at hand.

In summary, the authorities have on numerous occasions stated that where a matter of general or public policy is at the heart of a measure, personal and pecuniary interest is overridden.

The Minister, in presenting, debating and voting on Bill 28 is not in breach of any rule of this House or the precedents to which I have referred. Accordingly I find that no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege or contempt has been made out.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

Bill (No. 28) was again committed.

Section 11 of Bill (No. 28) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 28) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 28) *Forestry Revitalization Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 11.26 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$834,366,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation, Ministry Operations.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 24) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Procurement Services Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 23) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Hospital District Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 25) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Minister of Provincial Revenue) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 28, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner Service Plan, 2003-2006.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Safety Standards Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 19) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Safety Authority Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 20) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$113,206,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise, Ministry Operations.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *L. Stephens*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Ms. *MacPhail* presented a petition relating to the future of Trades Training in British Columbia.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Hospital District Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 30) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,390,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry Operations.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,240,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Contracts and Funding Arrangements.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, British Columbia Utilities Commission.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.49 p.m.

Thursday, April 3, 2003

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brenzinger*.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled the Criminal Injury Compensation Program Report 2002.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 30) intituled *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Police Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.49 a.m.

Thursday, April 3, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 33) intituled *Health Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Ms. *MacPhail* rose on a point of order relating to comments made by the Minister during the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The Hon. *G. Collins* made representations.

The Hon. *G. Collins* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection, which read as follows:

FIRST REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
April 3, 2003

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on February 11, 2003 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, begs leave to report that the following is the list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session:

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms. *Trumper* (Convener), Messrs. *Anderson, Christensen, Chutter, Harris, Hunter, Ms. Kwan, Messrs. Lekstrom, Les, MacKay, Penner, Ms. Sahota* and Mr. *Visser*.

CROWN CORPORATIONS—Mr. *K. Stewart* (Convener), Messrs. *Bell, Bloy, Ms. Brice, Messrs. Jarvis, Les, Long, Ms. MacPhail, Messrs. Penner, van Dongen, Visser, Wilson* and Wong.

EDUCATION—Mr. *R. Stewart* (Convener), Messrs. *Bell, Christensen, Jarvis, Ms. Kwan, Mr. Lee, Ms. Locke, Messrs. Manhas, Masi, Ms. McMahon, Mr. Nijjar* and Ms. *Orr*.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Ms. *Locke* (Convener), Messrs. *Belsey, Bray, Ms. Chong, Messrs. Hamilton, Hayer, Hunter, Kerr, Ms. MacPhail, Mr. Mayencourt, Ms. McMahon* and Mr. *Nuraney*.

HEALTH—Ms. *Brice* (Convener), Messrs. *Anderson, Bray, Ms. Brenzinger, Messrs. Cobb, Harris, Hawes, Lekstrom, Long, Ms. MacPhail, Mr. Nuraney, Ms. Roddick* and Mr. *Suffredine*.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Mr. *Lekstrom* (Convener), Messrs. *Belsey, Bloy, Bray, Christensen, Hunter, Johnston, Long, Ms. MacPhail, Ms. Orr, Mr. Penner, Ms. Trumper* and Mr. *Wilson*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Ms. *Kwan* (Convener), Messrs. *Belsey, Bennett, Ms. Chong, Messrs. Hamilton, Hawes, Kerr, Ms. MacPhail, Mr. Mayencourt, Ms. Roddick, Messrs. Sultan, van Dongen* and Wong.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—Mr. *LEKSTROM* (Convener), Messrs. *Belsey, Bloy, Bray, Christensen, Hunter, Johnston, Long, Ms. MacPhail, Ms. Orr, Mr. Penner, Ms. Trumper* and Mr. *Wilson*.

Hon. G. COLLINS, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 23) intituled *Procurement Services Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$926,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, Management of Public Funds and Debt.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$98,712,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Ministry Operations.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,895,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Commission.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$642,998,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services, Ministry Operations.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,751,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services, Royal British Columbia Museum.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

Monday, April 7, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Sultan*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

- 7** By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 7 with respect to street racing.

Ms. *Sahota* moved the following amendment—

Be it resolved that this House call on the federal government to amend the Criminal Code so that ~~"street racing" is considered an aggravating circumstance for a person convicted of a offence committed by means of a motor vehicle under section 220 (criminal negligence causing death) or 221 (criminal negligence causing bodily harm) or subsection 249 (3) (dangerous operation causing bodily harm) or 249 (4) (dangerous operation causing death). those convicted of serious crimes of violence, including the offence of criminal negligence causing death, arising out of street racing, cannot receive a conditional sentence.~~

A debate arose.

The amendment was agreed to.

Motion 7, as amended, was agreed to.

- 46** By leave, Mr. *Wilson* moved —

Be it resolved that this House continues to support advances in improvement of drinking water quality around British Columbia, and strives to keep it environmentally sound and free from contamination.

A debate arose.

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

- 50** By leave, Mr. *Penner* moved —

Be it resolved that this House recognize the value of exploring the establishment of a province-wide "AMBER Alert" early warning system to help find children when they are abducted.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, April 7, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,417,493,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry Operations.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Coalbed Gas Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

By leave, pursuant to Sessional Order, Order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,218,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Management Services, Ministry Operations.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,461,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Management Services, Public Service Employee Relations Commission.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Management Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.56 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

2 Gary Coons, President, Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union, asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance, regarding the Minister's responsibility for taxation, the following question:—

Generally speaking, all revenue collected from school taxes goes into the education system. Will the \$187 million collected from the 3 year 2.5% increase go into the public education system?

The Hon. *G. Collins* replied as follows:

Thank you for your question regarding provincial tax policy.

As the Minister responsible for tax policy, I am pleased to respond that all provincial school tax revenue will continue to finance Kindergarten to Grade 12 education. In Budget 2003, the province announced a tax rate policy which will allow the province to maintain the provincial school tax as an important component of education financing.

3 Jim Abram, Chair, Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, asked the Hon. the Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, regarding the Minister's responsibility for Land and Water BC Inc., the following question:—

As the Minister responsible for Land and Water BC Inc., why have you allowed an agreement to sell the Lannan Crown Forest to a private company to be signed without consulting local government, First Nations or local community groups?

The Hon. *S. Hagen* replied as follows:

Thank you for your Public Written Question submitted to the Speaker.

I have been informed by Land and Water BC Inc. (LWBC) that they consulted with the City of Courtenay commencing in the spring of 2002 and with the Comox-Strathcona Regional District (CSRD) commencing in the fall of 2002. The CSRD had been advised in the spring of 2002 that LWBC was reviewing options for the 16-hectare Lannan Road property

Where public consultation processes already exist (such as public rezoning hearings) LWBC would prefer to use such opportunities.

LWBC reviewed available information about aboriginal rights and title and treaty concerns, in accordance with established provincial practices, as part of its decision to make the Crown land available to stimulate employment and investment in the Comox Valley.

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Enforcement of Canadian Judgments and Decrees Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,133,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Ministry Operations.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *MacPhail*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

94 The Hon. *G. Plant* moved—

That the Honourable *John van Dongen*, MLA be removed from the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations and the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

95 The Hon. *G. Plant* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be appointed to review the annual reports and service plans of British Columbia Crown Corporations.

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

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and

(d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House on matters referred to the Committee during the Third Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament and the current session and as soon as possible or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

96 The Hon. *G. Plant* moved—

1. That the reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly during the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, with the exception of the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* which is referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, and in addition that the following reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

- Managing Contaminated Sites on Provincial Lands (December 2002);
- Review of Estimates Related to Vancouver's Bid to Stage the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games (January 2003);
- Building Better Reports: Our Review of the 2001/02 Reports of Government (January 2003);
- Follow-up Report on *TransLink* (December 2002);
- Follow-up Report on Managing Interface Fire Risks (November 2002); and
- Follow-up Report on Earthquake Preparedness (July 2002).

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

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

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

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

Motion agreed to.

97 The Hon. *G. Plant* moved—

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

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

- (a) Conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means

the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings, telephone and electronic means;

(b) Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2003 on the results of those consultations; and

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

- (i) Auditor General;
- (ii) Chief Electoral Officer;
- (iii) Conflict of Interest Commissioner;
- (iv) Information and Privacy Commissioner;
- (v) Ombudsman;
- (vi) Police Complaint Commissioner; and,

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

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

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

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

and shall report 78 to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment or at the next following session, as the case may be, to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee recessed until 6.40 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Treaty Negotiations.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Thursday, April 10, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *G. Cheema*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *J. Murray* (Water, Land and Air Protection) tabled a petition regarding Saint Mary's Hospital.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.00 p.m.

Thursday, April 10, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Nijjar*, Bill (No. Pr 405) intituled *Score Resources Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Ash Developments Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Kennett Contracting Limited (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Christensen*, Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Cam Glass Inc. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Christensen*, Bill (No. Pr 404) intituled *M & M Insulations Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Securities Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Coalbed Gas Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Craig James, Esq., Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 5) *Foresters Act*.

Bill (No. 12) *Police Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 16) *Coalbed Gas Act*.

Bill (No. 23) *Procurement Services Act*.

Bill (No. 24) *Securities Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 25) *Hospital District Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 30) *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Her Honour was pleased in Her Majesty’s name to give assent to the said Acts.

The said assent was announced by *Craig James, Esq.*, Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty’s name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Monday, April 28, 2003

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for “Private Members’ Statements” called.

46 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 46 with respect to drinking water.
Motion agreed to.

50 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 50 with respect to the value of a province-wide “AMBER Alert” early warning system.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

68 By leave, Mr. *Lee* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the important role of Chinese-Canadian entrepreneurs in strengthening the economy of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 12.00 p.m.

Monday, April 28, 2003

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement regarding the death of former MLA Rosemary Brown.

Hon. *L. Stephens* (Minister of State for Women’s Equality) made a statement.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would convey to the family of the late Ms. *Brown*, the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 36) intituled *Business Number Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 24, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

By leave, the Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) tabled the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Terms of Reference and Duties of the Chair.

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) made a ministerial statement regarding the International Day of Mourning for workers injured or killed as a result of workplace accidents or diseases.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2002/2003 Report 10: Adopting Best Practices in Government Financial Statements — 2001-2002.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,001,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,296,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2004.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,897,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2004.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.56 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Community Charter*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *T. Nebbeling*, on behalf of the Government House Leader, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Community Charter*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

Falcon
Coell
L. Reid
Hawkins
Whittred
Hansen
Bruce
Bray
Wilson
Masi

Hagen
Plant
Clark
de Jong
Nebbeling
Jarvis
Orr
Harris
R. Stewart

Bell
Chutter
Mayencourt
Trumper
Belsey
Christensen
Hunter
Les
Locke

Bhullar
Wong
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Sultan
Hamilton
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—1

MacPhail

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 27) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Santori*.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 34) intituled *Industry Training Authority Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
April 29, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *S. Santori* (Minister of Management Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 38) intituled *Personal Information Protection Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 28, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
APRIL 30, 2003

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

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

(1) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 405) intituled *Score Resources Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;

(2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Cam Glass Inc. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;

(3) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 404) intituled *M & M Insulation Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill as amended proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. LEKSTROM, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bills (Nos. Pr 403, 404 and 405) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

99 The Hon. *G. Campbell*, on behalf of the Hon. *G. Plant*, moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports the creation of a Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform as expressed in the terms of reference and duties of the chair tabled in the House on Monday, April 28, 2003.

