

JOURNALS

OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1973

Thursday, January 25, 1973

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Thirtieth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JOHN OWEN WILSON, Administrator of the Province, dated the 9th day of November 1972, the members took their seats.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. B. Knipe*.

Colonel the Honourable JOHN R. NICHOLSON, P.C., O.B.E., Q.C., LL.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 am pleased to welcome you to this, the Second Session of the 30th Parliament of our Province. I extend to you my best wishes as you, my new Government and Legislature, embark upon the course of action required to face the changes of the 70's.

This last year has been an eventful one and we are mindful of the high level of expectation that our citizens have from governments across the nation. Consequently, the policies and programmes of my Government, as evidenced by the Special Session last October, will continue to be carefully designed to meet both the priorities and the expectations of our peoples in the most appropriate way.

All Canadians have felt deep and abiding concern over the horrors of the war in southeast Asia. It is, therefore, with an overwhelming sense of relief that we welcome the Vietnam cease fire and peace treaty announced this week.

Since last September many of my Ministers have met with their counterparts in other provinces and with the Cabinet Ministers of our Federal Government. Sincere appreciation for our contributions has been expressed by many at these important discussions, and the expressions of optimism regarding the Province's future role in Confederation and the future of Canada are highly significant.

All Canadians were recently saddened by the loss of the Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson, Canada's Prime Minister from 1963 to 1968. Mr. Pearson, a

Nobel Peace Prize winner, was a dedicated and a very highly respected diplomat who brought honour and dignity to the country he loved and served so well.

I note with regret the death, on November 13 last, of Herbert Anscomb, a Minister of the Crown from 1941 to 1952. Mr. Anscomb was an able politician and servant of the people whose passing was mourned by all who had come in contact with him.

I am pleased to report that my First Minister and members of the Executive Council met with the Honourable Daniel J. Evans, Governor of the State of Washington, and members of his administration in Olympia earlier this month to discuss matters of mutual interest. Such discussions and the frank exchange of ideas should prove to be beneficial. While in Olympia, the Honourable the Premier was afforded the honour of addressing the Joint Houses of the Legislature. I note with pleasure that Governor Evans has been invited to visit British Columbia in the fall of this year in order to carry on with these discussions.

In mid-November of last year we were honoured by the visits of the Honourable William A. Egan, Governor of the State of Alaska, and Mr. James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory. These visits were for the purpose of discussing ideas as to the improvement of our environment and ecology and other matters of joint co-operation.

During this Session of the Legislature you will be asked to consider, among others, the following measures:

A British Columbia Bill of Rights.

Legislation to implement a Government-operated automobile insurance plan.

Amendments to improve the pension plans administered by the Government.

Amendments to the *Constitution Act* and a revision of some departmental Acts to reflect the new thrusts and priorities of my Government.

Amendments to the *Park Act* and the *Litter Act*.

Amendments to the *Land Act* and the *University Endowment Lands Act*.

In the important field of health care you will be asked to consider legislation for the following:

An *Ambulance Services Act*, and

Amendments to the *Medical Act* and the *Mental Health Act*.

Major administrative and legislative changes will be made in the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce and the Legislative Assembly will be asked to discuss measures to complement these changes.

Two major problems will come before you as a result of your actions in the Special Session last October. They are the continuing study of the effects of the consumption of and the advertising of tobacco and alcoholic products; and the report from the Speaker as a result of the passage of the *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*.

The administrative and legislative programmes will be carefully designed and will be based on the clear necessity to plan our future so that we may live in harmony with our environment and at peace with our fellow men, and to depart from the acquisitive North American values that have seen profligacy and waste on all sides. To implement these programmes, our Government will bolster services to our people, industry, and labour, to catch up with modern society's demands for quality services provided by skilled people. Our citizens have spent vast sums

educating our young people in special skills. These talents will be tapped as we update the Civil Service, which has been handicapped for some time by the lack of sufficient staff. Therefore, our Government will institute measures that will create close to one thousand new Government jobs in the Civil Service of our Province.

The complexities and burdens of government in these troublesome times clearly suggests that your wisdom and advice will be required more frequently than in the past.

It is my Government's intention to call you together as the work load expands and also to increase the work and designed use of the Standing Committees of the House so that our citizens will be best served at all times. To these and all other matters which may come before you, I ask your most careful attention and I pray that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties.

