

Friday, October 12, 1973

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Msgr. *M. T. O'Connell*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 70) intituled *Petroleum Corporation Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 11, 1973

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

Mr. *D. A. Anderson* raised a point of order relating to the disposition of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Farm Income Assurance Act*, and item 9 appearing on Orders of the Day of Thursday, October 11, being Notice of Introduction of a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Distress Area Assistance Act*, and proceedings in the House relating thereto.

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

The House proceeded to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

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. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 72) intituled *An Act for the Restriction of the Use of Spring Traps*.

On the motion of Mr. *Curtis*, Bill (No. 73) intituled *Consumer Credit Disclosure Protection Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 74) intituled *Administrative Tribunals Appeals Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled *Department of Housing Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Cummings*, 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.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. A. Williams* (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources) presented an Information Paper on the Revised Appraisal System for the B.C. Interior.

32 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:

With respect to the *Minimum Wage Act* (1972)—

1. (a) How many wage-earners had their monthly wages increased by this legislation, (b) what was the average increase in monthly wages, and (c) what was the total increase in monthly wages?

2. Have studies been conducted to determine whether the Provincial inventory of jobs increased or decreased as a result of this legislation?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, by how many jobs did the Provincial inventory increase or decrease?

4. Have studies been conducted to determine the effects of this legislation upon the cost of hiring in British Columbia and, if so, what were the results of these studies?

5. Have studies been conducted to determine the effects of the next fifty cent hourly increase in the minimum wage provided for in this legislation in so far as the Provincial job inventory and cost of living is concerned and, if so, what are the results of these studies?

The Hon. *W. S. King* replied as follows:

"1. (a) Regarding the impact of the increase in the minimum wage, a study is presently being completed which will provide information relevant to this question, (b) the same answer, and (c) the same answer.

"2. Yes.

"3. A study is presently being completed which will provide information relevant to this question.

"4. A study is presently being completed which will provide information relevant to this question.

"5. A study is presently being completed which will provide information relevant to this question."

And then the House adjourned at 12.51 p.m.

Monday, October 15, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Calder*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 69) intituled *An Act to Amend the Succession Duty Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 15, 1973

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 75) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 15, 1973

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled *Department of Housing Act*.

The debate continued.

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. tomorrow.

10 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:
For the period April 1, 1973, to September 13, 1973, how many employees of the Civil Service of British Columbia (a) were hired or (b) left the Service?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"Precise figures for mid-month are not available. Appointments and terminations processed by the Civil Service Commission were approximately as follows: (a) 3,028 and (b) 1,562."

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

1. Has the Provincial Government appointed one, Richard Von Fuchs, in any capacity?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the current salary for the individual concerned and (b) what is the job classification assigned to the appointment?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. See No. 1."

87 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Have any Ministers or Members of the Legislative Assembly been carried by Government aircraft since September 15, 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what were the points of departure and destination in each flight recorded, (b) were any planes held over at any point of departure or destination and, if so, for how long, and (c) specifically, were any Government aircraft routed to Kelowna between August 1, 1973, and September 7, 1973, carrying any Members of the Legislative Assembly or Ministers of the Crown?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* stated that, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House, and thereupon presented such Return.

125 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. What studies have been made to ascertain the effect on British Columbia tourism by the B.C. Ferries strike?

2. What was the loss in revenue to B.C. Ferries by the strike?

3. What is the over-all cost of wage increases granted to ferry workers?

4. Is an increase of rates contemplated to cover increased B.C. Ferries wage costs?

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

"1. No study has been made by this Department of the effect on British Columbia tourism by the British Columbia Ferries strike.

"2. Approximately \$750,000.

"3. \$3,250,000 for all British Columbia Ferries' personnel including licensed personnel not involved in the strike.

"4. All ferry tariffs have been under study since May because of questions asked and suggestions made in the spring Legislative Session."

130 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

For the fourth quarter of 1972 and the first and second quarters of 1973 how many employees of the Civil Service of the Province of British Columbia (a) were hired, (b) were promoted, (c) resigned, and (d) were dismissed?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"Appointments, promotions, resignations, and dismissals processed by the Civil Service Commission were as follows:

"Fourth quarter 1972: (a) 915, (b) 238, (c) 616, and (d) 6.

"First quarter 1973: (a) 1,133, (b) 241, (c) 741, and (d) 12.