A debate arose.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved the following amendment—

That Motion 99 in the name of the Hon. *G. Plant* be amended by adding after Monday, April 28, 2003, the following:

“, but recommends to government that it heed the advice of Mr. Gibson that the Chair of the Assembly be given the power (but not the requirement) to add up to four additional members of the Assembly, randomly drawn from a category or categories of persons selected by the Chair.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Nettleton

NAYS—64

Coell
Hogg
L. Reid
Halsey-Brandt
Hawkins
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
J. Reid
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Masi
Lee

Hagen
Murray
Plant
Campbell
Collins
Clark
Bond
de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Abbott
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Anderson
Orr

Nuraney
R. Stewart
Bell
Chutter
Long
Trumper
Johnston
Bennett
Hayer
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar

Bhullar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr
Manhas

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—45

Coell
Hogg
L. Reid
Halsey-Brandt
Hawkins
Whittred
Hansen
Bruce
Barisoff
Bray
Roddick
Wilson

Masi
Lee
Plant
Campbell
Collins
Bond
Stephens
Abbott
Coleman
Chong
Anderson

Nuraney
Bell
MacPhail
Chutter
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Les

Nijjar
Wong
Lekstrom
MacKay
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Sultan
Hawes
Manhas
Nettleton

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

100 The Hon. *G. Plant* moved—

“That a Special Committee on the Citizens’ Assembly on Electoral Reform be appointed and authorized:

- (1) to review the nomination of Jack Blaney as chair of the Citizens’ Assembly and to report to the Legislative Assembly whether the Special Committee unanimously endorses the said nomination;
- (2) to review the chair’s subsequent selections of senior staff of the Citizens’ Assembly and to report to the Legislative Assembly whether the Special Committee unanimously endorses the said selections: and
- (3) to receive interim reports from the chair of the Citizens’ Assembly on the progress of the Citizens’ Assembly’s work.

The Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

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

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

The Special Committee is to be composed of *J. Les* (Convenor), *J. Bray*, *I. Chong*, *K. Krueger*, *B. Lekstrom*, *J. MacPhail*, and *R. Nijjar*.”

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Treaty Negotiations.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,899,007,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *J. Reid*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *Health Services Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 33) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled *Personal Information Protection Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 38) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 11.48 a.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$379,990,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,665,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Treaty Negotiations Office, to 31st March, 2004.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,636,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2004.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,700,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Statutory Services, to 31st March, 2004.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Citizens' Assembly, to 31st March, 2004.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Treaty Negotiations.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 31) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *Enforcement of Canadian Judgments and Decrees Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 32) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 4.57 p.m.

Monday, May 5, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bell*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

58 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 58 with respect to parental involvement in the education system.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

65 By leave, Ms. *Brice* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the importance of the high-tech sector to the economy of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, May 5, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 35) intituled *Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 28, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 37) intituled *Skills Development and Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 24, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 41) intituled *Judicial Compensation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 30, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *T. Nebbeling* (Minister of State for Community Charter) made a Ministerial Statement regarding the IOC Evaluation Report on Vancouver's bid for the 2010 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Cam Glass Inc. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 404) intituled *M & M Insulation Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 405) intituled *Score Resources Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Enforcement of Canadian Judgments and Decrees Act*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled *Business Number Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 36) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Industry Training Authority Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 34) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$312,230,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Forest Investment, to 31st March, 2004.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,344,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2004.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.54 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Roddick*.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education), on behalf of Mr. *Bell*, tabled a petition regarding the funding of hospice houses.

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) tabled the Workers' Compensation Board Annual Report, 2002 and the Workers' Compensation Board Service Plan, 2003–2005.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was again committed, and reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 27), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division.

YEAS—58

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>		

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

Bill (No. 27) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 39) intituled *Transmission Corporation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 30, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 40) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 30, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*, be amended by striking out “now read a second time” and adding “read a second time six months hence.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

NAYS—55

Falcon

Hagen

Orr

Visser

Coell

Murray

Harris

Lekstrom

Hogg

Plant

Nuraney

MacKay

Hawkins

Collins

R. Stewart

Cobb

Cheema

Clark

Bell

K. Stewart

Hansen

Bond

Mayencourt

Bloy

Bruce

de Jong

Johnston

Suffredine

Barisoff

Stephens

Bennett

Brice

van Dongen

Abbott

Belsey

Sultan

Bray

Coleman

Christensen

Hamilton

Roddick

Chong

Hunter

Sahota

Wilson

Penner

Les

Hawes

Masi

Jarvis

Locke

Kerr

Lee

Anderson

Wong

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—55

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Wong</i>	

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*, read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Health Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Sultan*.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement regarding the death of *William Hartley*, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker stated that he would convey to the family of the late Mr. *Hartley*, the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsman Special Report No. 24 — Acting in the Public Interest? Self-Governance in the Health Professions: The Ombudsman's Perspective.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Community Charter* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Community Charter* was again committed and reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Ms. *Kwan* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Trumper*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Safety Standards Act* was committed.

Sections 32 and 33 of Bill (No. 19) passed, on division.

Section 71 of Bill (No. 19) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 19) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Safety Authority Act* was committed.

Section 24 of Bill (No. 20) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 20) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 12.08 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 44) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
May 8, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 45) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
May 8, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Les* presented the First Report of the Special Committee on the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

FIRST REPORT

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
MAY 8, 2003

HONOURABLE MEMBERS:

I have the honour to present herewith the *First Report* of the Special Committee on the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

To date, the Committee has held two meetings, including an organizational meeting on May 1, 2003. On May 8, the Committee met to review the nomination of Dr. Jack Blaney as Chair of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform.

After careful consideration, the Committee unanimously endorses the appointment of Dr. Jack Blaney as Chair of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

J. LES, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Les* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Community Charter*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—42

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>		

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

Bill (No. 14) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 29) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—27

<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Visser</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>	

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Lekstrom*

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Monday, May 12, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

98 By leave, Ms. *MacPhail* moved—

Be it resolved that this House does not concur in the report of the Committee of Supply with respect to Vote 10 and the proceedings therein are declared of no force and effect and *Orders* the said Vote be referred back to the Committee of Supply to be reconsidered.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to the Sessional Order of February 11, 2003, division on the motion to adjourn the debate was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, May 12, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 50) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 51) intituled *Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 52) intituled *Private Career Training Institutions Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 54) intituled *Pharmacists, Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *S. Santori* (Minister of Management Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 49) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *J. van Dongen* (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 48) intituled *Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 58) intituled *Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith *Supplementary Estimates Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 6, 2003.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates of the Ministry of Health Services).

The Committee recessed until 2.55 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

29 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$319,400,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution under the Supplementary Estimates of the Ministry of Health Services and progress of the main estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. C. Hansen (Minister of Health Services) tabled the Ministry of Health Services 2003/04–2005/06 Service Plan as required by section 52 of the *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2003*.

The Hon. S. Hawkins (Minister of Health Planning) tabled the Ministry of Health Planning 2003/04–2005/06 Service Plan as required by section 52 of the *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2003*.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Transmission Corporation Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

Falcon
Halsey-Brandt
Hawkins
J. Reid
Santori
van Dongen
Bray
Wilson
Lee
Thorpe
Murray
Plant

Bond
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Harris
R. Stewart
Bell
Mayencourt
Trumper

Johnston
Bennett
Belsey
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar
Bhullar
Wong

Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Hawes
Manhas

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Nettleton

Bill (No. 39) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

By agreement, deferred division on Motion 98 waived.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Sultan*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Industry Training Authority Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Planning.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Minister of Provincial Revenue) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 42) intituled *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *J. Murray* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 53) intituled *Integrated Pest Management Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *J. Murray* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 55) intituled *Water, Land and Air Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *J. Murray* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 56) intituled *Flood Hazard Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *J. Murray* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 57) intituled *Environmental Management Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *S. Hawkins* (Minister of Health Planning) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 62) intituled *Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 13, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *K. Stewart* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Industry Training Authority Act* was again committed and reported complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 34) to be read a third time at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Planning and the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 61) intituled *Community Services Labour Relations Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 64) intituled *Transportation Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 14, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 66) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 14, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2002.

The Hon. G. Collins made a statement pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 with respect to House business, namely, that the Government intended to complete the Supply debate including the final Supply Act and to complete debate on Bills 29, 39, 40, 45, 50, 51, 58, 61, 64 and 66 by the end of May 29, 2003. In addition, he advised that approximately 20–25 pieces of legislation would be left on the Order Paper for the fall sitting.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Industry Training Authority Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—67

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	

NAYS—2

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>
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Bill (No. 34) read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee recessed until 6.30 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.53 p.m.

Thursday, May 15, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The Hon. *M. Coell* sought leave to permit Section A of the Committee of Supply to sit and consider a portion of Vote 29 relating to the estimates of the Minister of State for Mental Health and the estimates of the Minister of State for Intermediate Long Term and Home Care at the same time the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services is being considered in Section B and an official record be kept of the debates in Section A.

Leave granted.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A AND SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.00 p.m.

Thursday, May 15, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *MacPhail*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Coquihalla Highway Administration Clarity Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

By leave, Ms. *Kwan* tabled a budget from the Vancouver School Board.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Monday, May 26, 2003

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for “Private Members’ Statements” called.

65 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 65 with respect to the importance of the high-tech sector to the economy of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

14 By leave, Mr. *Bell* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the development and marketing of value-added sector of the forest industry.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 12.00 p.m.

Monday, May 26, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Ms. *MacPhail* advised the House of the death of *Jack Radford*, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker stated that he would convey to the family of the late Mr. *Radford*, the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the British Columbia Legislative Library Annual Report, 2002.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled a document regarding a change in accounting policy pursuant to the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, Section 11 (2), and made a statement.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the following schedule be adopted for the conclusion of government business for the week of May 26 to May 29, 2003.

Day	Time	Bill	Stage
Monday:	2:45-4:45	Health Services	Com. of Supply
	4:45-9:00	Bills 40, 45	2nd Reading
	Section A: 5:00-9:00	MOS Mental Health	Com. of Supply
		MOS Int., Long Term Home Care	
Tuesday:	10:00-12:00	Bills 50, 51	2nd Reading
	2:45-3:45	Bills 64, 66, 58	2nd Reading
	3:45-4:30	Bill 61	2nd Reading
	4:30-6:00	Bills 40, 45	Committee
	Section A: 10:00-6:00	Health Services	Com. of Supply
Wednesday:	2:45-4:30	Bills 61, 66	Committee
	4:30-9:00	Office of the Premier	Com. of Supply
		Votes 1-7 and Final Supply	
Thursday:	10:00-11:00	Bills 50, 51	Committee
	11:00-12:00	Bills 58, 64	Committee
	2:45-6:00	Bills 29, 39	Committee

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—68

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Manhas</i>

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

On the motion that the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—62

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Orr</i>		

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—56

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manhas</i>

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 40) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House recessed until 6.30 p.m.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 45) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,069,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health Planning, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,085,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health Planning, Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 2004.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and Completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Planning, and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report of be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

7 Derek Andrew (Vancouver-Quilchena riding), asked the Hon. the Attorney General and/or the Hon. the Premier, regarding responsibility for the Citizens/Assembly for Electoral Reform, the following question:—

Can the Minister please provide the date when he will release Mr. Gibson's Report regarding the Citizens' Assembly?

The Hon. *G. Plant* replied as follows:

Thank you for your question regarding the Citizens' Assembly Report. I am pleased to announce the report was released in a News Release on April 28, 2003.