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. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *Regulations Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, seconded by the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, 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. *Ernest Hall*, seconded by the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, 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.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, seconded by the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, it was *Ordered*—

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 Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare and Education;

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), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan*, and Messrs. *Dent*, *Richter*, and *D. A. Anderson*.

On the motion of Ms. *Rosemary Brown*, seconded by *D. T. Kelly*, it was Ordered—

That *Hartley Douglas Dent*, member for Skeena Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

The following papers were presented:

By the Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary)—

Seventeenth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1972.

Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Civil Service Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1972.

Thirty-third Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Municipal Superannuation Act* for the year ended December 31, 1971.

Fourth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *College Pension Act* for the year ended August 31, 1972.

Thirty-first Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Teachers' Pensions Act* for the year ended December 31, 1971.

Twelfth Annual Report of the business done under the *Public Service Group Insurance Act* for the twelfth policy year, July 1, 1971, to June 30, 1972.

Report and Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into Employer-Employee Relations in the Public Service of British Columbia, December 1972.

Department of Queen's Printer, Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1972, and Profit and Loss Statement for 12 months ended March 31, 1972.

Capital Improvement District Commission Financial Statement as at March 31, 1972.

The Overall Medical Services Plan of British Columbia, Financial Statements as at March 31, 1972.

Regulations under the *Provincial Elections Act*, section 199, chapter 306, *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*.

By the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* (Attorney-General)—

The Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the year 1971.

By the Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972.

Return submitted in accordance with section 46 (2) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*: Refunds and remissions made under section 46 (1) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1972.

Return submitted in accordance with section 85 (4) of the *Taxation Act: Remissions and refunds made under authority of section 85 (1), (2), and (3) of the Taxation Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1972.

Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972, Office of the Assessment Commissioner.

Annual Report of the Assessment Appeal Board for the year ended December 31, 1972.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits, under authority of *Unclaimed Money Deposits Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972

Thirtieth Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1, 1972, to December 31, 1972.

By the Hon. *L. R. Nimsick* (Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources)—
Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources Annual Report for the Province of British Columbia, year ended December 31, 1971.

By the Hon. *R. M. Strachan* (Minister of Highways)—
Minister of Highways Report, 1971/72.

By the Hon. *W. S. King* (Minister of Labour)—
Department of Labour Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1972.
(In manuscript form.)

By the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* (Minister of Education)—
The One Hundred and First Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

By the Hon. *D. G. Cocke* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance)—
Twenty-fourth Annual Report, British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, January 1 to December 31, 1972.

By the Hon. *W. L. Hartley* (Minister of Public Works)—
Minister of Public Works Report for the fiscal year 1971/72.

By the Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Minister of Travel Industry)—
Sixth Annual Report of the Department of Travel Industry for the calendar year 1972.

By the Hon. *David Barrett* (President of the Council)—
Report of the British Columbia Energy Board, August 31, 1972.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Friday, January 26, 1973

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *C. P. Bishop*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. A. Williams* (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources) made a statement concerning the recent oil spill near Alert Bay.

Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked leave of the House to move a motion without notice relating to an oral question period.

Leave was not granted.

Mr. *Nicolson* moved, seconded by Ms. *Brown*—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

“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. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.18 p.m.

Monday, January 29, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *George Braun*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. *Schroeder*, Bill (No. 3) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Guarantee by the Province of Loans for Feeding Cattle for Market*.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, Bill (No. 4) intituled *An Act Respecting Mobile Homes*.

On the motion of Mr. *Fraser*, Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Phillips*, Bill (No. 6) intituled *British Columbia Development Corporation Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Phillips*, Bill (No. 7) intituled *The Farm Creditors Assistance Act*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 8) intituled *Training on the Job Act*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 9) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia Act*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 10) intituled *Christ Church Cathedral Historic Site Grant Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, Bill (No. 11) intituled *An Act to Repeal the Gift Tax Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, Bill (No. 12) intituled *An Act to Repeal the Succession Duty Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, Bill (No. 13) intituled *An Act to Repeal the Probate Fees Act*.

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. *Smith* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Jordan*—

That the motion in reply to the opening Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be amended by adding the words: "but this House regrets that the Speech of His Honour fails to provide any adequate proposals to meet the critical state of unemployment in the Province affecting many thousands of our citizens and their families and fails to deal with the impact of widespread unemployment upon the social and economic life of the Province."

