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**Monday, November 23, 1981**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Archdeacon *W. J. Hill*.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Thirty-second Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable HENRY P. BELL-IRVING, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 23rd day of November 1981, the members took their seats.

The Honourable HENRY P. BELL-IRVING, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

I extend greetings to you all, on behalf of our Sovereign, on the opening of this Fourth Session of the Thirty-second Parliament of British Columbia. May I express the wish that your goals and aspirations and those of the people you represent will be fulfilled in the course of your service as individual members and, together, as the Legislature of this great Province.

On a personal note, we mourn the loss of our respected colleague, Waldo McTavish Skillings, who was a member of this Assembly for 12 years and served his province in many capacities.

I take great pleasure in informing you today of two recent achievements in the affairs of our nation which, taken together, will contribute greatly to building a stronger and more prosperous Canada.

I am advised that, in September, my First Minister and the Prime Minister of Canada signed an energy agreement that resolves all outstanding issues between the two Governments on oil and gas pricing. Lengthy and arduous negotiations have put to rest a protracted dispute that was harming our economy and endangering our quest for energy security. Honourable Members will be pleased to learn that the Federal Government has agreed to remove its tax on the export of natural gas for the life of the agreement, and will

bear the costs of its incentive program. I am advised that the people of our Province are assured of a fairer share of revenue from the sale of their resources as a result of this agreement.

I also have the great pleasure today to inform this Legislature of an historic Constitutional Accord signed just eighteen days ago by my First Minister.

The Government and people of this Province have always been resolute in their desire for patriation of the Constitution as the final step in our nation's independence.

However, my Government could not support a unilateral process that was divisive, unconstitutional and unfair to the people of British Columbia. For this reason, my Government joined with seven other provinces in proposing an alternative formula for a made-in-Canada Constitution.

My First Minister was instrumental in convincing all parties to return to dialogue, and for creating a climate of accommodation so essential for compromise. Honourable Members will be pleased to learn that these efforts prevailed, and that the Accord is of special interest to Canadians living in British Columbia.

I am advised that the formula for future Constitutional change elevates to first-class status, equal in all respects to other provinces, the interests of British Columbians.

This formula ensures that no future Constitutional change can challenge British Columbia's ownership of its natural resources—the source of our lifestyle and livelihood.

I am further advised that the Accord enshrines in the Constitution our fundamental freedoms, democratic rights and basic human rights to equality and non-discrimination. These rights and freedoms, to which Canadians have been entitled throughout our history by way of tradition and custom, will be included in the Constitution in a manner that strengthens our Parliamentary democracy.

While Canadians have successfully met the task of patriation—and mindful of other pressing priorities on the national agenda—much work remains to be done in renewing our federation. As a people, we meet these challenges with a flexible and equitable amending formula, which will make much easier our task of resolving such matters as Senate reform, additional rights and the division of powers.

My Government believes that economically strong provinces are integral to a strong Canadian economy. Economic leadership to promote the well-being of our people is a vital element in establishing the framework of progress and opportunity that must serve us in the years ahead.

I am advised that over the course of the past five years the British Columbia economy has contributed greatly to that of our country, significantly outperforming national rates of real growth and job creation. In fact, the number of people productively employed in this Province has increased by twenty-eight percent since 1974, and in the past year alone it is estimated that over forty thousand new jobs have been created. All Members will be pleased to learn that as of October there were 1,257,000 people gainfully employed in our Province.

I am advised that significant progress has been achieved this year in diversifying our economy and, by so doing, expanding employment opportunities for the people of this Province. A jet engine overhaul plant—employing four hundred people upon completion with total employment to increase to one thousand—has been established in Delta by CP Air, in conjunction with the B.C. Development Corporation. Expansion of coal mining in the southeast of our Province has created fifteen hundred new jobs. I am advised that

Ocelot Industries has established a new methanol plant at Kitimat, and that other petrochemical projects are being considered actively as a result of my Government's energy development policy. My Government is firmly committed to maintaining a climate that will attract job-creating investments such as these to our Province.

Unfortunately, as strong as we are, we are not immune from the negative economic influences coming from our major trading partner—the United States of America. Nor are British Columbians sheltered from the punitively high interest rates being maintained by the Federal Government's Bank of Canada.

The problems of inflation, high interest rates and unemployment must be faced in a comprehensive way, on a broad national front, and without delay. Decisive actions are essential if these problems are to be overcome. It is with deep regret, however, that I am advised such actions were not forthcoming in the recent Federal budget, much to the detriment to our Provincial economy. Moreover, I am advised that expenditures on the economic development of Western Canada have been shrunk considerably relative to what had been promised in last year's Federal budget. My Government is still hopeful that a significant proportion of these expenditures will be committed to British Columbia—in view of the economic potential of our Province.