"Second quarter 1973: (a) 2,197, (b) 333, (c) 751, and (d) 26."

145 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following question:

Is the Minister giving consideration to enlarging the areas on the B.C. Ferries where smoking is not permitted?

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

"There are no immediate plans in this regard."

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

With regard to the answers to Question 122 and Question 36, appearing in the October 1 and September 19 Votes and Proceedings respectively—

Between May 31 and August 31, what number of the 6,951 increase in persons receiving either salary or wages from the Provincial Government were classified as (a) sessional, (b) temporary, or (c) permanent?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

“Separate figures for sessional employees are not available as they are included with temporary employees. (a) Not applicable, (b) includes (a), 6,521, and (c) 420.”

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

What was the total increase in the number of persons receiving either salary or wages from the Provincial Government between May 31, 1972, and August 31, 1972?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

“2,318.”

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members,—I have re-examined the procedural matter raised on Friday morning by the Hon. Second Member for Victoria. Since he asks that the error or misunderstanding relating to withdrawal of Notice of Introduction of a Bill, being Notice 9, last Thursday, October 11, be rectified properly and not by any tacit or implicit method, it seems expedient that there be absolutely no doubt as to the status of Bill (No. 9) and Notice of Introduction 9 (in the interest of avoiding any future controversy).

I have already stated that the proper procedure for withdrawing a Bill from the Order Paper requires, as a preliminary, that the Order made by the House in regard to a Bill's existing status on the Order Paper must be discharged (*see* May's 16th ed. p. 525). That was not done on Thursday nor would all members, it appears in retrospect, have agreed unanimously to such a request. On the other hand when the misunderstanding became clear that it was Notice 9 which was being removed, no member at that point was under any further misapprehension as to what matter was being withdrawn from Orders of the Day. Yet the member submits that it remains to state all this explicitly in the records of the House and it seems to me in examining today's Notices of Motion that such a way is available there. If honourable members are prepared today to do so unanimously, it could be put on record unequivocally now, otherwise the proposed motion by the Minister of Agriculture is scheduled on the Order Paper for tomorrow and no doubt may be called and decided then if need be.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *D. D. Stupich*, the Rules were suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:

That this House ratifies its Order permitting the withdrawal of item 9, namely the Notice of Introduction of Bill intitled *An Act to Amend the Distress Area*

Assistance Act, as shown in Votes and Proceedings of October 11, and for greater certainty, Orders that the Bill intituled *Farm Income Assurance Act*, appearing on Orders of the Day in Committee stage, shall not be deemed or construed to have been discharged or withdrawn.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Paul Hawkes*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 71) intituled *Weed Control Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 15, 1973

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 68) intituled *Farm Products Industry Improvement Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 15, 1973

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

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled *Department of Housing Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—47

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

NAYS—4

<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>McGeer</i>
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Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Personal Information Reporting Act*.

Bill (No. 67) intituled *An Act to Amend the Distress Area Assistance Act*.

The committal of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Farm Income Assurance Act* was resumed. The Committee rose, reported progress (section 4), and asked leave to sit again on the said Bill. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Committee further reported that the Committee requests Mr. Speaker to examine into the use of cutoff switches on microphones in Committee of the Whole and in 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 5.54 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *James Hanley*.

Mr. Speaker stated that, in relation to the use of microphones and cutoff switches in the House, he was unable as yet to give a definitive view of the situation without ascertaining further facts.

Mr. Speaker stated that at the present time there is, and there has always been while recording machines have been in the House, a cutoff switch controlled by the operator, who is an employee of the House. There is also a cutoff switch at the Clerks' table for the Chairman of Committee and one at the Speaker's desk, and that until now the switches have been used only when a member is on his feet when the Speaker has risen and a member did not take his seat upon being asked to do so.

Mr. Speaker further stated that the rules of parliament and the Standing Orders of this House make it clear that a member must resume his seat while a point of order is being stated, whether by the Speaker or by another member. The Speaker must always be heard in silence when he rises to intervene and the member speaking should immediately sit down. Mr. Speaker quoted the *Encyclopædia of Parliament*, which states, "No member may remain on his feet if the Speaker rises to intervene or give a ruling."

Mr. Speaker further stated that upon receiving additional information the honourable members could decide the manner in which the sound system of the House should function.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

During the question period, by leave of the House, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan* (Minister of Transport and Communications) tabled copy of a requisition to the Purchasing Commission, setting out specifications for Canadian certified turboprop aircraft.