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

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

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—14

<i>Brousson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>		

NAYS—39

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Calder</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	

Mr. Speaker ruled that Mr. *Phillips*, having unsuccessfully moved the adjournment of the debate, had exhausted his right to speak and quoted May, 17th edition, page 444, as the applicable authority.

The attention of the Speaker being drawn to the hour, he announced that he would leave the chair and return at 8 o'clock p.m.

The House recessed at 6.17 p.m.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the 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 House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—15

<i>Brousson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Smith</i>	

NAYS—36

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Calder</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Levi</i>

On the motion of Mr. *D. A. Anderson*, the debate on the main motion was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.13 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. A. Faris*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 14) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Chabot*, Bill (No. 15) intituled *An Act to Amend the Labour Relations Act*.

Ms. *Young* rose on a point of privilege and stated that she had been misquoted in a speech delivered by Mrs. *Jordan* on the 29th instant.

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.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

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

The House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The Hon. *David Barrett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*—

That on Wednesday the 31st day of January 1973 and on all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.—unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. *Chabot* moved in amendment—

That the motion be amended by striking out all the words after "11 p.m." in the last line thereof and substituting therefor "unless the unanimous consent of the House is obtained to proceed beyond the hour of 11 p.m."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—12

Brousson
Schroeder
Morrison

McClelland
Phillips
Fraser

Anderson, D. A.
McGeer
Smith

Jordan
Chabot
Richter

NAYS—38

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>		

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Brousseau</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Wallace</i>			

NAYS—9

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>			

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

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* (Attorney-General) presented the Fifty-first Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board.

12 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

1. Does the Provincial Government intend to require the Milk Board to ensure that Vancouver Island milk producers have a fixed percentage of the total Class 1 milk required on Vancouver Island?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what percentage of the Class 1 milk required for Vancouver Island consumers will be reserved for Vancouver Island producers?

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* replied as follows:

"1. Not at the present time.

"2. Not applicable."

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Otke*.

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*, Bill (No. 17) intituled *An Act to Amend the Income Tax 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 of the House after today.

Mr. *D. A. Anderson* raised a point of privilege relating to alleged ministerial statements of policy made outside of the House.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would reserve consideration of the matter.

Mr. *Smith* rose on a point of order relating to proceedings in the House during the previous day's sitting.

Mr. Speaker ruled that points of order must be raised at the earliest opportunity and the member had not done so.

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. *D. G. Cocke*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, seconded by the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, it was *Ordered*—

That a Special Committee be appointed to review the problem of oil spills in the coastal waters of British Columbia, with particular emphasis upon joint action with the State of Washington, and to make recommendations to the House which they deem to be in the public interest:

That the Special Committee appointed under Standing Order 68 be instructed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, a list of members to compose the Special Committee appointed by this resolution:

And that the Special Committee appointed by this resolution be empowered to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear representations from such organizations and individuals as may, in their discretion, appear necessary.

1 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has right-of-way been acquired from Gallagher Lake north of the Village of Oliver through the Inkaneep Indian land to East Osoyoos?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will construction start?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2. See answer to No. 1."

2 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:
1. Does the Provincial Government have any plans to construct a truck-route bypass at Penticton?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will construction start?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Dependent upon final approval of the route to be taken."

5 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:
With regard to the flood damage done to the dykes built on the Similkameen River by the Department of Highways—

- 1. Will repairs be made by the Department of Highways?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will this work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. When weather conditions are suitable."

6 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:
1. Has the Department of Highways' aircraft carried any passengers from Saunders Field, Merritt, since September 15, 1972?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) who were the passengers carried, and (b) on what dates was each flight made between September 15, 1972, and January 25, 1973?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) The Hon. *W. L. Hartley* and *R. D. Pollard* and (b) October 16, 1972, October 23, 1972, November 6, 1972."

30 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

With respect to Vote 198—

- 1. What is the total amount of grants paid under this vote between September 15, 1972, and January 25, 1973?
- 2. To what persons or organizations were the grants made and what was the amount of the grant in each case?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

- "1. No grants were paid.
- "2. Not applicable."

31 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

With respect to rental and boarding rates authorized by Order in Council 4104, approved November 23, 1972, under the *Elderly Citizens' Housing Aid Act*, with respect to each sponsor, what is the rental or boarding rate charged?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

“The maximum allowable monthly rate in special-care homes is \$300, but the average rate paid is lower and is determined by local circumstances and the degree of special care each guest requires.”