My Government will continue to press for cohesive national leadership on the economy. In August, the provincial Premiers meeting in Victoria put forward a nine-point National Economic Recovery Program for discussion with the Prime Minister. I am pleased to advise all Members that a few days ago the Prime Minister agreed to meet with us. My Government strongly supports a return to co-operative economic management as fundamental to improving our economy, and looks forward to an early Conference of First Ministers as an appropriate forum for national economic leadership.

My Government will continue to demonstrate strong leadership in its own sphere of economic activity and, in this vein, an Economic Development Conference will be convened in the spring. Through a process of dialogue and consultation, it is hoped that common directions and priorities for the economic development of our Province can be agreed upon.

My Government has consistently maintained that interest rate problems are a Federal responsibility. The recent Federal budget accepts this view, but takes only minimal action in easing the burden on homeowners. On the other hand, the construction of new accommodation in our Province will be set back considerably next year. My Government has and will continue to press for modifications to these measures and, to improve the situation, will bring forward specific initiatives within its areas of responsibility.

The supply of accommodation must be increased if the needs of our people for affordable housing are to be met. Measures will be taken to promote rehabilitation of existing housing stock and to increase the supply of multiple unit accommodation. The disposition of appropriate Crown land for housing will be accelerated, and a residential land supply strategy for every community in the Province will be put in place. A special emphasis on first-time buyers will be incorporated in these measures by promoting "rent-to-own" programs. My Government expects that these measures—in conjunction with impressive developments now under construction in all regions of our Province—will go a long way towards improving the affordability and availability of housing, and towards increasing employment of our people.

Although all British Columbians are affected by current economic difficulties, those who earn their livelihood from our abundant forest resources have been particularly hard hit from the fall-off in housing starts that is the by-product of excessive interest rates.

My Government is meeting this cyclical downturn with realism, with compassion and with a profound optimism about our medium-term economic prospects.

My Minister of Forests advises me that while our vital forest industry is at present experiencing difficulties, the United States—which normally consumes sixty per cent of our Provincial lumber production—is forecast to experience in the 1980s a decade of near-record housing starts.

The long-term market prospects for kraft pulp and newsprint are also promising, and our industry currently is very competitive in world markets.

I am advised that while real growth will not be as high as in previous years, the people of our Province can still expect positive growth that compares favourably to the Canadian average.

Inflation and high interest rates have affected my Government's budget as they have the budgets of our people. Recently announced Federal cutbacks for health and educational programs will only worsen the situation. Prudent fiscal management, privatization of select government activities, wage restraint and greater efficiencies are required and will form the central underpinnings of the budgetary measures you will be asked to approve.

My Government believes that now is not the time to retrench into pessimism. We are a strong and vigorous Province. Our continuing vitality despite the pressures of the times is a result of the foresight and stewardship of past years, which have provided the firm economic and social foundation of the British Columbia of today. We have programs in place to weather our temporary economic difficulties. Building upon this foundation to ensure future growth is the challenge that faces us today as British Columbians.

Continuing investment is necessary to harness fully the bountiful resources that are our common heritage as British Columbians. My Government expects that the development of our vast coal fields in the northeast will continue on schedule. I am advised that this is the largest single project in the Province's history; that during construction directly and indirectly it will create nearly six thousand jobs and five thousand permanent jobs thereafter; and that it will open to development many thousands of square kilometres of our Province.

British Columbia's economic future depends to a great extent on its strongest asset—its people. Our educational institutions have put us among the leading jurisdictions in the creation of a highly skilled and educated workforce. A solid base is now in place for the requirements of the 1980s.

As we move through this decade, huge new resource developments, tougher international competition, and the development of new technologies will put greater emphasis on the need for a highly skilled and productive workforce. Governments, labour and industry must work together to ensure that British Columbians are in a position to reap a major share of the benefits from the significant expansion in employment expected in the coming years.

To meet these and other opportunities, you will be asked to approve legislation to expand the mandate of my Minister of Labour and establish a Ministry of Labour and Employment. The change reflects a steady evolution in the focus of this Ministry, and will permit the consolidation of manpower programs that are today lodged in several

ministries. This improvement in the administration of my Government will strengthen existing links between industry and the job market, on the one hand, and training institutions and apprenticeship programs, on the other.

There will be a renewed emphasis on retraining and on upgrading the skills of those already employed, toward the objective of lifetime employment. My Government will work closely with the Government of Canada to ensure the dovetailing of our respective programs. Moreover, my Government will meet—on a one-to-one basis—with the largest employers and with labour unions to ensure that all British Columbians are afforded an opportunity to gain the skills necessary to ensure a productive and rewarding life.