The Hon. *L. T. Nimsick* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

J. L. FARRIS
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 76) intituled *Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1973

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

Mr. *Phillips* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance relating to the strike situation at the British Columbia Railway.

Mr. Speaker stated that, in his opinion, the matter raised did not disclose any urgency for the matter to be now debated for the reason that an early opportunity would be available to the members to debate the question during consideration of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Labour Code of British Columbia Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Labour Code of British Columbia Act* was committed. The Committee rose, reported progress (section 2), and asked leave to sit again on the said Bill. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Committee further reported that on Mr. *Phillips'* motion that the Committee rise, report progress on section 1, and ask leave to sit again, the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Richter*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on Mr. *Phillips'* motion to rise, report progress on section 1, and ask leave to sit again, be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—15

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

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

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 1 the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Richter*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 1 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—31

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

NAYS—14

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Steves</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>		

By leave of the House, Mr. *Curtis* withdrew the following question standing in his name on the Order Paper:

164 Mr. *Curtis* to ask the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

With respect to the British Columbia Festival of Sports—

1. What was the total cost of the 1973 Festival?
2. What was the total cost of the Provincial Government contribution to the Festival?
3. What are the names of each of the participating teams or organizations which received Provincial Government financial assistance and the respective amount received by each?
4. How much did the Provincial Government contribute toward (a) the administrative costs and (b) the operating costs of the Festival?

By leave of the House, Mr. *Skelly* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

October 16, 1973

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries begs leave to report as follows:

In addition to hearings held in Victoria during the last Legislative Session, public meetings were held in Terrace and Prince George during the month of August for the purpose of hearing briefs. The Committee also visited forest operations on Vancouver Island and in the Prince Rupert and Prince George Forest Districts. The co-operation of forest companies, environmental groups, the British Columbia Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Department of Recreation and Conservation, and Federal Fisheries Service is gratefully acknowledged.

The Committee found that the question of streambank-logging could not be separated from the whole question of integrated resource management because any disturbance in any part of a watershed can have a profound effect on other parts of the watershed.

1. INVENTORY

Your Committee found that, while there was adequate inventory information available for forest cover, inventories for other resources were inadequate, non-existent, or not available in usable form.

The Committee therefore recommends:

- (a) That programmes to compile inventory data on the following resources be accelerated and that the quality of inventory data for these resources be brought up as quickly as possible to the standard of forest cover inventory data:

(1) Fish and fish streams, including tributary streams, spawning and rearing areas:

(2) Wildlife species, including fur-bearing animals, predators, birds, and other species in addition to ungulates:

(3) Wildlife habitat, including winter and summer ranges, migration corridors, feeding, and watering areas:

(4) Soils and bedrock geology, including groundwater and surface water data:

(5) Recreation, including areas of potential value for recreation:

(6) Areas of special interest, including natural features of scenic beauty, cultural features such as historic and prehistoric sites, traplines, trails, and cabins.

The Committee does not wish to have priority attached to any of these resources when funds are allotted for inventory purposes. If priorities are given it should be to critical areas where resource values are presently in conflict or where conflicts are imminent. These areas should be inventoried immediately for all values.

- (b) That inventory data be made available to resource managers in the form of overlay maps where feasible.
- (c) Until more complete data for all resource values is available, local resource management personnel should submit to the Environmental Secretariat information on areas which should be excluded from resource development.

2. INTEGRATION OF MANAGEMENT

Your Committee found that there was a lack of communication between resource management agencies of the Provincial Government and between Provincial and Federal management agencies in some cases. In all of the areas we visited, these relationships were said to be improving in part due to the operation of regional district technical planning committees. However, the Committee feels that integrated management of resources requires further improvement of communication and that existing barriers to communication must be removed. The Committee, therefore, recommends as follows:

- (a) That management districts for all resources be redefined so that district staff of the Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Parks Branch, Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources, and Department of Agriculture (Soils), Lands Branch, and Water Resources Branch have management responsibility for the same geographic area.
- (b) That a Civil Service position be created for each management district to co-ordinate activities of resource management agencies in the district. This position to be responsible to the Environment and Land Use Committee established under the *Environment and Land Use Act*.
- (c) That district staffs for all management agencies be located in the same centre of a resource management district where practical.