76 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

1. Does the Order in Council under the *Environment and Land Use Act* approved on January 18, 1973, have an appeal section?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what persons have appealed and what was the result in each case?

The Hon. *D. D. Stupich* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. There have been no formal appeals to the Environmental and Land Use Committee to date.”

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance) presented the Seventy-sixth Annual Report of the Public Health Services of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1972.

The Hon. *David Barrett* (President of the Council) presented the Public Utilities Commission Thirty-second Annual Report pursuant to section 35 of the *Motor Carrier Act*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Thursday, February 1, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. E. King*.

Mr. *Chabot* rose on a matter of privilege, namely the alleged release by the Government of a preliminary report prior to such report having been made available to members of the House.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would give his ruling on the matter concurrently with his ruling on a related question of privilege raised in the House yesterday.

Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely the closure of schools in the Greater Victoria area.

Mr. Speaker stated that pursuant to Standing Order 35 it was his duty to determine the urgency of debate rather than the urgency of the particular matter. Mr. Speaker further stated that as the House for several days had been engaged in debating the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and that as such debate was continuing, the opportunity already existed for the matter in question to be debated by any honourable member wishing to do so.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Gabelmann*, 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.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members—At the opening of yesterday's sitting the honourable second member for Victoria raised a question of privilege relating to ministerial statements of policy made outside the House, and I advised the House that I would reserve consideration of the matter.

The privileges of Parliament are those defined by ancient custom set out in May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 16th edition, at page 42, as ". . . the sum of the peculiar rights enjoyed by each House collectively as a constituent part of the High Court of Parliament, and by members individually, without which they could not discharge their functions, and which exceed those possessed by other bodies or individuals."

The privileges of the Commons have been defined as "the sum of the fundamental rights of the House and of its individual members as against the prerogatives of the Crown"

Parliamentary privilege is to some extent indefinite, but ancient rights and privileges of members include freedom from arrest and all molestations, liberty of speech in all their debates, and the right of access to the Sovereign.

Certain offences against the authority and dignity of Parliament are not specifically breaches of privilege but more correctly described as contempt. Such acts are dealt with exhaustively in Sir Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 18th edition, chapter 10.

Examples of this are cited, such as members misleading the House or any committee thereof (p. 140). At page 143 May states: "Upon this principle the Commons on 21 April, 1837, resolved, 'That the evidence taken by any select committee of this House, and the documents presented to such committee, and which have not been reported to the House, ought not to be published by any member of such committee or by any other person.'"

The publication or disclosure of draft reports of committees before they have been reported to the House will constitute a breach of privilege or a contempt, and may lead to reprimand and sometimes a refusal to nominate the offender to further select committees. As can be seen, all of these breaches concern matters initiated by the House in its legislative or committee work and the gravamen of the offence is that it is a discourtesy to disclose business in the hands of the House at the time of the disclosure by the member.

The honourable member's complaint is that a member of the Government disclosed a proposed policy to the public before informing the House. No proceedings relating to this policy were in charge of the House or its committees. In examining the authorities no case can be found in the citations presented by the honourable member holding it to be an offence for the Government publicly to announce its intentions. Indeed this practice has been a common occurrence for many years and were it a breach of privilege some ruling must surely be recorded. To the contrary, my view is reinforced by the decision of Mr. Speaker Lamoureux in the House of Commons, recorded in the *Debates of the House of Commons*, March 31, 1969, at pages 7298-7300, relating to an announcement by a Minister concerning a new airport, and again his decision on October 30, 1969, at pages 269-270, with reference to the publicizing of a policy statement by the Communications Minister, wherein it was indicated there was no precedent whereby policy statements had to be made in the House.

As was indicated *ex mero motu* yesterday, the House rules do not provide for statements by Ministers, although unanimous consent to suspend the rules for such purpose can be and is often granted.

If it were shown to be a prima facie case of breach of privilege then the matter would be one for the determination of the House, but in the circumstances and in view of the authorities as they appear to be, no prima facie case has been shown.

On the same principle, the honourable member for Columbia River today complained of the disclosure of a Government report to the press. The Honourable the Premier advised the House that such report was not, in fact, released and his statement must, of course, end the complaint. Beyond that, it was not a report ordered by the House nor was it the property of the House or any of its committees and the same reasons apply that no prima facie case of breach of privilege exists.

GORDON H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 5.28 p.m.