Perhaps no single change has had as great an impact on the work world and on society in general as the growth in female labour force participation. Today, one of every two women of working age is in the labour force comprising nearly forty-two per cent of workers. Two income families are becoming prevalent in our society.

The rapidity with which this change is occurring is presenting governments everywhere with an obligation to act, to enrich, and to support these developments so as to benefit fully from the skills, energies and productivity of all our people.

My Government will proceed with the appointment of a Deputy Minister responsible for women's opportunities within the Ministry of Labour and Employment. As one of the largest employers in the Province, the Public Service must set an example for others to follow. Honourable Members will be pleased to learn of the recent appointment of Jill Bodkin as the first woman Deputy Minister in British Columbia. Other senior appointments can be expected. The Public Service Commission will treat this matter as a high priority and, in conjunction with the Deputy Minister responsible for women's opportunities, will establish targets for which all ministries will be responsible in ensuring equal opportunity.

My Government realizes that this is not enough. Government has a part to play, but it is the role of private enterprise to provide the range of choice which our society requires. At the same time, our society must always rely upon the resourcefulness and will of its members. My Government will meet with employers and unions to provide assistance on ways and means to foster equal opportunity. Moreover, my Government will strengthen its counselling, training and other support services for women in an effort to help them acquire necessary skills and encourage them to apply for positions at all levels.

I am advised that many of our industries have come through an exceptional year. Our superb scenery, our hospitality and our attractive lifestyle provide a solid basis for an internationally competitive tourism industry. This sector is expected this year for the first time to top the \$2 billion mark in revenues. All those who have contributed to this accomplishment are to be congratulated.

My Government plans to pursue programs to expand the contribution of this basic resource in diversifying our economy. The tourism sector is highly labour intensive, and contributes strongly to employment. Great opportunities exist in co-operation with the private sector to increase the length of stay and expenditures of our visitors by developing high spending package tours and specialized forms of tourism, and by marketing British Columbia as a four-season destination.

My Government will continue to promote our Province as a major trade and convention location, and as an ideal centre for feature film production.

The goal of energy security is a vital part of building a secure economic future for all British Columbians. My Government is committed to encouraging exploration for, and the development of, new supplies of natural gas and oil in order to expand our domestic base.

At the same time, my Government is committed to making alternative energy sources—such as solar, wind and biomass—stronger forces in the energy picture. Coal liquefaction and the use of methane are being evaluated as energy sources and as ways to reduce our dependency on foreign oil. The first public compressed natural gas service station is due to open shortly in Vancouver, and other stations are expected to open within the year.

I am advised that British Columbia's available underground pools of water at very high temperature are major untapped resources that are both clean and renewable. You will be asked to approve a *Geothermal Resources Act* to promote the orderly exploitation of this potential major resource for the benefit of all British Columbians.

Though richly endowed in natural gas, the people of British Columbia are dependent on outside sources for their oil. I am advised that an important provision of the recent energy agreement is a commitment by both Governments to resolve expeditiously the question of offshore resources, in full recognition of the uniqueness of British Columbia as a coastal Province. My Government is hopeful that the existence of developable reserves that will create many new jobs will be confirmed, and will put in place the highest environmental standards to govern exploration.

In spite of a number of setbacks from adverse weather this year, I am advised that the agriculture and food industry of our Province continues to make substantial progress. The level of self-sufficiency in food production has increased steadily during the past five years, which has been a period of substantial population growth. To stimulate further progress in this area, my Government plans to expand a number of its existing programs.

A strong field advisory service to the food and agriculture industry is now taking shape on a regional basis. My Government intends to develop a consultative process with primary producers and agri-businesses so that programs offered will be in accord with industry's needs. The food sciences advisory service will be developed to the benefit of the food processing sector, in particular, and of the industry as a whole.

The mobilization of the savings of our people and institutions is a vital link in the full development of our Province.

Over the past years, British Columbia's financial sector has performed strongly. Vancouver is steadily becoming an important international financial centre, and its stock exchange is growing impressively. However, in an international setting of mobile capital and rapidly changing techniques and circumstances, the need for modernization is ever present. Accordingly, you will be asked to approve a new *Securities Act* that will permit the Vancouver Stock Exchange to develop as a genuine, permanently based, and unique vehicle for the raising of venture capital for resource and development projects. The new *Securities Act* will incorporate innovative measures to protect the investor, particularly the small or average investor, consistent with a climate that encourages the full expression of entrepreneurial initiative.

Competition in the marketplace is a topic of obvious importance to British Columbia consumers and producers. My Government will be undertaking initiatives to promote greater competition in the marketplace, and will maintain a vigorous interest in the new *Competition Act* proposed by the Federal Government.

Economic growth and technological progress are not sufficient goals in and of themselves. They are, above all, important instruments for financing social progress, improving our quality of life, and enhancing a level of public safety that is highly valued by British Columbians.