3. PLANNING PROCESS

Your Committee found that resource conflicts occurred in many cases because all agencies were not informed at the outset or early enough in the planning stages of a resource development plan to have an effective voice in the plan and to ensure that all values were recognized. This was particularly true in the Van-

couver Forest District where, because of the large areas under private tenures and the historical problems of logging development, planning initiatives usually arise in the private sector. The Committee therefore recommends:

- (a) That any agency, corporation, or individual contemplating resource development be required to notify all other agencies of its intentions through the co-ordinator proposed in recommendation 2 (b) above, and that notification be required far enough in advance, preferably at the initial survey, exploration, or inventory stage (cruising), so that all resource values involved can be taken into consideration before development begins.
- (b) That greater recognition must be given to the public's interest in private land because any resource development on private land affects the publicly owned resources such as fish, wildlife, and water, that use the land.

4. EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Your Committee found that fish and wildlife management and enforcement staffs were inadequate in numbers. The same is true of other management agencies, including Water Rights Branch, Lands Branch, and Commercial Fisheries Branch. Certain professional and technical personnel are also desperately required, for example in the field of fish and wildlife biology, soils and bedrock geology, and watershed hydrology. As a result the Provincial Government is in the position of setting guidelines to minimize the deleterious effects of resource harvesting on the environment, without adequate knowledge of those effects. In addition, it is often humanly impossible for understaffed enforcement sections to perform their functions adequately. The Committee therefore recommends:

- (a) That there be an immediate increase in the number of conservation officers so that adequate personnel are available for patrol in every area of the Province.
- (b) That training courses for conservation officers be expanded to provide replacement conservation officers as required and to broaden the knowledge of Forest Ranger staff.
- (c) That the technical and professional staffs of all other resource management branches be immediately assessed and additional personnel be hired as necessary.
- (d) That budgets for district offices of the Fish and Wildlife Branch be increased immediately to provide for additional research, inventory, management, and enforcement requirements.
- (e) That an education programme be established at the district level to inform all individuals involved in resource extraction of the need for concern for all resource values in the district.
- (f) That district resource management staff should be required to prepare a manual similar to the Ontario *Design Guidelines for Forest Management*.
- (g) That the terms and conditions for resource extraction should be clearly spelled out on each permit with severe penalties for violations. Resource users who repeat violations should lose their rights to Crown resources.

5. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee felt that because of the variability of conditions in each watershed it would be impossible to prescribe a green belt of specific width that would apply throughout the Province. However, because of their value for fish

and wildlife, recreation, æsthetics, and other uses, the banks of streams, including those of intermittent, tributary, and headwater streams, should be reserved from cutting until all resource management agencies have been consulted and an on-site assessment has been made to determine

- (a) the importance of the stream and stream-bank area for all resources;
- (b) the width and type of vegetation to be reserved from development.

2. Marsh areas and the shorelines of lakes and the ocean should be similarly reserved.

3. Clearcut openings should be carefully laid out according to the contours of the land to protect game trails and wildlife populations, and in such a way that they do not create the impression of large areas of devastation in the minds of people using adjacent roadways, travelled waterways, communities, or recreation areas. A landscape architect should be hired on a consulting basis in each Forest District to advise on the location, shape, and alignment of logged openings.

4. As roads are the main cause of sedimentation in streams, detailed specifications should be formulated for the construction and maintenance of all roads, branch lines, landings, and skidder trails, based on a careful examination of slopes, soil types, drainage, and geology of the area to be developed. Roads should interfere as little as possible with the natural drainage of the area. Construction and maintenance of roads, ditches, and culverts should be policed regularly by the Forest Service. No cutting permits should be issued unless roads are constructed and maintained to specifications. Severe penalties should be levied for violations of prescribed road construction and maintenance specifications.

5. That strict guidelines should be imposed upon the storage and transport of logs in water. As soon as is feasible the Provincial Government should require that all log sorting take place on land and that logs be transported by barge or ship. Where a logging operation is only temporary or where economy demands, water transport should be permitted provided the logs are bundled, placed in the water, and removed in a careful manner. However, in any decision to allow transportation of logs in water, the needs of other water users, domestic supply, fisheries, etc., should be given full consideration.

ROBERT E. SKELLY, *Chairman*

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

2 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government awarded any contracts for Department of Highways maintenance buildings since April 1, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the cost of each contract awarded and (b) where is each building located?