Friday, February 2, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Patterson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*, Bill (No. 21) intituled *Guaranteed Income 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 of the House after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Companies Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 1, 1973

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, Bill (No. 22) intituled *Voluntary Emergency First Aid Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 23) intituled *Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 24) intituled *Employees' Termination of Employment Protection Act*.

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.

Mr. *Phillips* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Richter*—

That the motion in reply to the Opening Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be amended by adding the words "but this House regrets that the Speech of His Honour fails to provide any proposals for recognizing and declaring that in British Columbia there have existed and shall continue to exist the fundamental freedom to the enjoyment of property."

The debate continued.

By unanimous consent, the House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison* that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negated on the following division:

YEAS—13

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>			

NAYS—28

<i>Webster</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>

The debate continued.

The attention of the Speaker being drawn to the hour, he announced that he would leave the chair and return at 8 o'clock p.m.

The House adjourned at 7.15 p.m.

Friday, February 2, 1973

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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 continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—11

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Chabor</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	

NAYS—27

<i>Liden</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Young</i>	

PAIRS:

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Lauk</i>

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. S. King*, 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.

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary) presented the Library Development Commission Report for the year ended March 31, 1972.

3 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the construction of Spencer Hill west of Grand Forks on Highway 3 been completed?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will paving contracts be called for tender?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. The grading contract includes initial pavement."

4 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. With regard to Highway 97, is consideration being given to upgrading this highway between the International Boundary at Osoyoos and Trout Creek at Summerland?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what improvements are planned and (b) when do you expect these to be undertaken?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"Yes.

"2. (a) Four-lane construction and (b) not known."

32 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

With respect to the Health Security Programme—

1. Has the Provincial Government hired staff for the Health Security Programme?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the names of the individuals involved in the programme, (b) what is the role assigned to each individual, and (c) what is the salary paid to each individual?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a), (b), and (c) The names of the individuals involved in the programme, the role assigned to each individual, and the salary paid to each individual in the Health Security Programme project are as follows:

"(i) For the duration of the project: Dr. Richard G. Foulkes, Director, \$40,000 per annum (no fringe benefits); Hans J. Kieferle, Research Co-ordinator, \$24,000 per annum; John E. Matters, General Consultant, \$16,500 per annum; Mrs. Constance Hawley, Consultant in Social Services, \$22,500 per annum; Miss Patricia McKnight, Research Assistant, \$7,800 per annum; Miss Marian Skellern, Secretary, \$7,800 per annum. (The last five individuals paid salary with no fringe benefits except B.C. Medical Plan).

“(ii) Hired on a short-term basis: F. Keeling, Consultant (Management), \$1,500 per month with no fringe benefits except B.C. Medical Plan; Charles Gallagher, Programming and Statistical Worker, \$1,500 per month, with no fringe benefits except B.C. Medical Plan.”

33 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

With regard to the advertising campaign to encourage participation in the Health Security Programme—

1. Was the campaign designed and handled by an advertising agency?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what agency?
3. What is the estimated total expenditure for this campaign?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. Foster, Young, Ross, Anthony & Associates Ltd.

“3. The estimated total expenditure is \$9,740.59.”

34 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

With regard to the advertising campaign to encourage participation in the British Columbia Festival of Sports—

1. Was the campaign designed and handled by an advertising agency?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what agency?
3. What is the estimated total expenditure for this campaign?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

“This question should technically be directed to the Minister of Travel Industry and should identify the particular festival by year or years. The most recent information is as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. Walker, Ricks, Ehrig Ltd.

“3. \$552,000 for spring 1972, winter 1973, and preliminary spring 1973, which figures include: Advertising—radio, television, newspapers, and magazines both within and outside the Province; printing—includes calendars of events, posters, résumés of results; public relations—continuing contact with sports-governing bodies, news releases.”

45 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

With respect to highway signs—

1. Have all highway signs bearing the designation “BC 1” been replaced with “Trans-Canada” signs?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the original cost of erecting “BC 1” signs and (b) what was the cost of replacing the “Trans-Canada” signs?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

“1. No. Large destination signs will take a considerable period of time to be changed; change-over is in progress.

“2. See No. 1.”

59 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. What is the progress with regard to the access road from Patricia Bay Highway to the Victoria International Airport?

2. Is reconstruction of the road under review by the Department?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, what is the approximate date for completion of design and start of construction on the road?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Design close to completion.