My Government views British Columbia's unique environment as a vital natural resource, and efforts toward improving our already high standards of environmental quality will be intensified. In recognition of this priority, all Members will be pleased to learn of the recent appointment of my Minister of Environment, the Honourable Stephen Rogers, to the central decision-making Committee of my Executive Council—the Planning and Priorities Committee.

You will be asked to approve new legislation to protect and preserve our wildlife and waterfowl. In addition, a new *Waste Management Act* will be introduced to modernize the issuance of pollution permits and ensure stricter compliance with, and enforcement of, our pollution standards.

Safe, adequate and efficient transportation systems are vital to the quality of life in our Province. Public transit systems are especially valuable in an energy-short world and, since 1974, my Government has committed a thirty-fold increase to this area—from \$2.4 million to \$72 million per year.

During the same period, the number of public transit buses in operation, purchased with the assistance of my Government, has increased by more than thirty per cent. The population served by transit has doubled as has the amount of Government subsidy per ride. I am advised that an additional four communities—bringing the total outside major metropolitan areas to twenty-four compared to only seven in 1974—now enjoy a regular transit service. Moreover, in the past year, two additional communities have been added to the Custom Transit program for the physically disabled. My Government will continue to assess the need for transit in additional communities in the Province.

I am advised that the Advanced Light Rapid Transit Project is progressing on schedule in the Lower Mainland. This system features state-of-the-art technology and will make British Columbia a showcase for transit developments. The inauguration of this system will provide a firm transportation foundation for the social and economic life of the community. Moreover, it will contribute greatly to employment growth in the vital high-technology sector. I am advised that this extremely quiet system is particularly compatible with residential and commercial development. To ease the burden on the taxpayer, and to make best use of the transit system's alignment and stations, negotiations with the private sector are underway to link the system with other developments.

I am further advised that locomotives have been purchased, passenger cars ordered and stations designed for the Commuter Rail Project on the north side of the Fraser River. The system is expected to be transporting commuters to downtown Vancouver by early 1983.

For the foreseeable future, private automobiles and trucks will continue to be the primary forms of transportation for most British Columbians. My Government will continue with the Annacis Crossing and the Coquihalla Highway, and will proceed with major road improvements to secure fully our coal and other resources in both northern and southern areas of our Province. Full efforts will be devoted to maintaining the existing system through the timely replacement of pavement on main highways and the paving of road shoulders on rural gravel road surfaces. Where appropriate, existing two-lane highways will be converted to four-lanes.

My Government views with increasing concern the number of accidents on our highways. Highest priority will be given to dealing with the errant driver—through increased vehicle and driver inspection. Increased traffic law enforcement, including more refined computer processing, will be pursued. You will be asked to approve additional measures to reduce accidents on the highways of our Province.

Our life as British Columbians is well served by a wide range of first class institutions that are the envy of most other jurisdictions. The challenge before us—made more difficult by recent Federal cutbacks—is to ensure, through planning and foresight, that we are able to adapt to the changing needs of the future in a way that enriches our quality of life.

Significant improvements to our health system are nearing completion. The new Grace Hospital on the grounds of the Shaughnessy Hospital will provide the people of our Province with exemplary maternal and infant care, and will serve as the Provincial referral centre for at-risk mothers and their infants.

My Government will participate in the opening of the new Children's Hospital, also on the Shaughnessy site in Vancouver. Funded by provincial and regional governments, along with the Variety Club and the Children's Hospital Foundation, the children of British Columbia soon will have a facility that will enhance our already enviable reputation for diagnostic and treatment services.

I am advised that health services consume the largest percentage of the Provincial budget, and that prudent management, realistic demands and efficient delivery are essential. My Government is placing increased emphasis on preventive services, whether they are institutional or community based.

I am pleased to note that my Government has made arrangements for capitalizing the Terry Fox Medical Research Foundation. That Foundation is financing a newly-formed Crown Corporation—Pacific Isotopes and Pharmaceuticals Limited—which is in the process of building a plant to purify interferon and supply all Canadians with this experimental cancer-fighting drug.

The role of the family as the basic foundation of our society cannot be over-emphasized. This has been a consistent view of my Government, and one which underlies and gives focus to its many programs. You will be asked to approve amendments to the *Family Relations Act* to strengthen this area of society.

My Government recently has developed a new approach for the care of the mentally handicapped. This involves a shift in emphasis from care in large institutions to a range of community-based options. It builds upon the progress that has been made in developing a co-ordinated Government approach to social service delivery. All Members will be pleased to learn that the President of the B.C. Association for the Mentally Retarded has called this shift "the strongest statement of support for the human rights of mentally handicapped persons coming from any political official in Canada today".