3. Has the Provincial Government any plans for further buildings and where are they to be located?

The Hon. *W. L. Hartley* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) and (b): \$36,556, Lillooet (heating system only); \$193,900, Logan Lake; \$207,520, McLeese Lake; \$231,700, Blue River; \$178,400, Whistler; \$1,161,863, Bob Quinn and Tatogga Lakes.

"3. Yes; further buildings are planned and are under constant review and consideration, but no definite decisions have been made at this time, final locations to be decided by Department of Highways."

16 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following questions:

1. Has the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority any contracts to export firm electrical power to the United States?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) with what electrical power users in the United States have the contracts been made, (b) what is the total amount of electrical power exported on an annual basis, and (c) what percentage of the total generating capacity of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority system does the export, if any, represent?

The Hon. *R. A. Williams* replied as follows:

"The following information has been submitted by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Tongass Power and Light Company (Hyder, Alaska) and Puget Sound Power & Light Company (Point Roberts, Washington), (b) 7,652,769 kilowatt-hours for year ended December 31, 1972, and (c) less than 0.1 per cent."

85 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Was the catering for the Legislative dining-room put out for bids?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, who were the persons or companies who entered bids?

3. What was the bid of each person or company?

4. What person or company received the catering job?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. No; the Government is directly operating the Legislative dining-room.

"2, 3, and 4. Not applicable."

139 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Did the Provincial Government hire any persons for brush-cutting along any Provincial highways between June 1, 1973, and September 25, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of persons hired for this activity, (b) what were the total salaries and wages paid between June 1, 1973, and September 25, 1973, (c) what total mileage system was involved in the programme, and (d) was any portion of the cost charged against Vote 112, Code 031, and, if so, how much of the cost?

The Hon. *G. R. Lea* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) 1,488, (b) \$2,055,697.29, (c) 2,783, and (d) yes, \$173,381.12."

140 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:

What amount of Vote 113, Code 030, of the 1973/74 Budget has been expended to date and in what particular manner?

The Hon. *G. R. Lea* replied as follows:

"To September 30, 1973, \$53,717,789.61. Capital construction projects including grading, bridges, hardsurfacing, surveys, rights-of-way, design engineering, and minor ferries."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17, 1973

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The committal of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Farm Income Assurance Act* was resumed. Bill reported complete without amendment.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Chabot's* proposed amendment to section 4, the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on Mr. *Chabot's* proposed amendment to section 4 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—9

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>McClelland</i>			

NAYS—34

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

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 4, the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *L. A. Williams*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 4 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—32

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

NAYS—11

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Veterinary Laboratories Act.*

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Agricultural Credit Act.*

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

Thursday, October 18, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *L. Vose*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Domestic Animal Protection Act.*

Bill (No. 46) intituled *Livestock Production Act.*

Bill (No. 67) intituled *An Act to Amend the Distress Area Assistance Act.*

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

Bill (No. 68) intituled *Farm Products Industry Improvement Act.*

Bill (No. 71) intituled *Weed Control Act.*

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 24) intituled *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act*.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *An Act to Amend the Real Estate Act*.

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Personal Information Reporting Act*.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *An Act to Amend the Corporation Capital Tax Act*.

Bill (No. 22) intituled *An Act to Amend the Pacific Great Eastern Settlement Act*.

Bill (No. 23) intituled *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*.

Bill (No. 25) intituled *An Act to Amend the Coloured Gasoline Tax Act*.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Sessional Reports Suspension Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House reverted to the Order "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *British Columbia Auditor General*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as it involved the expenditure of public funds and offended Standing Order 67.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Senior Citizens Home Repair Assistance Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as it involved the expenditure of public funds and offended Standing Order 67.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *The Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Act, 1973*, a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as it involved the expenditure of public funds and offended Standing Order 67.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *An Act to Amend the Assessment Equalization Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *An Act to Amend the Hospital Insurance Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member as it involved the expenditure of public funds and offended Standing Order 67.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

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

The House reverted to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of Mr. *McClelland*, Bill (No. 78) intituled *An Act to Amend the Factories 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.

By leave of the House, Mr. *McGeer* withdrew Notice of Introduction of Bill intituled *Credit Information Protection Act* standing in his name on the Order Paper.

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* (Minister of Transport and Communications) tabled certain correspondence relating to naval architecture and engineering services.