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 50) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—66

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>		

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

Bill (No. 51) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Ms. *Kwan* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

And then the House adjourned at 12.03 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *T. Nebbeling* (Minister of State for Community Charter) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 67) intituled *Community Charter Transitional Provisions, Consequential Amendments and Other Amendments Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 14, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 59) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 60) intituled *Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Harris* presented a petition relating to Alcan Inc. power sales.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2003/2004 Report 1: A Review of Performance Agreements Between the Ministry of Health Services and the Health Authorities.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Statement of 2002/03 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedules A, Schedules B, Schedule C and Schedule D.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That Ms. *Sahota* be added to the list of Members composing the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the present session.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled *Transportation Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 64) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 66) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled *Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 58) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled *Community Services Labour Relations Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 61) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 40) intituled *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*, was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

On the motion that Section A rise and report Resolution, the Committee divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—17

Visser
Hunter
Hayer
Christensen
Anderson

Hamilton
Lee
Hawes
Bray

Locke
Collins
Hansen
R. Stewart

Roddick
Whittred
Jarvis
Manhas

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,038,097,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Santori*.

On the motion of Ms. *MacPhail*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *British Columbia Railway Asset Protection Act, 2003*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 68) intituled *Administrative Tribunals Appointment and Administration Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 21, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 70) intituled *Commercial Appeals Commission Repeal Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 27, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

101 The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the motion passed by the House on May 26, 2003, be amended to read as follows:

Day	Time	Bill	Stage
Monday:	2:45-4:45	Health Services	Com. of Supply
	4:45-9:00	Bills 40, 45	2nd Reading
	Section A: 5:00-9:00	MOS Mental Health MOS Int., Long Term Home Care	Com. of Supply
Tuesday:	10:00-12:00	Bills 50, 51	2nd Reading
	2:45-3:45	Bills 64, 66, 58	2nd Reading
	3:45-4:30	Bill 61	2nd Reading
	4:30-6:00	Bills 40, 45	Committee and 3rd Reading
	Section A: 10:00-6:00	Health Services	Com. of Supply
Wednesday:	2:45-4:30	Bills 61, 66	Committee and 3rd Reading
	4:30-9:00	Office of the Premier Votes 1-7 and Final Supply	Com. of Supply
Thursday:	10:00-11:00	Bills 50, 51	Committee and 3rd Reading
	11:00-12:00	Bills 58, 64	Committee and 3rd Reading
	2:45-6:00	Bills 29, 39	Committee and 3rd Reading

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That Mr. *Bhullar* be added to the list of Members composing the Select Standing Committee on Education and the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs for the present session.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Forests) tabled the following documents:

Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2002; and
Forest Practices Board Annual Report, 2002.

Bill (No. 61) intituled *Community Services Labour Relations Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and pursuant to time allocation, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No 66) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* was committed.

In consideration of section 11 of Bill (No. 66) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—61

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>			

NAYS—8

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Cobb</i>

Bill (No. 66) was reported complete with amendment, and pursuant to time allocation, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,270,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2004, on division.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,955,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Legislation, to 31st March, 2004.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,901,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2004.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$292,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2004.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,509,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2004.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,972,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2004.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,050,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 2004.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$985,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2004.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered forthwith.

On the motion that the House recess for 1 minute, a debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House recessed until 9.18 p.m.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the report of resolution from the Committee of Supply dealing with Supplementary Estimates on May 12, together with the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on March 5, 6, 13, 31, April 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 28, 30 and May 1, 5, 26, 27 and 28, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 25 billion, 261 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2003 and the Supplementary Estimates presented on May 12 and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 1 billion, 280 million, 732 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2003 and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the capital, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

Motion agreed to.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 47) intituled *Supply Act, 2003-2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 8, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Bill (No. 47) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Collins*, Bill (No. 47) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 47) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 9.25 p.m.

Thursday, May 29, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bray*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 50) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 51) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—59

Falcon
Coell
Hogg
L. Reid
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
J. Reid
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick

Wilson
Masi
Lee
Murray
Plant
Collins
Clark
Bond
de Jong
Stephens
Abbott
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Penner

Jarvis
Orr
Harris
Brenzinger
Bell
Chutter
Long
Trumper
Johnston
Bennett
Belsey
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter

Les
Nijjar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
Cobb
K. Stewart
Suffredine
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

On the motion that the Committee rise and report the Bill complete with amendment, the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—64

Falcon

Wilson

Chong

McMahon

Coell

Masi

Penner

Hunter

Hogg

Lee

Jarvis

Les

L. Reid

Thorpe

Orr

Nijjar

Halsey-Brandt

Hagen

Harris

Wong

Hawkins

Murray

Brenzinger

Visser

Whittred

Plant

Bell

Lekstrom

Cheema

Collins

Chutter

Cobb

Hansen

Clark

Long

K. Stewart

J. Reid

Bond

Mayencourt

Suffredine

Bruce

de Jong

Trumper

Sultan

Santori

Nebbeling

Johnston

Hamilton

Barisoff

Stephens

Bennett

Sahota

van Dongen

Abbott

Belsey

Hawes

Bray

Neufeld

Christensen

Kerr

Roddick

Coleman

Krueger

Manhas

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

Bill (No. 51) was reported complete with amendment, and pursuant to time allocation, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 58) intituled *Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and pursuant to time allocation, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled *Transportation Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.38 a.m.

Thursday, May 29, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *Land Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 8, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 69) intituled *Forest and Range Practices Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 26, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *S. Santori* (Minister of Management Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 71) intituled *Public Service Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 27, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 72) intituled *Manufactured Home Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 29, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Kwan* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Kwan* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2002/2003, and
Office of the Merit Commissioner Annual Report, 2002/2003.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services) tabled the following documents:

Multiculturalism Annual Report, 2000-2001, and
Multiculturalism Annual Report, 2001-2002.

Ms. *MacPhail* presented a petition regarding a Scope of Practice for naturopathic physicians.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

102 The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (RSBC 1996 c. 165) pursuant to section 80 of that Act, and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

(a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;

(b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;

(d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

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

That the members of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills comprise the membership of the said Committee.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

Section 13 as amended of Bill (No. 29) passed, on division.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 29) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

Halsey-Brandt
Hawkins
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
J. Reid
Santori
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick
Masi
Lee

Hagen
Plant
Clark
Bond
de Jong
Nebbeling
Abbott
Neufeld
Penner
Jarvis
Harris
Brenzinger

R. Stewart
Bell
Long
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Hayer
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les

Locke
Wong
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Manhas

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

Bill (No. 29) was reported complete with amendment, and pursuant to time allocation, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled *Transmission Corporation Act* was committed.

Section 2 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

Section 7 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

Section 16 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

Section 19 of Bill (No. 39) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 39) was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 39) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—54

Falcon
Coell
L. Reid
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
J. Reid
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick

Masi
Lee
Thorpe
Hagen
Plant
Collins
Clark
Bond
de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Abbott
Neufeld
Chong

Penner
Jarvis
Orr
Harris
Brenzinger
R. Stewart
Bell
Long
Trumper
Johnston
Hayer
Christensen
Krueger

McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Wong
MacKay
Cobb
Suffredine
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—3

MacPhail

Kwan

Nettleton

Bill (No. 39) read a third time and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise) tabled the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd. Service Plan, 2003/04 – 2005/06.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 14) *Community Charter*.

Bill (No. 19) *Safety Standards Act*.

Bill (No. 20) *Safety Authority Act*.

Bill (No. 27) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 29) *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 31) *Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act*.

Bill (No. 32) *Enforcement of Canadian Judgments and Decrees Act*.

Bill (No. 33) *Health Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 34) *Industry Training Authority Act*.

Bill (No. 39) *Transmission Corporation Act*.

Bill (No. 40) *Utilities Commission Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 45) *Forest (Revitalization) Amendment Act (No 2), 2003*.

Bill (No. 50) *School Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 51) *Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 58) *Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 61) *Community Services Labour Relations Act*.

Bill (No. 64) *Transportation Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 66) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*.

Bill (No. Pr 403) *Cam Glass Inc. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. Pr 404) *M & M Insulation Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. Pr 405) *Score Resources Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*.

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

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

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 47) *Supply Act, 2003-2004*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or

until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

And then the House adjourned at 6.04 p.m.

Monday, October 6, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

57 By leave, Mr. *Belsey* moved—

Be it resolved that this government actively supports alternative energy sources and that the provincial and federal government work towards developing renewable energy technology.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, October 6, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. Richmond*, Speaker, tabled the following documents:

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Annual Report 2001;

Office of the Auditor General 2003/04 Report 2: Follow-up of Performance Reports;

Annual Audit — Office of the Auditor General, Year ended March 31, 2003;

Office of the Auditor General, Annual Report 2002/03; and

Office of the Ombudsman, Annual Report, 2002.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that this House recognize:

The heroic efforts of all firefighters and military personnel who fought and continue to fight the 2003 wildfires, the contributions of volunteers and donors across British Columbia in assisting the evacuees and helping rebuild communities; and the noble determination of those families directly affected.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—62

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>		

The House recessed until 6.30 p.m.

Bill (No. 36) intituled *Business Number Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled *Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 62) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 42) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Skills Development and Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—53

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Murray</i>			

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

Bill (No. 37) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 49) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 38) intituled *Personal Information Protection Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 8.27 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled *Forest and Range Practices Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—61

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Murray</i>			

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 69) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—59

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Locke</i>	

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 44) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled *Judicial Compensation Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 41) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled *Administrative Tribunals Appointment and Administration Act*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 65) intituled *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled *Administrative Tribunals Appointment and Administration Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 68) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled *Commercial Appeals Commission Repeal Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 70) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 62) intituled *Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled *Skills Development and Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed.

Ms. Kwan moved an amendment to section 3 of Bill (No. 37) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

NAYS—56

Falcon
Coell
L. Reid
Hawkins
Whittred
Cheema
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Masi
Lee

Murray
Plant
de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Abbott
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Harris
Nuraney

Bell
Chutter
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Bennett
Belsey
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar

Bhullar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr

Ms. Kwan moved an amendment to section 3 (9) (1) (a) of Bill (No. 37) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

NAYS—56

Falcon
Coell
L. Reid
Hawkins
Whittred
Cheema
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Masi
Lee

Murray
de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Abbott
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Harris
Nuraney
Bell

Chutter
Long
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Belsey
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar
Bhullar

Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr

Ms. Kwan moved an amendment to section 3 (9) (1) (a) of Bill (No. 37) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

*MacPhail**Kwan*

NAYS—56

Falcon
Coell
L. Reid
Hawkins
Whittred
Cheema
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Masi
Lee

Murray
de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Abbott
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Harris
Nuraney
Bell

Chutter
Long
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Belsey
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar
Bhullar

Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr

Ms. *Kwan* moved an amendment to section 3 (9) (1) (a) of Bill (No. 37) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

*MacPhail**Kwan*

NAYS—48

Falcon
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Masi
Lee
Plant
de Jong
Nebbeling

Stephens
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Harris
Nuraney
Bell
Chutter
Long

Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Belsey
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar
Bhullar
Wong

Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr

In consideration of section 3 of Bill (No. 37) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—46

Falcon
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Masi
Lee
Plant
de Jong
Nebbeling

Stephens
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Harris
Nuraney
Bell
Chutter
Long

Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Belsey
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar
Bhullar

Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Hawes
Kerr

NAYS—2

*MacPhail**Kwan*

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Les*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) tabled the following documents:

Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2002;
Office for Children and Youth Annual Report, September 30, 2002 – March 31, 2003; and
Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2002-2003.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled *Forest and Range Practices Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed and reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 69) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—43

Falcon
Coell
L. Reid
Hawkins
Whittred
Hansen
Bruce
Santori
Bray
Wilson
Masi

Lee
Hagen
Murray
Plant
de Jong
Stephens
Abbott
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Anderson

Orr
Harris
Brenzinger
Chutter
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Christensen
Hunter
Les
Locke

Bhullar
Wong
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Sultan
Hamilton
Hawes
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

Bill (No. 69) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled *Skills Development and Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, was again committed.