"2. Yes.

"3. Not known."

65 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Travel Industry the following questions:

1. What was the total Provincial Government budget allocation for all forms of advertising, including production costs, fees, commissions, etc., for the 1973 Festival of Winter Sports?

2. Does it appear to the Minister that the final costs will be within budget?

3. What was the cost for the same items in the 1972 Festival of Winter Sports?

4. Does the Provincial Government intend to schedule a 1973 "Festival of Sports" in May or June of 1973?

5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, can the Minister indicate the budget which will be allotted for advertising and promotion of that event?

6. In the case of the Festival of Winter Sports, 1973, what percentage of the total advertising allocation was spent on printing, radio, television, or any other medium in the United States of America?

7. In the case of the main Summer Festival, 1973, what percentage of the total advertising allocation would likely be spent in the United States of America?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. \$131,098.40.

"2. Yes.

"3. No Winter Festival of Sports was held in 1972. (December 1971, \$103,849.93.)

"4. Yes.

"5. This information is not available before the budget is announced and estimates voted on.

"6. 25.6 per cent.

"7. See answer to No. 5 above."

70 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans to install guard rails on the Hart Highway between Dawson Creek and Prince George?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will the installations take place?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. See No. 1."

71 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Government spent funds on repairing the slide area on the south side of the Peace River Hill on the Alaska Highway?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what has been the expenditure to January 25, 1973?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- “1. Yes.
- “2. \$25,408 this fiscal year.”

72 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Government spent funds on repairing the slide areas on the Alaska Highway on both sides of the Kiskatinaw River at Mile 20?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what has been the expenditure to January 25, 1973?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- “Yes.
- “2. \$34,322 this fiscal year.”

74 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans for passing lanes on the east and west sides of the Pine River Hill on the Hart Highway between Chetwynd and Dawson Creek?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will construction commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Not known.”

75 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Was a survey done for a passing lane on Wabi Hill east of Chetwynd?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will construction take place?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Not known.”

82 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Are there any plans for the completion of black-topping on Highway 103, North Peace River, east beyond Cecil Lake to the Alberta Boundary?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will this work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- “1. Yes.
- “2. (a) To pave 12 miles and (b) next summer.”

83 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Are there any plans to replace the Halfway River Bridge on Highway 29, North Peace River?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will the work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Design of a new bridge upstream in progress and (b) construction will commence when budget and priorities so dictate."

84 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Are there any plans to upgrade, improve, and gravel Highway 117, North Peace River, from the Alaska Highway at Mile 95 to the Halfway River?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans, (b) when will the work commence, and (c) will any work undertaken include financial participation by the Forestry Branch or Swanson Lumber Company?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Reconstruct and gravel 2 miles, (b) next summer, and (c) not as yet."

85 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Highways any plans to construct, upgrade, and gravel approximately 32 miles of roads in the Prespatou Area, North Peace River, which School District No. 60 has asked to be designated as school bus routes?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will the work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Reconstruct and gravel 18 miles and (b) next summer."

86 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Highways any plans to reconstruct and pave in cooperation with the Town of Fort St. John the two arterial highways bisecting the town?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans, (b) what is the estimated cost, (c) what proportion of this cost will be the responsibility of the town, and (d) when will the work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) The Department has taken a survey of Center Avenue and McKenzie Street and design will commence shortly, priority will be given to the section of McKenzie Street between Highway 97 and Center Avenue, (b) estimated costs cannot be prepared until some design work has been carried out, (c) the municipal share of the costs will not be known until the estimated costs mentioned in (b) above are known, and (d) the date of commencement and extent of work to be carried out will be dependent on estimated costs and availability of funds."

87 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Are there any plans for the reconstruction and black-topping of Highway 114, North Peace River, from where it intersects with Highway 101 west through Montney to the Alaska Highway?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will the work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. (a) and (b) *See* No. 1."

88 Mr. *Gardom* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Have studies been conducted into the advantages and the feasibility of introducing to this Province a Government owned or controlled automobile insurance scheme?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, will these studies be tabled for the information of all members of this Legislature?

3. Have tables been prepared comparing current private automobile insurance rates effective in British Columbia, and comparing these rates to the effective Government insurance rates in Manitoba and Saskatchewan?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, will these tables be made available to the members of this Legislature?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. The Royal Commission on Automobile Insurance, January 25, 1966, to July 30, 1968.