British Columbians can justifiably be proud of the wide range of services provided to our senior citizens. In 1982, my Government will participate in the World Assembly on Aging. A Task Force has been established to prepare the groundwork for this Conference and to review all programs offered to the aged so as to ensure that Government programs reach those who are most in need, and that our people are aware of the programs offered by my Government.

The improvement of our public and private pension systems is a matter of high priority. My Government will work closely with the Government of Canada and other

provincial governments in achieving pension reform. You will be asked to consider a report on pensions during this current session.

An information service for senior citizens is to be developed. One feature of this service will be a special telephone number, to assist our senior citizens in gaining access to the full range of services available to them.

British Columbia's educational system is among the finest in the world and is an achievement for which we can all take great pride. The financing of this system places a great burden on taxpayers at all levels.

My Government is aware of the considerable consternation that arose in 1981 around the issue of school taxation. It has received a report, setting out both short-term and long-term recommendations, which are now being considered.

The equalization of educational and cultural opportunities is an important objective of my Government. Grants are now being made available to rural and isolated communities to make possible the reception of Knowledge Network of the West satellite television programming.

During this past year, my Government's multi-dimensional program of grants, information and technical services has furthered the development of cultural, recreational and sports opportunities for all British Columbians. In addition, a well-rounded system of individual awards has encouraged the pursuit of excellence in athletics and the arts.

The highly successful B.C. Games, initiated by my Government in 1978, now involve at various stages of competition almost 200,000 athletes from all parts of the Province. The importance of these Games goes well beyond the search for excellence. Harnessing the energies of our people, enhancing the spirit of our communities, and bringing people together from all parts of our Province, the B.C. Games are a tribute to the achievements of our youth and to the sense of community of our people.

The first-ever British Columbia Festival of the Arts, to be held in Kamloops, will bring together musicians, actors, dancers and artists from all over our Province in competition, in workshops and, above all, in celebration. It is hoped that this unique showcase will do for the arts what the B.C. Games have done for amateur athletics.

My Government will sponsor a number of innovative programs to encourage British Columbia's many athletic achievers. The B.C. Winter Games will be held in Trail in March. The Summer Games will be held in Vernon in August. My Government will introduce a Road to Olympics program, designed to encourage Canada's national sports teams to train and compete in this Province in preparation for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

My Government is delighted, as I am sure are all British Columbians, that Anthony Island Provincial Park has recently been declared a world heritage site by the United Nations. Located at the southern tip of the Queen Charlottes, Anthony Island is the site of a former Haida Village and contains the most significant collection of totem poles in the Pacific Northwest.

All Members of this House can take pride that earlier this year our Parliament Buildings restoration program was given an Award of Honour by the Heritage Canada Foundation.

No single element in our democratic system of government is as important as our electoral process. Honourable Members will be asked to consider legislation to improve the accuracy and timeliness of our voters list and streamline other aspects of election administration.

Honourable Members, this Assembly now begins an important and demanding session. I pray that in the discharge of your duties, you remain mindful of the effect of your decisions on the future course of British Columbia and Canada. The difficulties our Province faces today, while legitimate cause for concern, need not and must not obscure the basic strength of our economy, the tremendous potential of our human and natural resources, the exciting prospects for our future.

Through the leadership and efforts of my Ministers, and through the work of this Assembly, you must strive to build a stronger Province. Through the spirit of our people, together we must achieve progress to sustain our Province and nation. This is the challenge we face today.

May Divine Providence attend your deliberations.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Perpetuate a Parliamentary Right* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, it was *Ordered*—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, 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. *W. R. Bennett* moved—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Economic Affairs;
3. On Agriculture;
4. On Municipal Affairs and Housing;
5. On Labour and Justice;
6. On Health, Education and Human Resources;
7. On Transportation and Communications;
8. On Environment and Resources;

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), and by leave the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, the Hon. *P. S. Hyndman*, Messrs. *Brummet* and *Segarty*, and Messrs. *Howard*, *Gabelmann* and *Cocke*.

Mr. *Howard* moved an amendment (seconded by Mr. *Cocke*)—

The motion be amended by adding “9. On Fair Election Practices:” after the word “Resources;”.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

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	<i>D’Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>		<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
	<i>Leggatt</i>		

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<i>Brummet</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, seconded by Mr. *Howard*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Walter Kenneth Davidson*, Esquire, Member of Delta Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, it was *Ordered*—

That on each Tuesday and Thursday of this Session there shall be two distinct sittings: one from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and one from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.; on each Monday and Wednesday one sitting from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.; and on each Friday there will be one sitting from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., unless otherwise ordered.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, it was *Ordered*—

That Report No. 9 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, adopted by this House on February 27, 1973, relating to Oral Questions, be adopted by this House for the present Session.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* tabled the British Columbia Assessment Authority 1980 Annual Report.