Section 15 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 17, as amended, of Bill (No. 37), passed on division.

Bill (No. 37) was reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 37) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—36

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manhas</i>

NAYS—2

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>
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By leave, Bill (No. 37) read a third time and passed.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Bill (No. 49) intituled *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 57) intituled *Environmental Management Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Chutter</i>		

NAYS—1

Kwan

Bill (No. 57) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled *Integrated Pest Management Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 53) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled *Flood Hazard Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 56) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 8.12 p.m.

Thursday, October 9, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

Mr. *K. Stewart* presented a petition regarding the Scope of Practice for naturopathic physicians.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 41) intituled *Judicial Compensation Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 65) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 35) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 52) intituled *Private Career Training Institutions Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, October 9, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 74) intituled *Motor Dealer Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *T. Nebbeling* (Minister of State for Community Charter) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 76) intituled *Community Charter Transitional Provisions, Consequential Amendments and Other Amendments Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 8, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) tabled a copy of a memorandum regarding the application of *Sales Tax Act* to newspapers.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 52) intituled *Private Career Training Institutions Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 52) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Monday, October 20, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nuraney*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following:

Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2003, and

Statement of Crown Proceeding Payments for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2003.

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

9 By leave, Mr. *MacKay* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the contribution of mineworkers to communities throughout BC and support a goal of greatly increasing the number of mining jobs.

A debate arose.

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

2 By leave, Mr. *Chutter* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the contribution of resource development in rural British Columbia to the health and education infrastructure of all communities.

A debate arose.

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

29 By leave, Mr. *Hunter* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the positive impact of arts and cultural tourism on the economy of Vancouver Island.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, October 20, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Hagen* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 73) intituled *Sustainable Resource Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 18, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 77) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 16, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

By notice from the Minister to the Table, Bill (No. 67) intituled *Community Charter Transitional Provisions, Consequential Amendments and Other Amendments Act, 2003* was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) made a ministerial statement regarding the flood damage in the Squamish-Whistler-Pemberton areas.

Ms. *Kwan* made a statement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—62

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>		

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

Bill (No. 48) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled *Commercial Appeals Commission Repeal Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act* was committed.

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

In consideration of section 18 of Bill (No. 65) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—30

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Christensen</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>		

NAYS—1

MacPhail

In consideration of section 23 of Bill (No. 65) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—33

*Falcon
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Hansen
J. Reid
Bruce
Bray
Masi
Hagen*

*Murray
Plant
Collins
Stephens
Neufeld
Coleman
Penner
Jarvis*

*Anderson
Harris
Nuraney
Brenzinger
Bell
Chutter
Bennett
Belsey*

*Christensen
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Suffredine
Sultan
Hawes
Manhas*

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

Bill (No. 65) reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled *Administrative Tribunals Appointment and Administration Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 55) intituled *Water, Land and Air Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 55) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 59) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 59) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 60) intituled *Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Date answered: October 20, 2003

8 Gary Coons, President, Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union, asked the Hon. the Minister of Education, regarding the Minister's responsibility for education spending, the following question:—

How much money was spent on production and ad buy for full page education ads of the spring and summer of 2003?

The Hon. *C. Clark* replied as follows:

Thank you for your question regarding education ads.

This has been an important year for education in British Columbia. The education system is changing and our government is committed to keeping the public well informed about these changes, and these advertisements provide British Columbians with valuable information.

We have an open and transparent budgeting process for government expenditures. The advertising budget for government is \$19.5 million for fiscal year 2003/04, which is over \$3 million less than the advertising budget found in the previous government's last budget. The total cost of the advertisements will be communicated when government reports all spending at the end of the fiscal year.

Government has also banned all non-essential advertising four months prior to an election. We believe that government advertising expenditures should be focused on providing the facts, not propaganda, around important government initiatives to the public.

9 Gary Coons, President, Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union, asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services, regarding the Minister's responsibility for health care, the following question:—

With respect to the full page health ads placed by the government since October 28, 2002, how much was spent for ad production and total ad buy?

The Hon. *C. Hansen* replied as follows:

Thank you for your question regarding the costs of advertisements.

We have increased the Health budget by \$2 billion dollars over the past three years to a total of \$10.7 billion. None of the budget of the Ministry of Health Services went towards the advertisements. They are funded from the budget of the Public Affairs Bureau.

The advertising budget for the entire government is \$19.5 million for fiscal year 2003/04, which is \$3 million less than the previous government's last budget. The total cost of advertisements will be finalized when government reports all spending at the end of the fiscal year. Also note that the Government has banned all non-essential advertising four months prior to an election.

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Kerr*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 48) intituled *Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 48) passed on division.

In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 48) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—60

Falcon
Hogg
L. Reid
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick
Masi
Lee

Hagen
Murray
Plant
Collins
Clark
Bond
Stephens
Abbott
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Harris

Brenzinger
Bell
Chutter
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Belsey
Hayer
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar

Bhullar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Hawes
Kerr
Manhas
Nettleton

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

Bill (No. 48) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 77) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 77) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 73) intituled *Sustainable Resource Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Minister of Education), on behalf of the Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education), tabled the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2003, together with a Report of the Auditor General.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 73) intituled *Sustainable Resource Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 73) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 57) intituled *Environmental Management Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 81) intituled *Health Professions Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 21, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 82) intituled *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 21, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

By notice from the Minister to the Table, Bill (No. 54) intituled *Pharmacists, Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Amendment Act, 2003* was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled *Motor Dealer Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 74) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 73) intituled *Sustainable Resource Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 53) intituled *Integrated Pest Management Act*, was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 60) intituled *Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 60) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 59) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2003*, was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled *Community Charter Transitional Provisions, Consequential Amendments and Other Amendments Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 76) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.11 p.m.

Thursday, October 23, 2003

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bell*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 74) intituled *Motor Dealer Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled *Community Charter Transitional Provisions, Consequential Amendments and Other Amendments Act, 2003* was committed.

Ms. *Kwan* moved an amendment to section 15 of Bill (No. 76) which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 76) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled *Health Professions Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 81) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 82) intituled *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 82) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, October 23, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Minister of Education), on behalf of the Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education), presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 78) intituled *Accountants (Chartered) Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 21, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 80) intituled *Police Complaint Commissioner Enabling and Validating Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 21, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of State for Deregulation), on behalf of the Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise), presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 83) intituled *Pacific National Exhibition Enabling and Validating Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 22, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) made a ministerial statement regarding payment of wages to the forest fire fighters.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Land Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—39

Falcon
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
J. Reid
Bruce
Barisoff
Lee
Hagen
Murray

Plant
Collins
Stephens
Abbott
Chong
Anderson
Orr
Nuraney
Brenzinger
R. Stewart

Bell
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Belsey
Hayer
Christensen
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter

Bhullar
Wong
Visser
MacKay
Cobb
Suffredine
Hamilton
Sahota
Kerr

NAYS—1

Kwan

Bill (No. 46) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Ian D. Izard, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 35) *Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 36) *Business Number Act*.

Bill (No. 37) *Skills Development and Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 38) *Personal Information Protection Act*.

Bill (No. 41) *Judicial Compensation Act*.

Bill (No. 42) *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*.

Bill (No. 44) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*.

Bill (No. 48) *Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 49) *Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 53) *Integrated Pest Management Act*.

Bill (No. 57) *Environmental Management Act*.

Bill (No. 59) *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 62) *Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 65) *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*.

Bill (No. 68) *Administrative Tribunals Appointment and Administration Act*.

Bill (No. 69) *Forest and Range Practices Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 70) *Commercial Appeals Commission Repeal Act*.

Bill (No. 73) *Sustainable Resource Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 74) *Motor Dealer Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 76) *Community Charter Transitional Provisions, Consequential Amendments and Other Amendments Act, 2003*.

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

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

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.39 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Date answered: October 23, 2003

10 Adriane Carr, Leader, Green Party of British Columbia, asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services, regarding the Minister's responsibility for rural health services the following question:—

On September 21, a young mother's life was saved in the Nelson Hospital by an emergency operation to remove her ruptured spleen. It was lucky that the surgeons she needed were in Nelson, as her vital signs were failing and she would not have made it to Trail where surgical services are now centralized for the entire Kootenay Boundary area. Will you, Mr. Minister, take this patient's close call as a warning and move quickly to restore Nelson's general surgery, surgeons and intensive care unit to prevent needless deaths?

The Hon. *C. Hansen* replied as follows:

Thank you for your question regarding the issue of health care redesign in the Kootenay area.

Patients in the Kootenay Boundary area receive excellent care and specialty services, when and where they need it. Our government has developed standards for access to care; this includes access to emergency room services within one hour, acute care within two hours and specialty services within four hours. Patients in the Nelson area clearly fall within these standards of access to care. More detail on these standards can be found on our web site at <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca>. As a direct result of this redesign, we now have more effective care for all patients and all residents who live in the Kootenay-Boundary area. We have been able to attract an additional five specialists into the region, resulting in better care for residents and less burnout for physicians.

A medical quality care committee has reviewed the particular case you refer to. The review has determined that if the patient had been transferred to the regional hospital as originally planned, she would have received the care she needed in Trail, as there was a team on standby ready to receive the patient.

Monday, October 27, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Locke*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

2 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 2 with respect to the contribution of resource development in rural British Columbia to the health and education infrastructure of all communities.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Monday, October 27, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 86) intituled *Business Corporations Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 24, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 87) intituled *Unclaimed Property Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 24, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *MacPhail* rose on a point of order relating to the conduct of ministerial statements.

The Hon. *G. Collins* made a statement.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 83) intituled *Pacific National Exhibition Enabling and Validating Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 83) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 80) intituled *Police Complaint Commissioner Enabling and Validating Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 80) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled *Manufactured Home Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 72) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 78) intituled *Accountants (Chartered) Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 78) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Christensen*, Bill (No. Pr 406) intituled *Ver-Tel Communications Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

And then the House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

Bill (No. 52) intituled *Private Career Training Institutions Act* was committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 52) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—47

Falcon
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
Santori
van Dongen
Bray
Wilson
Masi
Hagen
Murray

Plant
Collins
Clark
Stephens
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Orr
Harris
Nuraney

Brenzinger
R. Stewart
Bell
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Bennett
Belsey
Hayer
Christensen
Hunter
Les

Locke
Bhullar
Wong
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hawes
Kerr

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

Section 8 of Bill (No. 52) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 52) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, Bill (No. Pr 407) intituled *Buron Construction Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, Bill (No. Pr 408) intituled *Buron Construction (1986) Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Bill (No. 46) intituled *Land Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.59 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 46) intituled *Land Amendment Act, 2003* was again committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 46) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—46

Falcon
Hogg
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
Bruce
Santori
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Hagen

de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Abbott
Neufeld
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Orr
Harris
Nuraney
Brenzinger

R. Stewart
Chutter
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Belsey
Hayer
Christensen
Hunter
Les
Bhullar

Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Suffredine
Brice
Hamilton
Sahota
Manhas

NAYS—3

MacPhail

Kwan

Nettleton

Bill (No. 46) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 63) intituled *Youth Justice Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy and Mines) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 79) intituled *Columbia Basin Trust Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 21, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Nettleton* presented a petition regarding the Scope of Practice for naturopathic physicians.

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

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
October 28, 2003

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

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

(1) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 407) intituled *Buron Construction Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;

(2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 408) intituled *Buron Construction (1986) Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;

(3) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 406) intituled *Ver-Tel Communications Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. LEKSTROM, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bills (Nos. Pr 406, Pr 407 and Pr 408) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 78) intituled *Accountants (Chartered) Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

Section 24 of Bill (No. 77) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 77) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave, on the motion of Mr. Penner, Bill (No. Pr 409) intituled *Western Pentecostal Bible College Amendment Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. R. Neufeld.