"3. No.

"4. *See* No. 3."

113 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Did the Government retain advisers with respect to any planning for the introduction of a Government Automobile Insurance Plan?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the names of the persons retained, (b) what are the salaries paid to the persons retained, and (c) were any of the persons retained residents of British Columbia?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes, as announced publicly December 6, 1972.

"2. (a) Norman Bortnick, (b) \$25,000 annually, *pro rata*, and (c) no."

114 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

With reference to aircraft under the authority of the Department of Highways for the period commencing September 15, 1972, to January 25, 1973—

1. Were aircraft used for other than Government business?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, who were the persons involved and what was the purpose of each flight?

3. What are the details as to destination and passengers carried recorded in the flight logs for each aircraft?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. *See* No. 1.

"3. Destination to and from and intermediate stops with times of take-off and landings, number of persons on board (including crew), weight of persons (averaged at 165 lb.), date of flight, and purpose of flight."

129 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

What was the total number of (a) permanent Civil Servants and (b) non-Civil Service employees on the Provincial payroll as of the following dates in 1972: September 15, 1972, and December 31, 1972?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

“(a) The information requested on September 15, 1972, is not available since the employee statistics are compiled at the end of each month, and (b) the number of permanent Civil Servants on December 31, 1972, was 16,351, there are no employees classified as non-Civil Service employees, all, with a few exceptions, are Civil Servants.”

And then the House adjourned at 9.55 p.m.

Monday, February 5, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. J. Hill*.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

Bill (No. 25) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act*.

Bill (No. 26) intituled *The Government Computer Privacy Act*.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *The Consumer Credit Disclosure Protection Act*.

Bill (No. 28) intituled *The Public Document Confidentiality Act*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, Bill (No. 29) intituled *Canada-British Columbia Indian Lands Determination Act*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 30) intituled *The Municipal Transit Subsidy Act*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. T. Nimsick*, 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 House proceeded to the Order "Reading and Receiving Petitions."

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

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

Mr. *Lauk* presented the petition of the Vancouver Stock Exchange for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Stock Exchange Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Lauk*, the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Vancouver Stock Exchange was received.

47 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

With respect to a night-ferry sailing between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen to accommodate commercial transport vehicles—

1. Is it your intention to initiate such an extra sailing?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will this service be initiated?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2. See No. 1."

73 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans to resurface the Hudson Hope—Chetwynd Highway?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when will the work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Not known."

137 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Were any special ferry trips authorized by the Minister of Highways during the day of January 25, 1973, between Vancouver Island and Tsawwassen Terminal?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many special trips were authorized, (b) what was the number of vehicles carried on each special trip, and (c) what was the number of passengers carried on each special trip?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. No special ferry trips were authorized for January 25, 1973; however, authorization was given to put the No. 2 ship at Tsawwassen, which is normally on stand-by on a Thursday, into service providing hourly service for the day.

"2. (a) If such trips are considered as special trips, there were eight crossings.

"(b) and (c) 8 a.m. ex Tsawwassen, 37 vehicles, 100 passengers; 10 a.m. ex Swartz Bay, 24 vehicles, 38 passengers; 12 noon ex Tsawwassen, 47 vehicles, 104 passengers; 2 p.m. ex Swartz Bay, 48 vehicles, 62 passengers; 4 p.m. ex Tsawwassen, 48 vehicles, 96 passengers; 6 p.m. ex Swartz Bay, 57 vehicles, 88 passengers; 8 p.m. ex Tsawwassen, 17 vehicles, 52 passengers; 10 p.m. ex Swartz Bay, 9 vehicles, 14 passengers."

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary) presented the Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission, January 1 to December 31, 1972.

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* (Attorney-General) presented the Annual Report of the British Columbia Racing Commission for 1972.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Vickers*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. S. King* (Minister of Labour) made a statement concerning the progress of negotiations in relation to the closure of Victoria schools.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

Bill (No. 38) intituled *An Act to Provide for Fair Practices in the Sale of Motor-vehicle Fuel*.

Bill (No. 39) intituled *Credit Information Protection Act*.

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. *J. G. Lorimer*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, Mrs. *Jordan* withdrew the following question standing in her name on the Order Paper:

145 Mrs. *Jordan* to ask the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans to develop the Mabel Lake Provincial Park site?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will this work commence?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* (Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement for the year ended March 31, 1972.