By leave, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* tabled a report entitled, "Response to the 1980 Report of the Auditor General, November 1981."

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* tabled the Seventh Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1981 of the Universities Council of British Columbia.

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* tabled the 1980-81 Annual Report of the Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications.

By leave, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* tabled a publication entitled "B.C. Discovery—Science in British Columbia."

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.33 p.m.

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## Tuesday, November 24, 1981

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Ritchie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Segarty*—

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.

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

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

The Hon. *P. J. Jordan*, Minister of Tourism, tabled the 1980 Annual Report of the Ministry of Tourism.

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 25, 1981**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Phillip Hanley*.

Mr. *Barber* rose on a matter of privilege relating to statements made to him by a guest on the floor of the House on Opening Day.

Mr. Speaker to take the matter under advisement.

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement relating to the matter raised by the First Member for Victoria.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Brown* presented the petition of Leni Hoover, Alan Hoover, Jean Nordstrom, and others, relating to the reclassification of single parents of small children by the Ministry of Human Resources.

On the motion of Mr. *Mussallem*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Dangerous Health Practices Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Utilities Commission for 1980.

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

Mr. *Lea* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gabelmann*—

But this House regrets that the Speech of His Honour fails to recognize that the economic policies of the Government have resulted in economic stagnation and, further, fails to provide proposals for strengthening the economy of the Province so as to provide full employment opportunities for all our people.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 9.30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled the Pacific National Exhibition Report and Financial Statements, March 31, 1981.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

**Thursday, November 26, 1981**

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HALF-PAST NINE O'CLOCK A.M.

Pursuant to Standing Order 73 (6), *I. D. Izard, Esq.*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the following Report:

REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
November 26, 1981

In the matter of the several documents presented as a petition to the House on the 25th day of November 1981, by the Honourable Member for Burnaby-Edmonds.

The said documents are irregular in the following respects, namely:

The form thereof does not conform with Appendix A to the Standing Orders, and further does not respectively conform to the requirements of Standing Orders 73 (4) and 73 (5).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IAN M. HORNE, Q.C., *Clerk of the House*

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.02 p.m.

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**Thursday, November 26, 1981**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Brigadier *Victor Underhill*.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Brown* presented the petition of Leni Hoover, Alan Hoover, Jean Nordstrom, and others, relating to the reclassification of single parents of small children by the Ministry of Human Resources.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Brown* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, ratification by the Federal Government of the United Nations Convention on elimination of discrimination against women and requirements of provincial ratification.

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Finance for the year ended December 31, 1980.

The Hon. *J. H. Heinrich* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Annual Report, 1980, of the Ministry of Labour.

The Hon. *J. H. Heinrich* (Minister of Labour) tabled the 1980 Annual Report of the Human Rights Commission.

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. L. McGeer*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 26, 1981.*

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

At the afternoon sitting on Wednesday, the 25th of November, the Honourable First Member for Victoria rose on a matter of privilege relating to an incident which occurred in the House on Monday, the 23rd of November.

The incident complained of, related to remarks attributed to a visitor seated on the floor of the House during the opening day proceedings, which remarks were directed to the First Member for Victoria.

This House, as recently as March 6, 1980, has examined these rules in considerable detail when a matter of privilege was raised.

An examination of the authorities indicates that the Chair must direct its attention to two distinct areas when considering matters of privilege:

1. There must be compliance with the requisite rules to permit the matter of privilege to be brought forward and,
2. The actions or words complained of are examined to determine whether or not a *prima facie* case has been established.

In considering the actions and words complained of it seems to the Chair that there is evidence of a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege and were there not the necessity to consider the formalities relating to matters of privilege, the Member might now be called upon to move his motion. It must be clearly understood that the Speaker's authority does not extend to deciding the question of substance, whether a breach of privilege has in fact been committed—a question which can only be decided by the House itself. (May, 19th Edition, page 347.)

The Chair must, however, consider the rules relating to matters of privilege. It is necessary that the matter be raised at the earliest opportunity and the proposed motion be tendered at the same time. The motion was properly tendered in accordance with the rule so it remains for the Chair to consider whether this matter was raised at the earliest opportunity.

The offence complained of occurred on Monday the 23rd and the matter was raised in the House on Wednesday the 25th. The matter was also discussed by the Honourable Member with Mr. Speaker shortly before the House adjourned on Tuesday the 24th. The Honourable Member has observed in his remarks that it was not until the 25th he learned the identity of the person complained of and therefore the matter had not been raised earlier. It seems to the Chair that the Member should have brought the *incident* to the attention of the House immediately to preserve his rights, and then pursued his investigation as to the identity of the party. This procedure would have conformed with the authority in this House which states the proposition that a matter of privilege may be raised to satisfy the "earliest opportunity" rule, even though complete detail upon which the matter is based is not available at that time (B.C. Journals, July 8, 1980). The matter complained of here, having occurred on opening day and being founded on privilege, should, in my respectful opinion, have been raised on the same day in accordance with our Standing Order 26, which reads as follows:

"Whenever any matter of privilege arises, it shall be taken into consideration immediately."