The Hon. S. Hagen (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 88) intituled *Private Managed Forest Land Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
October 27, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

During the afternoon sitting on Monday, the Leader of the Opposition rose on a point of order relating to a ministerial statement made by the Government House Leader on Thursday, October 23rd, immediately following Question Period. Essentially, the Member’s objection was that she had not received an advance copy of the ministerial statement and therefore was not in a position to make a timely and appropriate response.

The Government House Leader, in his response to the point of order, stated that while governments try to provide advance notice of ministerial statements to the Chair and the Opposition, such advance notice is not always possible and in any event there is no statutory or other obligation imposing this practice.

The Government House Leader further stated that the information provided to the House was in fact not provided to him until the end of the Question Period, and in any event the Leader of the Opposition was not in the House at the time. Had she been in the House at the time and requested a right of reply, it would have been granted.

The timing of and content of ministerial statements has been thoroughly examined in the earlier decisions of the House and I refer Honourable Members to two decisions recorded in the Journals of the House: one on March 20, 1987, at page 26, and another on April 27, 1999, at page 231. I commend these decisions to Members who wish to examine the matter further.

The Chair has examined the contents of the ministerial statement and considered the circumstances under which it was made and can find no breach of order. Indeed, the ministerial statement dealt with the matter which had just been canvassed in Question Period, and the Chair feels that the ability of the House to respond promptly to matters of concern should be encouraged.

Touching briefly on the matter of replies to ministerial statements, this House has on occasion permitted a deferred reply to a ministerial statement, but clearly each case must be decided on its individual merit.

The Chair encourages notice be given wherever possible but neither the rules of this House nor its precedents indicate that such notice is mandatory.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

The Speaker made a statement relating to Oral Question Period, and observance of the rules set forth in Standing Order 47A.

By leave, Bill (No. Pr 406) intituled *Ver-Tel Communications Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

By leave, Bill (No. Pr 407) intituled *Buron Construction Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

By leave, Bill (No. Pr 408) intituled *Buron Construction (1986) Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Manufactured Home Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled *Business Corporations Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 86) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 87) intituled *Unclaimed Property Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 87) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled *Youth Justice Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Date answered: October 29, 2003

11 Adriane Carr, Leader, Green Party of British Columbia, asked the Hon. the Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, regarding the Minister's responsibility for Land Use and Coast Planning — Working Forest Initiative, the following question:—

Will the Working Forest Initiative, enabled by Bill 46, which is intended to give the timber industry certainty, obstruct new park creation or land settlements with First Nations, or increase compensation to logging companies, or facilitate privatizing our public lands? Since it is unclear what certainty the Working Forest Initiative provides, and it has garnered massive public opposition — with 97 percent of people responding to your consultation opposed — will you withdraw Bill 46?

The Hon. *S. Hagen* replied as follows:

Overview

The *Land Amendment Act, 2003*, (Bill 46), provides the legislative authority to implement the New Era commitment that is intended to “establish a working forest landbase, to provide greater stability for working families and to enhance long-term forestry management and planning”. As such, it is intended to give certainty to the broad range of forest resource sectors, as well as communities and workers that depend on the forest landbase, not just the “timber industry”. This certainty is essential for continued economic investments and development for this province's landbase resource sectors such as tourism, agriculture, and mining, as well as timber. Further, Bill 46 reflects the government's commitment to a sustainable environment.

Creation of new parks

Bill 46 does not prevent the creation of new parks since Cabinet can still decide to establish a new park. To do so, Cabinet would be required to delete the land from the “Working Forest” prior to creating the land as a new park. In this regard, while it is important to remember that this province has largely completed its protected areas system over the last decade and now it is time to increase certainty for the economy, this government recognizes that some new parks and protected areas will likely be recommended as a result of the remaining LRMP processes underway, particularly on the central and north coast and Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) and therefore Cabinet may have to make a decision on whether or not to accept such a recommendation. Further, I fully support our New Era commitment . . . which is “Ensure Cabinet decisions on any new parks are made in public.”

First Nations' land settlements

Bill 46 will not limit or prevent land settlements with First Nations as a result of a treaty negotiation decision. And the government will have to consult and where appropriate accommodate First Nation interests.

Increased compensation to logging companies

It is the opinion of the government, supported by legal opinion from lawyers with the Ministry of Attorney General, that Bill 46 will not increase compensation to logging companies. The intent of any “Working Forest” designation is to signal the government’s strategic commitment to making Crown forest land available over the long-term for forest management activities. But it is clearly recognized that this will still be within the current legislative framework of the *Forest Act*, *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* and the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and within the concept of integrated forest management for the broad range of forest resources and sectors.

Facilitate privatizing public lands

Bill 46 will not facilitate the privatization of public Crown lands. In particular, the government recognizes that the public is concerned about the selling off of Crown forest land to the forest industry and therefore it has explicitly retained Section 23 of the *Land Act* to ensure that the selling of Crown land for forestry purposes remains illegal. In addition, the intent of Bill 46 will establish that Crown forest land is intended for long-term forest management activities and therefore any proposed disposition of land for purposes other than forestry must meet a clear “highest and best use” test before it can be sold.

Withdrawal of Bill 46

The government has carefully considered the public responses that have come forward during the public review period. In by far the majority of cases, it is clear that the public comment was predicated on a misreading or misunderstanding of the intent of Bill 46 and the “Working Forest” Initiative. Therefore, government has clarified the intent of this initiative where necessary, as is evidenced by this written response to the House, and will continue moving forward with Bill 46 and its implementation.

Thursday, October 30, 2003

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Belsey.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 80) intituled *Police Complaint Commissioner Enabling and Validating Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled *Health Professions Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 60) intituled *Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled *Business Corporations Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 87) intituled *Unclaimed Property Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled *Youth Justice Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, October 30, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *L. Reid* (Minister of State for Early Childhood Development) tabled the British Columbia's Early Childhood Development Activities Annual Report, 2002/2003.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled *Youth Justice Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—35

Falcon
Coell
Whittred
Hansen
J. Reid
Bruce
Barisoff
Bray
Hagen

Plant
Collins
Stephens
Coleman
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr

Nuraney
Bell
MacPhail
Mayencourt
Trumper
Belsey
Christensen
Hunter
Nijjar

Bhullar
Visser
Lekstrom
MacKay
K. Stewart
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes

Bill (No. 63) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 83) intituled *Pacific National Exhibition Enabling and Validating Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Monday, November 3, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Les*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

2 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 2 with respect to the contribution of resource development in rural British Columbia to the health and education infrastructure of all communities.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

29 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 29 recognizing the positive impact of arts and cultural tourism on the economy of Vancouver Island.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

49 By leave, Mr. *Hayer* moved —

Be it resolved that this House recognize the importance of improving transportation infrastructure for the benefit of the economy.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, November 3, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 75) intituled *Significant Projects Streamlining Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 18, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy and Mines) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 85) intituled *BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 24, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 83) intituled *Pacific National Exhibition Enabling and Validating Act* was again committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 83) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—57

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Hagen</i>			

NAYS—2

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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In consideration of section 3 of Bill (No. 83) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—45

Falcon
Coell
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
J. Reid
Bruce
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick
Wilson

Masi
Hagen
Plant
Collins
Clark
de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Neufeld
Penner
Orr

Harris
Brenzinger
Bell
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Belsey
Hayer
Christensen
McMahon
Hunter

Locke
Bhullar
Visser
Lekstrom
Cobb
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Hamilton
Sahota
Kerr

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Nettleton

In consideration of section 4 of Bill (No. 83) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—35

Falcon
Coell
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Cheema
J. Reid
Bruce
van Dongen
Roddick

Wilson
Hagen
Plant
Collins
de Jong
Nebbeling
Stephens
Neufeld
Penner

Orr
Harris
Brenzinger
Bell
Mayencourt
Belsey
Christensen
McMahon
Hunter

Locke
Bhullar
Visser
Lekstrom
Cobb
Bloy
Suffredine
Sahota

NAYS—1

MacPhail

Bill (No. 83) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 88) intituled *Private Managed Forest Land Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 88) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 8.56 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brenzinger*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled *Columbia Basin Trust Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—60

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Kerr</i>

NAYS—1

Kwan

Bill (No. 79) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Youth Justice Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Locke* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Locke* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Youth Justice Act* was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Suffredine*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
NOVEMBER 5, 2003

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 409) intituled *Western Pentecostal Bible College Amendment Act, 2003*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. LEKSTROM, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2) Bill (No. Pr 409) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Youth Justice Act* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled *BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Sultan* the debate was adjourned until later today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled *BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Thursday, November 6, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bray*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 88) intituled *Private Managed Forest Land Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Thursday, November 6, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The House observed a minute of silence in honour of our veterans.

On the motion of Mr. *Penner*, Bill (No. Pr 410) intituled *Canadian Pentecostal Seminary Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Bray*, Bill (No. Pr 411) intituled *Richrock Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.) (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Minister of Education) made a statement regarding violence in schools.

Ms. *Kwan* made a statement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. Pr 409) intituled *Western Pentecostal Bible College Amendment Act, 2003*, was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 56) intituled *Flood Hazard Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled *Significant Projects Streamlining Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.23 p.m.

Monday, November 17, 2003

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for “Private Members’ Statements” called.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 203) intituled *British Columbia Railway Asset Protection Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

By notice from the applicants, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Ash Developments Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* and Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Kennett Contracting Limited (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003* were withdrawn from the Order Paper.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, November 17, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement regarding the death of *Gordon Dowding*, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, on November 9, 2003.

The Hon. *G. Collins* made a statement.

The Speaker stated that he would convey to the family of the late Mr. *Dowding*, the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 92) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Locke* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Locke* moved that the Report be adopted.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—62

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Weisbeck</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Penner</i>		

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) presented the following:

Office of the Auditor General 2003/2004 Report 3: Adopting Best Practices in Government Financial Statements - 2002/2003, and
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Recall Process in British Columbia.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled *BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—55

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>	

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 85) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled *Significant Projects Streamlining Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Falcon*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 46) *Land Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 52) *Private Career Training Institutions Act*.

Bill (No. 56) *Flood Hazard Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 60) *Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 63) *Youth Justice Act*.

Bill (No. 72) *Manufactured Home Act*.

Bill (No. 77) *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 78) *Accountants (Chartered) Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 80) *Police Complaint Commissioner Enabling and Validating Act*.

Bill (No. 81) *Health Professions Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*.

Bill (No. 82) *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*.

Bill (No. 83) *Pacific National Exhibition Enabling and Validating Act*.

Bill (No. 86) *Business Corporations Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*.

Bill (No. 87) *Unclaimed Property Amendment Act (No. 2), 2003*.

Bill (No. 88) *Private Managed Forest Land Act*.

Bill (No. Pr 406) *Ver-Tel Communications Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. Pr 407) *Buron Construction Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. Pr 408) *Buron Construction (1986) Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. Pr 409) *Western Pentecostal Bible College Amendment Act, 2003*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled *Significant Projects Streamlining Act*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—27

Falcon
Hogg
Halsey-Brandt
J. Reid
Santori
Barisoff
van Dongen

Bray
Masi
Thorpe
Murray
Plant
Stephens
Jarvis

Harris
Chutter
Long
Trumper
Hayer
Christensen
Hunter

Bhullar
Wong
K. Stewart
Hamilton
Hawes
Kerr

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Lekstrom

Bill (No. 75) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for Committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 9 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Date answered: November 17, 2003

13 Adriane Carr, Leader, Green Party of British Columbia, asked the Hon. the Minister of State for Community Charter, regarding the Minister's Responsibility for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, the following question:—

The government of BC is now committed to spending substantial funds on the 2010 Olympic Games. Will the government commit to providing a complete public disclosure of the financial assets of all members of the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the Games, the 2010 Winter Olympics Bid, City contract, and the financial records of the 2010 Bid Corporation?