40 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:

1. Did the Provincial Government purchase land for the purpose of establishing a "land bank" for the provision of low-cost public housing?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) who were the vendors, (b) what was the price per acre paid in each case, and (c) what is the total cost of the purchases to January 25, 1973?

The Hon. *J. G. Lorimer* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2.

(a) Name of Vendor	(b) Number of Housing Units or Lots ¹	(c) Purchase Price
District of Corporation of Burnaby.....	192	\$615,000
City of Vancouver.....	44	448,010
City of Victoria.....	70	350,000
Mr. P. Vida.....	100	134,000
	406	\$1,547,010

¹ Land for housing was not purchased on an 'acreage' basis but on a 'unit of housing' or lot basis."

69 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Government spent any funds on maintaining the Alaska Highway from Mile 0 to Mile 85?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how much has been spent in the calendar years 1962 through 1972 and (b) how much has been spent in the calendar years 1968 through 1973?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) and (b) As below by fiscal years (does not include snow removal):

Year	Mile 0 to 48	Mile 48 to 85	Total
1962/63.....	\$10,700	\$6,500	\$17,200
1963/64.....	11,100	5,600	16,700
1964/65.....	13,100	7,500	20,600
1965/66.....	10,900	9,000	19,900
1966/67.....	9,300	12,500	21,800
1967/68.....	9,000	26,200	35,200
1968/69.....	10,600	32,500	43,100
1969/70.....	10,500	25,500	36,000
1970/71.....	10,600	17,300	27,900
1971/72.....	10,900	10,000	20,900
1972/73.....	7,400	15,300	22,700
	\$114,100	\$167,900	\$282,000"

115 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

With respect to the Sayward-Port McNeill Highway on northern Vancouver Island—

1. How much money was spent on this highway between January 1, 1971, and December 31, 1972?

2. What is the target date for completion of the highway?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

- "1. \$4,780,141.38 (April 1, 1970, to December 31, 1972).
- "2. By 1978."

133 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

With respect to The Woodlands School—

1. Is there a known number of patients awaiting entry?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many were known to be waiting as at December 31, 1972?
3. Were there any empty beds in The Woodlands School as at December 31, 1972?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

"1. Yes. There is a known number of patients awaiting entry to The Woodlands School.

"2. There were 33 patients known to be awaiting entry on December 31, 1972.

"3. Bed set-up as of December 31, 1972, was 1,101; which is 118 overcount of the approved set-up of 983."

136 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Is the Fort Langley—Albion Ferry out of service?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how long will it be out?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, have any alternative arrangements been made and what are those arrangements?
4. Has the Department any plans for improvements of the service at this crossing?
5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, what are those plans?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes. Vessel in shipyard for scheduled repairs to engines and modifications to drive assemblies.

"2. Three weeks.

"3. Yes. Barge and tugboat are now in service.

"4. Yes.

"5. The repairs and modifications under way now are intended to improve the reliability of the service."

144 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Highways released any employees in the North Okanagan Highway District between September 15, 1972, and January 31, 1973?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of employees released, (b) how many were classified as permanent employees, and (c) how many were classified as temporary employees?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Twenty-eight, (b) *nil*, and (c) 28. The following letter was sent to all casual employees in the Vernon Highway District on October 9, 1971, April 11, 1972, and November 8, 1972: 'Re: *Employment Status*—In order to avoid any

possibility of misunderstanding at a later date, we wish to advise that your position with the Department is considered a casual position subject to lay-off at any time. Your position is in excess of our normal year-round requirements and it should not be considered as a continuous or permanent position. We feel it is only fair to advise you of the above should you wish to avail yourself of any opportunity for alternate employment.' ”

146 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Government any plans for the construction of an entrance road from Lumby to Mabel Lake Park?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will this work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) Reconstruct Mile 16 to Mile 22.5 and pave and (b) this work is planned for this summer.”

147 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government any plans to upgrade the Trinity Valley Road in the North Okanagan Highway District?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the plans and (b) when will this work commence?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

“1. No.

“2. See No. 1.”

149 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Were the plans for the Gabriola Island ferry terminal discussed with either the Nanaimo Regional District or the Gabriola Island Advisory Planning Commission?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, on what date were these discussions held with respect to the Nanaimo Regional District and the Gabriola Island Advisory Planning Commission?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

“1. Plans cannot be drawn until after feasibility report.

“2. See No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.38 p.m.