I would also refer all Honourable Members to the Journals of this House, July 6, 1981, which quote several decisions from the Parliament at Westminster:

"A matter concerning an article in a newspaper published on May 6 was refused precedence because it was not raised till the 14th."

"A speech reported on a Saturday because it was not raised until the following Tuesday"; and

"When provincial newspapers appear in London on the morning of issue, the complaint should be raised on the day of issue."

I would also refer Honourable Members to the Hansard report of the proceedings of this House of Thursday, May 21, 1981, when the Honourable Member for Skeena rose on

a matter of privilege at 10 a.m. relating to a television newscast which he stated had been broadcast the previous evening, after the House had arisen. In that instance, the Honourable Member for Skeena had clearly taken the first opportunity available to him to raise this matter of privilege.

Because a motion based on privilege is given precedence over the pre-arranged program of public business, strict compliance with the rules has invariably been required. I am unable to find any authority which would permit the Chair to allow this matter to proceed when it has been raised in the House on the second sitting day after the event complained of. Even had the matter been raised in the House at 2 p.m. on Tuesday the 24th, it seems to the Chair, based on the existing authorities, the matter would have failed to satisfy the "earliest opportunity" rule. There is no doubt that the onus on the Member raising a matter of privilege is a heavy one but the Chair has no authority to relax these rules, even though the Chair may well be satisfied a *prima facie* case exists.

W. H. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *School Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*November 26, 1981.*

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

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**Friday, November 27, 1981**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Angus Jack*.

REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
November 27, 1981

In the matter of the petition presented to the House on the 26th day of November 1981 by the Honourable Member for Burnaby-Edmonds.

The said petition is irregular in the following respects, namely:

The form thereof does not comply with the Standing Orders of the House. Although it is endorsed by the Honourable Member, it does not bear the signatures of the petitioners and does not contain a Prayer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. G. MACMINN, *Deputy Clerk*

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—21

<i>Passarell</i>		<i>Lorimer</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>		<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>		<i>King</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—30

<i>Brummet</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. J. J. Hewitt the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members*:

On Thursday, November 26, the Member for Burnaby-Edmonds sought to move adjournment of the House under Standing Order 35 to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, ratification by the Federal Government of the United Nations convention on the elimination of discrimination against women and requirements of ratification by the provinces.

The power under Standing Order 35 to set aside the regular daily business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance has only been exercised under strict controls, as, by its very nature, it involves an interference with the assigned business of the House.

Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice, 17th Edition, page 365, indicates that the matter must be urgent, of recent occurrence and raised without delay.

"The fact that a grievance is continuing is not sufficient if it is not of recent occurrence.

The fact that new information has been received regarding a matter that has been continuing for some time does not in itself make the matter one of urgency."

The Member in her statement, which I have gleaned from the Hansard transcript, stated that the Province has not ratified an agreement, thereby indicating an ongoing situation which has the effect of taking the matter outside the scope of Standing Order 35.

I would point out also that it is necessary under the Standing Order to hand a written statement of the matter to the Chair. I note in this case that the only document received by the Speaker was the proposed motion of adjournment.

W. H. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 12.42 p.m.

**Monday, November 30, 1981**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Thomas Gardner*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 30, 1981.*

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

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Offence Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 30, 1981.*

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

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 30, 1981.*

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

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 9.30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture and Food) tabled the Annual Report, year ended March 31, 1981, of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission.

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 1, 1981**

HALF-PAST NINE O'CLOCK A.M.

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

The debate continued.

An Honourable Member questioned the presence of a quorum in the House. The division bell was rung. Upon a count being taken, Mr. Speaker stated that a quorum was present.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *T. M. Waterland* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* (Minister of Forests) tabled the 1980–1981 Annual Report of the Ministry of Forests.

And then the House adjourned at 11.46 a.m.

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## Tuesday, December 1, 1981

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 30, 1981.*

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

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*December 1, 1981.*

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

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*December 1, 1981.*

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

By leave of the House, Ms. *Brown* presented the petition of Anne Snowman, Kara Rawlings, Alfred Rose, and others, relating to the reclassification of single parents of small children by the Ministry of Human Resources.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

During debate on the motion, by leave, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Universities, Science and Communications) tabled an inscription.

The debate continued.

At 5.45 p.m. Mr. Speaker stated that, pursuant to Standing Order 45A (3), the question must be called.