The Hon. *T. Nebbeling* replied as follows:

Let me begin by stating that the process throughout the Bid has been very transparent, and we expect that the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games ("OCOG") will continue to be transparent as we move forward.

With respect to the financial affairs of the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation ("Bid Corporation"), information will be documented and audited by the end of this year. At that time, the Bid Corporation is required to provide a detailed financial report to the International Olympic Committee ("IOC"). The audited financial results will be made available to the public once they have been shared with the Member Partners and the IOC.

Let me emphasize that the provincial government will continue to provide a high level of financial transparency to the public in all its contracts and dealings relating to the 2010 Winter Games. The Province is subject to Freedom of Information rules under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, one of the most stringent such Acts in the country.

In addition, the Auditor General is automatically the auditor of the financial statements of provincial government-reporting entities, all ministries, offices administered by officers of the Legislature and the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, and any fund or appropriation that is part of the consolidated revenue fund.

Legislation allows the Auditor General to "follow the money". He may audit an individual or organization where government, a government organization or trust fund has provided a grant, transfer, advance, loan, a guarantee or an indemnity to that individual or organization.

In his report, "Review of Estimates related to Vancouver's bid to stage the 2010 Winter Games" released Jan. 16, 2003, the Auditor General stated the methodology of estimating costs and revenues of the games is sound and reasonable.

In our commitment to show openness and transparency, the Province and the Bid Corporation invited the Auditor General to look at the methodology. We wanted independent eyes to go over the bid to confirm the methodology was reasonable and sound. An independent economic study shows that expanding the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, combined with hosting the Games could: generate over \$10 billion in economic activity, create over 200,000 person years of employment, and bring in \$2.5 billion in tax revenue.

British Columbia is one of the signatories to the Multi Party Agreement, an agreement that includes commitments around disclosure of financial information and reporting by the OCOG.

The OCOG will be required to provide to signatories of the Multi Party Agreement quarterly updates of its Business Plan with a financial statement including operating expenses statements, revenue statements, cash flow statements and balance sheets for the OCOG's activities for that quarter.

The OCOG will provide the signatories to the Multi Party Agreement with audited financial statements of the OCOG for each fiscal year of the OCOG, within 90 days of the fiscal year end. Final audited financial statements will be provided to the Parties within 180 days of the end of the Games. While it is a decision yet to be made by the whole of the Board of Directors of the OCOG, the Province will strongly recommend that the OCOG follow the Bid Corporation's practice of making its audited financial statement available to the public.

The Province will Chair the OCOG's Audit and Finance Committee, and has the right to approve the business plan for the Games, including the Budget and any material amendments to the Budget (amendments greater than \$5 million).

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bray*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 71) intituled *Public Service Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 71) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 55) intituled *Water, Land and Air Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved an amendment to section 21 of Bill (No. 55) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

NAYS—34

Hogg
Hawkins
Whittred
Cheema
Hansen
Bruce
Santori
Barisoff
van Dongen

Bray
Masi
Lee
Murray
de Jong
Stephens
Coleman
Chong
Jarvis

Brenzinger
R. Stewart
Mayencourt
Trumper
Hayer
Christensen
McMahon
Hunter

Locke
Bhullar
Wong
K. Stewart
Suffredine
Brice
Kerr
Manhas

Bill (No. 55) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 92) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 92) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. Murray* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 84) intituled *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 22, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 93) intituled *Insurance (Motor Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 12, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Upon the Member for Vancouver-Hastings failing to withdraw an unparliamentary expression, the Chair ordered her to withdraw from the House for the balance of the day’s sitting.

Mr. *K. Stewart* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 79) intituled *Columbia Basin Trust Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

In consideration of section 2, as amended, of Bill (No. 79) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—38

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>		

NAYS—2

<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *L. Stephens*.

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 94) intituled *Health Sector Partnerships Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 18, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
NOVEMBER 19, 2003

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

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

(1) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 410) intituled *Canadian Pentecostal Seminary Act*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

(2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 411) intituled *Richrock Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.) (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*, has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. LEKSTROM, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2) Bill (No. Pr 410) and Bill (No. Pr 411) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 79) intituled *Columbia Basin Trust Amendment Act, 2003* was again committed.

In consideration of section 4 of Bill (No. 79) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—58

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Orr</i>		

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 79) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—58

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>		

NAYS—2

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 79) was reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 79), the House divided as follows:

YEAS—58

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Orr</i>		

NAYS—2

*MacPhail**Nettleton*

By leave, Bill (No. 79) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled *BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

Bill (No. 71) intituled *Public Service Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 84) intituled *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

Falcon
Hawkins
Hansen
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Wilson
Lee
Thorpe
Hagen

Murray
Plant
Collins
Stephens
Neufeld
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Brenzinger

R. Stewart
Bell
Chutter
Long
Bennett
Christensen
Krueger
Hunter
Les
Locke

Bhullar
Wong
Visser
Lekstrom
Cobb
K. Stewart
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hawes

NAYS—1

MacPhail

Bill (No. 84) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 8.59 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 93) intituled *Insurance (Motor Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—47

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Locke</i>	

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

Bill (No. 93) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 12.05 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 95) intituled *Railway and Ferries Bargaining Assistance Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 18, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. Pr 411) intituled *Richrock Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.) (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*, was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled *Significant Projects Streamlining Act* was committed.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved an amendment to section 1 of Bill (No. 75) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Nettleton

NAYS—32

Falcon

Barisoff

Jarvis

Les

Coell

Masi

Orr

Locke

Halsey-Brandt

Hagen

Nuraney

Bhullar

Hawkins

Plant

Long

Visser

Whittred

Collins

Mayencourt

Suffredine

Hansen

Stephens

Christensen

Brice

J. Reid

Abbott

McMahon

Sultan

Bruce

Chong

Hunter

Hamilton

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 55) *Water, Land and Air Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 71) *Public Service Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 79) *Columbia Basin Trust Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 85) *BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act*.

Bill (No. Pr 411) *Richrock Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.) (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2003*.

Her Honour was pleased in Her Majesty’s name to give assent to the said Acts.

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

“In Her Majesty’s name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Monday, November 24, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Roddick*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

3 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 3 with respect to the role of an environmentally responsible aquaculture industry in economic development for First Nations.

Motion agreed to.

57 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 57 with respect to developing renewable energy technology.

Motion agreed to.

49 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 49 with respect to the importance of improving transportation infrastructure for the benefit of the economy.

Motion agreed to.

104 By leave, Mr. *Penner* moved—

Be it resolved that this House condemns the boycott of BC wood in China, and further that this House continues to support the efforts of British Columbia's forest industry, its workers, and their families.

A debate arose.

Pursuant to the Sessional Order of February 11, 2003, division on the motion was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, November 24, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 91) intituled *Wildfire Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 28, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 96) intituled *Timber Licences Settlement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 21, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Hon. *T. Nebbeling* (Minister of State for Community Charter), on behalf of the Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services), presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 97) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 3) Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 21, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Human Resources) tabled the Employment and Assistance Appeal Tribunal Annual Report, 2002/2003.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. Pr 410) intituled *Canadian Pentecostal Seminary Act*, was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled *Insurance (Motor Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, and reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 93) the House divided as follows:

YEAS—64

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

By leave, Bill (No. 93) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 94) intituled *Health Sector Partnerships Agreement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 94) intituled *Health Sector Partnerships Agreement Act*, be amended by deleting the word “now” and substituting therefore the words “six months hence.”

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—3

MacPhail *Kwan* *Nettleton*

NAYS—63

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. G. Bruce, the debate was adjourned to later today.

Motion 104 was agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following deferred division:

YEAS—54

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>		

On the motion that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 94) intituled *Health Sector Partnerships Agreement Act* the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—50

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Whittred</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Orr</i>		

NAYS—4

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 94) read a second time and *Ordered* placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled *Railways and Ferries Bargaining Assistance Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 95) read a second time and *Ordered* placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

Bill (No. 75) intituled *Significant Projects Streamlining Act* was again committed.

Ms. *Kwan* moved a proposed amendment to section 1 of Bill (No. 75) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—3

MacPhail

Kwan

Nettleton

NAYS—34

Falcon

Lee

Jarvis

Locke

Coell

Thorpe

Orr

Nijjar

Hogg

Collins

Harris

Bhullar

L. Reid

Clark

Chutter

Visser

Halsey-Brandt

Nebbeling

Trumper

Lekstrom

Hansen

Stephens

Hayer

Cobb

Bruce

Coleman

McMahon

K. Stewart

Bray

Chong

Hunter

Suffredine

Wilson

Penner

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 75) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—32

Falcon

Lee

Chong

McMahon

Coell

Thorpe

Penner

Hunter

L. Reid

Murray

Jarvis

Locke

Halsey-Brandt

Collins

Orr

Bhullar

Hansen

Clark

Harris

Visser

Bruce

Nebbeling

Chutter

Cobb

Bray

Stephens

Long

K. Stewart

Wilson

Coleman

Hayer

Suffredine

NAYS—4

MacPhail

Kwan

Lekstrom

Nettleton

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Orr*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 97) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 3) Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 97) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:
Supplementary Estimates No. 2 — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2004;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 22, 2003.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates of the Officers of the Legislature – Information and Privacy Commissioner).

(IN COMMITTEE)

5 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$274,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2004.

Committee of Supply reported the Resolution.
Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—
That the report of resolution from the Committee of Supply on November 25, 2003, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—
That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of \$274,000. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act, 2003-2004* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—
That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of \$18,000. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act, 2003-2004* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the capital expenditure requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

Motion agreed to.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 98) intituled *Supply Act, 2003-2004 (Supplementary Estimates No. 2)* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 21, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill (No. 98) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Collins*, Bill (No. 98) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 98) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled *Health Sector Partnerships Agreement Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 89) intituled *British Columbia Railway (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
November 24, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 96) intituled *Timber Licences Settlement Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 96) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 94) intituled *Health Sector Partnerships Agreement Act* was again committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 94) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—57

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>			

NAYS—4

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 94) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—40

<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Manhas</i>

NAYS—4

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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In consideration of section 3 of Bill (No. 94) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—49

Hogg
Halsey-Brandt
Hansen
J. Reid
Bruce
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Lee
Hagen
Plant
Bond

de Jong
Nebbeling
Neufeld
Coleman
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Harris
Nuraney
R. Stewart
Bell
Chutter

Long
Trumper
Johnston
Bennett
Belsey
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter
Les
Locke
Nijjar
Bhullar

Wong
Visser
MacKay
Cobb
Bloy
Suffredine
Brice
Sultan
Hamilton
Hawes
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—4

MacPhail

Kwan

Lekstrom

Nettleton

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

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

I wish to comment to the House on matters that occurred at the opening of the afternoon session relating to the introduction of a Message Bill and during Question Period. I have reviewed the *Hansard* transcripts and replayed the event through the live web cast in order to ensure accuracy of my observations.

Firstly, when the Speaker is on his feet attempting to read the Message from the Lieutenant Governor or the Administrator, irrespective of the Member's opinion on the Message itself, it is axiomatic that the Message is listened to with courtesy and without interruption. It is extraordinary when the Speaker must call for order during this proceeding, but unfortunately he had to earlier today. During the two minute explanation of the Bill that is permitted on first reading, inappropriate interjections not only continued, but the tape indicates they accelerated.

During Question Period, the Opposition was, as always, afforded the courtesy of the first question, but it became apparent during the attempts to answer, that the Opposition was determined to continue with their interruptions. A supplementary question was permitted to the Opposition — again during the attempt to answer, interruptions became more persistent making it difficult, if not impossible, for either the Members or the Chair to hear the answers.

As has been the practice in the past, and faced with what appeared to the Chair to be concerted effort to interrupt answers to the questions posed, the Opposition was denied the normal second supplementary.

The Chair wishes to observe that this process is neither new, nor should it come as any surprise to any Member of this House. The Members involved are both experienced Members and know the rules.

The Chair is charged with the responsibility of seeing that the legislature runs in accordance with the Standing Orders as developed by the Members.

The Chair also understands that passion and tempers may be inflamed from time to time during debate. It is the Chair's responsibility to see that Parliament is able to do its work.

On a more serious vein, the replaying of the proceedings around Question Period reveals that both Members of the Opposition levelled a charge that the Chair was not conducting the proceedings with impartiality and, indeed, the word "partisan" was directed at the Chair. Such behaviour will not be tolerated in this House and brings the institution into disrepute.

The Members with their persistent interruptions and lack of respect for this Assembly, brought the situation on themselves, but even the newest Member of this House understands that an attack on the impartiality of the Chair, is totally unacceptable — and these are experienced Members.

Under normal parliamentary rules, an apology is given by the offending Members for such an attack — in this instance the Chair will leave it to the judgment and conscience of the Members involved.

Finally, the Chair does not intend to engage in a debate in the media with the Members involved in today's proceedings or any other Member. Let it be clearly understood that any repeat of today's performance will not be tolerated.

In issuing this admonition, the Chair is also aware that the Government benches are not without fault and they must accept some responsibility for contributing to the general disorder that took place this afternoon.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Date answered: November 25, 2003

15 Donald Linge, Councillor, Township of Esquimalt, asked the Hon. the Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, regarding the Minister's responsibility for the Victoria Land Title Office, the following question:—

Since the Victoria Land Title Office is closing on April 1, 2004, due to the introduction of electronic filing, why is the equally busy Kamloops Land Title Office remaining open indefinitely?

The Hon. *S. Hagen* replied as follows:

I am pleased to answer your publicly written question pertaining to the Land Titles Office.

It should be clarified that only the front counter service at the Victoria Land Titles Office is closing, not the office itself. These changes will not happen until the electronic filing services are in place, which ensures all British Columbians have equal access to land titles services. The decision to preserve the front counter service in Kamloops was based on the government's Heartlands Economic Strategy to preserve jobs in support of economic development for interior communities. I note too, that New Westminster is the centre of greatest demand and once combined with the Victoria records, will account for 80% of land title services and Kamloops will handle 20%.

It is important to point out that Victoria will continue to manage the registry of Crown Land which represents more than 90 per cent of land in the province.

Wednesday, November 26, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *S. Bond*.

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

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 90) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2003* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
November 12, 2003.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) presented the Office of the Auditor General 2003/2004 Report 4: Alternative Payments to Physicians: A Program in Need of Change.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 96) intituled *Timber Licences Settlement Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled *British Columbia Railway (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. Reid*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

105 The Hon. *S. Hagen*, on behalf of the Hon. *G. Collins*, moved—

That the Sessional Order passed by the House on February 11, 2003, amending Standing Order 2 be amended as follows:

That section 2 (2) (a) (ii) be amended by deleting the words "from October 6, 2003 to November 27, 2003 inclusive", and substituting therefore "from October 6, 2003 to December 3, 2003 inclusive."

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

Bill (No. 75) intituled *Significant Projects Streamlining Act* was again committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 75) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—49

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Collins</i>			

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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In consideration of section 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 75) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—48

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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In consideration of section 5 of Bill (No. 75) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—47

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Visser</i>	

NAYS—2

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>
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Section 7 of Bill (No. 75) passed, on division.

Ms. *Kwan* moved an amendment to section 11 of Bill (No. 75) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

NAYS—48

Falcon

Stephens

Chutter

Lekstrom

Coell

Neufeld

Trumper

MacKay

J. Reid

Coleman

Johnston

Cobb

Barisoff

Chong

Bennett

K. Stewart

van Dongen

Penner

Belsey

Suffredine

Bray

Jarvis

Hayer

Brice

Wilson

Anderson

Krueger

Sultan

Lee

Orr

Les

Hamilton

Hagen

Harris

Nijjar

Sahota

Murray

Nuraney

Bhullar

Hawes

Clark

R. Stewart

Wong

Kerr

Bond

Bell

Visser

Manhas

Ms. *Kwan* moved another amendment to section 11 of Bill (No. 75) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

NAYS—48

Falcon

Stephens

Chutter

Lekstrom

Coell

Neufeld

Trumper

MacKay

J. Reid

Coleman

Johnston

Cobb

Barisoff

Chong

Bennett

K. Stewart

van Dongen

Penner

Belsey

Suffredine

Bray

Jarvis

Hayer

Brice

Wilson

Anderson

Krueger

Sultan

Lee

Orr

Les

Hamilton

Hagen

Harris

Nijjar

Sahota

Murray

Nuraney

Bhullar

Hawes

Clark

R. Stewart

Wong

Kerr

Bond

Bell

Visser

Manhas

Ms. *Kwan* moved a further amendment to section 11 of Bill (No. 75) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—3

MacPhail

Kwan

Lekstrom

NAYS—47

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Visser</i>	

In consideration of section 11 of Bill (No. 75) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—47

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Visser</i>	

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
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Ms. *Kwan* moved an amendment to section 12 of Bill (No. 75) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
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NAYS—47

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Visser</i>	

Section 12 of Bill (No. 75) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 75) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

The House recessed until 6.30 p.m.

Bill (No. 84) intituled *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 84) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—16

Falcon
Hogg
Barisoff
Wilson

Murray
Stephens
Anderson
Orr

Harris
Bell
Chutter
Christensen

Bhullar
Cobb
K. Stewart
Brice

NAYS—1

MacPhail

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 84) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—14

Falcon
Hogg
Barisoff
Wilson

Murray
Stephens
Anderson
Orr

Chutter
Christensen
Bhullar

Cobb
K. Stewart
Brice

NAYS—1

MacPhail

In consideration of section 4 of Bill (No. 84) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—12

Hogg
Barisoff
Wilson

Murray
Anderson
Orr

Chutter
Christensen
Bhullar

Cobb
K. Stewart
Brice

NAYS—1

MacPhail

Bill (No. 84) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

Thursday, November 27, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bray*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

105 The House resumed the adjourned debate on motion 105 with respect to amending the Sessional Order of February 11, 2003.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—49

Falcon
Coell
Hogg
Hawkins
J. Reid
Bruce
Barisoff
van Dongen
Bray
Wilson
Thorpe
Hagen
Murray

Plant
Collins
Bond
Stephens
Abbott
Neufeld
Chong
Penner
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Harris

Nuraney
Bell
Chutter
Long
Trumper
Johnston
Bennett
Belsey
Hayer
Krueger
McMahon
Hunter

Les
Locke
Wong
MacKay
Cobb
K. Stewart
Suffredine
Hamilton
Sahota
Hawes
Kerr
Nettleton

NAYS—1

MacPhail

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled *British Columbia Railway (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, November 27, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Hawkins* (Minister of Health Planning) tabled the Provincial Health Officer's Annual Report 2002.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) tabled the British Columbia Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2003.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled *British Columbia Railway (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. Reid*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 90) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2003*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 90) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 95) intituled *Railway and Ferries Bargaining Assistance Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled *Health Sector Partnerships Agreement Act* was again committed.

In consideration of section 4 of Bill (No. 94) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—31

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>MacKay</i>	

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

In consideration of section 5 of Bill (No. 94) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—27

<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>	

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 94) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—29

<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Anderson</i>			

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Kwan*

Section 11 of Bill (No. 94) passed on division.

Bill (No. 94) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled *British Columbia Railway (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.44 p.m.

Monday, December 1, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Kerr*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

By leave, Mr. *Les* moved—

33 Be it resolved that this House acknowledges the important role Public Private Partnerships can play in bringing private sector innovation and efficiency to the delivery of public services and providing BC taxpayers the best value for their tax dollars.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, December 1, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 89) intituled *British Columbia Railway (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—39

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Wong</i>	

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 89) read a second time and *Ordered* placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House recessed until 6.35 p.m.

Bill (No. 90) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2003* was committed.

Section 19 of Bill (No. 90) passed, on division.

Section 28 of Bill (No. 90) passed, on division.

Section 46 of Bill (No. 90) passed, on division.

In consideration of section 64 of Bill (No. 90) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—35

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>	

NAYS—1

Kwan

Bill (No. 90) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 8.12 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2, 2003

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Sultan*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 89) intituled *British Columbia Railway (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003* was committed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, December 2, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Locke* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Locke* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Les* presented the Second Report of the Special Committee on the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General Report on Strategic Direction and Funding Proposal, December 2003.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Annual Report, 2003.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly, (pursuant to section 5 of the *Public Service Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385) the appointment of an individual to be the Public Service Employee Relations Commissioner, Deputy Minister responsible for the Public Service Employee Relations Commission and to hold office as the Merit Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia, and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee, and is also empowered:

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

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

The said Special Committee is to be composed of: Mr. *Les* (Convenor), Ms. *MacPhail*, Messrs. *Hawes*, *Hunter* and *Harris*, Mmes. *Locke* and *Orr*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Health be empowered to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to finding effective strategies to change behaviour and encourage people to adopt lifelong health habits that will both improve their health and sustain the health care system.

1. Conduct consultations and report on recommendations from the Select Standing Committee on Health Reports from 2001 and 2002.

- Investigate other successful health promotion campaigns in other jurisdictions to analyze their potential effectiveness in BC.
- Undertake discussions on how to promote “healthy lifestyles” including the appropriate use of incentives and disincentives to help influence public behaviour.

2. Determine any potential financial savings to the Health Care system as a result of improved fitness of the general population and children and youth in particular.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Health and Social Services, the Committee shall be empowered:

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

and shall report to the House no later than March 31, 2004; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Education be empowered to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on the following matters:

1. (a) To follow up on the 2002 recommendations of *A Future for Learners: A Vision for the Renewal of Education in British Columbia*; and, in particular;
- (b) Based on the 2002 recommendation for a process for public post-secondary institutions to report back to the Select Standing Committee on Education on the enhanced tuition revenues to benefit students, the Committee is hereby empowered to request and receive reports on this matter from public post-secondary institutions.
2. The Committee may consider any other matters referred to the Committee by the Minister of Education and the Minister of Advanced Education.
3. The Committee shall prepare a report no later than April 30, 2004 on the results of this review.

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

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

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

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 97) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 3) Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled *British Columbia Railway (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003* was again committed.

In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 89) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—42

<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Cobb</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Visser</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Hayer</i>		

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Section 7 of Bill (No. 89) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 89) was reported complete without amendment.

The Hon. C. Clark advised the Speaker that pursuant to section 10 (1) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, she would withdraw from the debate on third reading of Bill (No. 89) and withdrew from the Chamber.

Bill (No. 89) read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 92) intituled *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2003* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Robert Vaive, Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 75) *Significant Projects Streamlining Act*.

Bill (No. 84) *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 89) *British Columbia Railway (Revitalization) Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 90) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2003*.