Mr. *Barrett* asked leave that the Rules be suspended to permit him to take his place in the debate.

Leave was not granted.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>Brummet</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

## NAYS—24

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, it was *Ordered*—

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

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, it was *Ordered*—

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled:

Fifth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, year ended March 31, 1981.

Fortieth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, year ended December 31, 1980.

Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1981.

Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act*, Part 2, year ended March 31, 1981.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker or the Deputy Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet. Mr. Speaker or the Deputy Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

A debate arose.

The attention of Mr. Speaker was drawn to the clock.

Mr. Speaker stated that the debate might proceed and cited a ruling of Mr. Speaker Dowding to be found at page 171 of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly of 1973, as follows:

“It seemed to me in the brief time available that if it was competent for the House to act upon the report of the Chairman after the hour of interruption, as above noted, it was also competent for the House at this time to determine the hour of its next sitting. Standing Order 3 provides that an hour other than 8 o'clock p.m. may be agreed upon.

“Such motions, in accordance with the practice indicated in May do not, in the opinion of the Chair, fall into the category of opposed business but are clearly formal matters involving the business and hours of sitting of the House. This is borne out in our Standing Orders by Standing Order 45 (2) which states that adjournment motions shall be decided without debate or amendment and Standing Order 34 which declares that a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.”

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker or the Deputy Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet. Mr. Speaker or the Deputy Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

Mr. *Barrett* moved adjournment of the debate to the next sitting of the House.

Motion defeated on the following division:

YEAS—22

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	
<i>Barnes</i>			

NAYS—28

<i>Brummet</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>		<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>			

The debate continued.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Brummet</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>		<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

NAYS—20

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Barnes</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	

Mr. *Hall* rose on a point of order, namely, that the rules of the House had not been observed when the House had met again at 8 o'clock p.m. yesterday. Mr. Speaker observed that the House, having previously ordered, by Sessional Order, that there be two distinct sittings only on Tuesdays of each week, the sitting of the House at 8 p.m. should, to give effect to the apparent intent of the House, be construed as being a continuation of the second distinct sitting of the House which had commenced at 2 o'clock p.m.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.48 a.m.

**Monday, April 5, 1982**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *B. Brantley*.

The Honourable Member for Skeena rose on a matter of privilege relating to arrangements made for the purpose of televising the Budget Address of the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that in the absence of express authority within Standing Orders or elsewhere to televise proceedings in the House, it was for the House itself to decide whether or not televising would be allowed on any given occasion.

Mr. Speaker further stated that in his opinion consideration of the question of whether or not, *prima facie*, a matter of privilege was involved would be premature prior to a determination by the House whether or not television coverage was to take place.

Mr. Speaker ruled that as the question of television coverage had to be determined by the House, it was his duty to determine whether leave was granted.

The Speaker's ruling was challenged.

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

YEAS—29

<i>Brummet</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Hyndman</i>
<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

NAYS—26

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

Upon Mr. Speaker placing before the House the matter of leave to televise proceedings, leave was not granted.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented the Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1981.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance), it was *Ordered*—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1980/81 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented:

The Report of the Comptroller General, in accordance with section 8 (4) of the *Financial Administration Act*.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1983;

Schedule E. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the period ended March 31, 1981, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 2, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* moved, seconded by the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Employment Development Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Special Appropriations Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Motive Fuel Use Tax Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 39) intituled *Housing and Employment Development Financing Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 38) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax (Bank Rate Increase) Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Gasoline Tax Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Taxation (Rural Area) Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 36) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Health Cost Stabilization Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Municipal Expenditure Restraint Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*April 5, 1982.*

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

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Home Owner Grant Amendment Act, 1982* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
April 5, 1982.*

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

Mr. *Barrett* rose on a matter of privilege relating to the form of the Estimates tabled in the House.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the form of the Estimates was determined under the provisions of section 20 (1) of the *Financial Administration Act*, and accordingly a *prima facie* case of privilege was not established.

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented the following:  
Remissions and Refunds made under authority of section 23 (1), (2) and (3) of the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled the following:

Applications pertaining to the *Public Service Labour Relations Act* dealt with by the B.C. Labour Relations Board in 1981.

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (College) Act*, year ended August 31, 1981.

Forty-second Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Municipal) Act*, year ended December 31, 1980.

Annual Report, B.C. Lotteries Branch, year ending March 31, 1981.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented the following:  
Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits under authority of *Unclaimed Money Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979, for fiscal year ended March 31, 1981.

Annual Returns of Official Administrators for the calendar year 1981 submitted in accordance with section 51 of the *Estate Administration Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979.

Annual Report of the Assessment Appeal Board for the year ended December 31, 1981.

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Industry and Small Business Development) tabled the Financial Statements of the British Columbia Railway Company, January 1, 1982.

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.