Bill (No. 92) *Medicare Protection Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 93) *Insurance (Motor Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 94) *Health Sector Partnerships Agreement Act*.

Bill (No. 95) *Railway and Ferries Bargaining Assistance Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. 96) *Timber Licences Settlement Act*.

Bill (No. 97) *Municipalities Enabling and Validating (No. 3) Amendment Act, 2003*.

Bill (No. Pr 410) *Canadian Pentecostal Seminary Act*.

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

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

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 98) *Supply Act, 2003-2004 (Supplementary Estimates No. 2)*.

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

The said assent was announced by E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. G. Collins moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

And then the House adjourned at 5.34 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTION

Date answered: December 2, 2003

17 Scott Doherty, 1st Vice-President, Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union, Local 1123, asked the Hon. the Minister of Education, regarding the Minister's responsibility for Education, the following question:—

How many more schools have to be closed in Campbell River and the North Island before this government realizes that their funding is insufficient and detrimental to the quality of education for our children?

The Hon. *C. Clark* replied as follows:

I am pleased to answer this publicly written question regarding education funding in Campbell River and the North Island.

I want to make it clear that our government has maintained education funding at \$4.8 billion dollars even though the number of students has declined. Over the next two years, funding for schools will increase by \$100 million.

This year, in addition to their basic allocation, school boards received a \$43 per student one-time supplement. As well, boards with more than a one per cent drop in enrolment will share \$12 million to reduce the effects of declining enrolment.

All but 10 of the province's 60 school districts are experiencing a declining enrolment; Campbell River and Vancouver Island North are no exception. Over the past three years Vancouver Island North has had a decline of 390 students; Campbell River has 509 fewer students.

Declining enrollment affects districts because funding is allocated on a per student basis. Local school boards are responsible for deciding how best to use funds within their district. School closures are never easy and provide many challenges to those affected but it doesn't make sense to fund empty classrooms.

Tuesday, December 16, 2003

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *R. Stewart*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 99) intituled *Coastal Forest Industry Dispute Settlement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 15, 2003.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *G. Bruce*, Bill (No. 99) intituled *Coastal Forest Industry Dispute Settlement Act* permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 99) a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—51

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 99) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Bruce*, Bill (No. 99) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 99) was committed.

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

In consideration of section 6 of Bill (No. 99) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Bray</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Manhas</i>

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Nettleton*

Bill (No. 99) was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 99), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Bell</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hawkins</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Chong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Brice</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Wilson</i>			

NAYS—2

MacPhail *Nettleton*

Bill (No. 99) read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 99) *Coastal Forest Industry Dispute Settlement Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *G. Plant* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 9.54 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2003/2004: Report 5: Monitoring the Government's Finances.

Ms. *Locke* presented the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Locke* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows:

1. That Standing Order 2 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sittings

Daily sittings.

2. (1) The time for the ordinary meeting of the House shall, unless otherwise ordered, be as follows:

Monday:	Two distinct sittings:
	10 a.m. to 12 noon
	2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
	2 p.m. to 9 p.m. effective the first week of March

- Tuesday: Two distinct sittings:
10 a.m. to 12 noon
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
2 p.m. to 9 p.m. effective the first week of March
- Thursday: Two distinct sittings:
10 a.m. to 12 noon
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- (2)(a) Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet:
- (i) the second Tuesday in February to the last Thursday in May inclusive, and
 - (ii) the first Monday in October to the last Thursday in November inclusive.
- (b) The House shall stand adjourned during the week of Spring Vacation as provided in the *School Act*, the week of Good Friday, the week of Easter Monday, the 4th week after Easter (if Easter falls in March), the week of Victoria Day, the week of Thanksgiving Day and the week of Remembrance Day.
- (c) As soon as possible after New Year's Day, the Clerk of the House shall publish a calendar which shows the days on which the House shall meet, according to the Standing Orders.

2. That Standing Order 3 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Hour of interruption.

3. If at the hour of 6 p.m. (or 9 p.m. effective first week of March) on any Monday; 6 p.m. on Tuesday; 6 p.m. (or 9 p.m. effective first week of March) on Wednesday; or 6 p.m. on Thursday, the business of the day is not concluded and no other hour has been agreed on for the next sitting, the Speaker shall leave the Chair:

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| On Monday | until 10 a.m. Tuesday |
| On Tuesday | until 2 p.m. Wednesday |
| On Wednesday | until 10 a.m. Thursday |
| On Thursday | until 10 a.m. Monday |

subject to the provisions of Standing Order 2 (2) (b).

3. That Standing Order 25 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Routine Business

Daily routine.

25. The daily routine business of the House shall be as follows:

Prayers (morning or afternoon sitting)

Introduction of Bills

Statements (Standing Order 25B) (afternoon sittings)

Oral question period (15 minutes, afternoon sittings: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Presenting Petitions

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Presenting Reports by Committees

Motions on Notice
 Written Questions on Notice
 Proposed Amendments on Notice

Orders of the Day.

The order of business for consideration of the House day by day, after the above routine, shall, unless otherwise ordered, be as follows:

MONDAY
 10 a.m. to 12 noon
(Private Members' Time)

Private Members' Statements (10 a.m.)
 Public Bills in the hands of Private Members
 Private Members' Motions
 Private Bills
 Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice

No division, on Orders of the Day, will be taken in the House or in Committee of the Whole during Private Members' Time, but where a division is requested, it will be deferred until thirty minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House on the Monday, unless otherwise ordered.

MONDAY (AFTERNOON), TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
(Government Days)

Throne Speech Debate
 Budget Debate including Committee of Supply
 Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice
 Private Bills
 Public Bills in the hands of Private Members
 Adjourned debate on other motions

4. That Standing Order 25A be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Private Members' Statements

Private Members' Statements.

- 25A.**
- (1) Every Monday at 10 a.m. four Private Members may make a statement, notice of which has been tabled no later than 6 p.m. the preceding Wednesday.
 - (2) The order in which such statements are to be called shall be determined by lot by the Speaker, before appearing on the Orders of the Day.
 - (3) The time allocated on Monday for statements and discussion thereon shall not exceed one hour, and the time for each statement shall be limited to 15 minutes as follows:
 Proponent: maximum of 7 minutes
 Any other Members: maximum of 5 minutes
 Proponent in reply: maximum of 3 minutes
 - (4) Private Members' statements shall not be subject to amendment, adjournment or vote.
 - (5) Statements and discussions under this Standing Order:
 - (a) shall be confined to one matter;
 - (b) shall not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same Session;

- (c) shall not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration by the House, in respect to which a Notice of Motion has been previously given and not withdrawn;
- (d) shall not raise a question of privilege.

5. That new Standing Order 25B be adopted:

Statements

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- 25B.** Three Private Members shall be permitted a two minute statement each day immediately prior to Oral Question Period subject to the following guidelines:
- (1) A Member desiring to make a statement shall so advise his or her Whip 24 hours prior to the relevant day the statement is to be made.
 - (2) Party Whips shall confer to settle the names of the three Members who will be recognised for “Statements” for the following sitting day and shall advise the Speaker by noon of the day in question as to who has been selected, together with the topic of the statement.
 - (3) Statements under this Standing Order shall be subject to the ordinary parliamentary rules of decorum and debate.

6. That Standing Order 27 (2) and (3) be amended by deleting the word “Friday” wherever stated and substituting “Monday morning” so that it reads as follows:

Government orders.

- 27(2)** Whenever Government business has precedence, Government orders may be called in such sequence as the Government thinks fit, and the Government may place Government orders at the head of the list on every sitting except Monday morning.

Urgent Government business.

- 27(3)** Notwithstanding Standing Orders 25, 25A and 27 (2), urgent Government business may, with the consent of the Speaker, be considered on Monday morning, and given priority over any other business.

7. Oral question period Friday.

- 47B.** This Standing Order is repealed.

8. That new Standing Order 81.1 be adopted:

- 81.1(1)** When a Minister of the Crown, from his or her place in the House, states that there is agreement among the representatives of all parties to allot a specified number of days or hours to the proceedings at one or more stages of any public bill, the Minister may propose a motion, without notice, setting forth the terms of such agreed allocation; and the motion shall be decided forthwith, without debate or amendment.
- (2) A Minister of the Crown who from his or her place in the House, has stated that an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of section (1) of this Standing Order in respect of proceedings at one or more stages of a public bill, may propose without notice a motion for the purpose of allotting a specified number of days or hours for the consideration and disposal of proceedings at one or more stages of a public bill. The motion shall be decided forthwith, without debate or amendment. Any proceedings interrupted pursuant to this section of this Standing Order shall be deemed adjourned.

Motion agreed to.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you on the accomplishments of the past year. This session has seen the passage of measures of wide-ranging and significant importance to the people of the Province. On behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention that you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your duties.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. G. Plant (Attorney General) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

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

Advanced Education Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03

Agricultural Land Commission Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03

Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Service Plan Report 2002/03

Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03

BC Assessment Annual Service Plan Report for the Year 2002 and a Report on the Creation of the 2003 Assessment Roll, and the Financial Statements for Year Ended December 31, 2002

BC Environmental Assessment Office Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03

BC Games Society Annual Report 2002-2003

BC Health Care Risk Management Society Annual Report, 2002/03

BC Housing Annual Report 2002-2003

BC Hydro Annual Report 2003

BC Pavilion Corporation Annual Report Apr. 1/2002 to Mar. 31, 2003

BC Transit Annual Report 2003

British Columbia Arts Council Annual Service Plan Report, 2002/2003

British Columbia Buildings Corporation Annual Report, 2002-2003

British Columbia Ferry Corporation Annual Report, 2002/03

British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 2002-2003

British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 2002/03

British Columbia Railway Company Annual Report, 2002

British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report 2002/03

British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Service Plan Report for 2002/03

Budget 2004 Consultation Paper

Capital Project Plan: Sea to Sky Highway Improvement Project

Children and Family Development Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03

Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report 2002-2003

Columbia Power Corporation Annual Report 2002/03

Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03

Competition, Science and Enterprise Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03

Competition, Science and Enterprise Revised Service Plan 2003/04 - 2005/06
Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area Annual Report, 2002/2003
Education Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Energy and Mines Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Finance Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
First Peoples' Heritage, Language & Culture Council Annual Report, 2002/03
Forest Practices Board Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Forests Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Health Planning Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Health Services Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Homeowner Protection Office
Human Resources Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Land and Water British Columbia Inc. Service Plan Report 2002-2003
Legal Services Society Annual Service Plan Report, 2002/2003
Management Services Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Ministerial Accountability Report 2002/03
Motor Carrier Commissioner Annual Reports, 2001/2002; 2002/2003
Office of the Premier Annual Service Plan Report, 2002/03
Oil and Gas Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2002/03
Okanagan Valley Tree Fruit Authority Annual Report 2002/03
Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia Annual Report, 2002/2003
Partnerships British Columbia Annual Report 2002-2003
Private Post-Secondary Education Commission of British Columbia Annual Report, 2002/03
Provincial Capital Commission Annual Report 2002/2003
Provincial Revenue Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Public Accounts 2002/03
Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Public Service Employee Relations Commission Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Royal BC Museum Annual Report 2002-2003
Science Council of British Columbia
Skills Development and Labour Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Sustainable Resource Management Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Tourism British Columbia Annual Report, 2002/2003
Transportation Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03
Water, Land and Air Protection Annual Service Plan Report 2002/03

And then the House prorogued at 10.13 a.m.

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO
*Lieutenant Governor*CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING

To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, at Our City of Victoria—GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on the tenth day of February, two thousand four at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at Our City of Victoria.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, the Honourable Iona V. Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-second day of January, two thousand four and in the fifty-second year of Our Reign.

By Command.