Mr. Speaker made a further statement relating to the use of electronic equipment in the House and in Committee of the Whole House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Friday, October 19, 1973

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Father *A. A. Lemieux*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Dan Evans*, Governor of the State of Washington, addressed the Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 12) intituled *An Act to Amend the Adoption Act*.

Bill (No. 30) intituled *An Act to Amend the Department of Commercial Transport Act*.

Bill (No. 48) intituled *Department of Consumer Services Act* was committed. The Committee rose, reported progress (section 5), and asked leave to sit again. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

By leave of the House, Mr. *Morrison* withdrew the following question standing in his name on the Order Paper:

71 Mr. *Morrison* to ask the Hon. the Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government made a grant of \$25,000 with respect to the operation of a vessel known as *Arctic Dogwood*?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the itemized statement of expenditures to date, (b) what is the name of the person or persons paid any salary or expenses, and (c) have any persons or companies submitted accounts to the Government with respect to the operation of the *Arctic Dogwood* and, if so, who are the persons or companies involved and what are the amounts of the accounts submitted?

By leave, the House reverted to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 79) intituled *The Environmental Bill of Rights 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.

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

1. Has the Provincial Government relieved any municipalities from police costs effective July 1, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the estimated decrease in costs to each municipality for police service?

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

"1. Yes, by amendment to section 643 (1) of the *Municipal Act*.

"2. Estimated costs based on 1972 actual expenditure: Armstrong, \$16,882; Duncan, \$104,225; Enderby, \$22,938; Fernie, \$81,912; Grand Forks, \$45,343; Greenwood, \$9,509; Langley (City), \$117,801; North Saanich, \$50,682; Revelstoke, \$116,728; Rossland, \$36,971."

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

1. Has the Provincial Government ordered Fort St. John, Quesnel, and Merritt to assume police costs effective July 1, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the estimated increased costs to each municipality for police service?

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

"1. Yes, by amendment to section 643 (1) of the *Municipal Act*.

"2. Estimated costs of administration of justice for period July 1, 1973, to December 31, 1973; Merritt, \$60,000; Quesnel, \$86,000; Fort St. John, \$107,000. Municipalities will be reimbursed for costs incurred to December 31, 1973."

And then the House adjourned at 12.58 p.m.

Monday, October 22, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. Calkins*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* (Premier) read a telegram to the House addressed to individuals concerned with the British Columbia Railway strike.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to the Order "Introduction of Bills."

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 83) intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home Acquisition Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 22, 1973

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 84) intituled *An Act to Amend the Taxation Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 22, 1973

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 87) intituled *Pacific North Coast Native Co-operative Loan Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 22, 1973

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

On the motion of the Hon. *L. T. Nimsick*, Bill (No. 77) intituled *Geothermal Resources 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. *D. G. Cocke* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 81) intituled *Medical Centre of British Columbia Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 22, 1973

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

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The committal of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Labour Code of British Columbia Act* was resumed. The Committee rose, reported progress (section 12), and asked leave to sit again on the said Bill. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Chabot's* proposed amendment to section 11, the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Chabot*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on Mr. *Chabot's* proposed amendment to section 11 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—16

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

NAYS—31

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

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 11, the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett* the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on section 11 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—32

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

NAYS—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>Richter</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>		

Pursuant to section 55 (1) of the *Constitution Act*, chapter 71 of the *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, the Member for North Vancouver-Capilano, Mr. *David M. Brousson*, standing in his place in the Legislative Assembly, gave notice of his intention to resign his seat for the said constituency, effective the 23rd day of October 1973.

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

The Hon. *W. S. King* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 11) intituled *Labour Code of British Columbia Act*, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 22, 1973

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 139: By deleting section 139 and substituting the following:

"139. (1) The board may, notwithstanding the *Public Service Act*, employ a secretary and such other officers and employees as it considers necessary for the purposes of this Act, and may determine their duties, the conditions of their employment, and their remuneration.

"(2) The Minister of Finance shall pay, upon the requisition of the minister, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or the Revenue Surplus Appropriation Account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or partly from the Consolidated Revenue

Fund and partly from the Revenue Surplus Appropriation Account such sums as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act in respect of the fiscal year of the Government of the Province ending on the thirty-first day of March 1974, and thereafter such sums shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or the Revenue Surplus Appropriation Account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or partly from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and partly from the Revenue Surplus Appropriation Account with moneys authorized by an Act of the Legislature to be so paid and applied.”

To further amend by inserting, after section 150, the following as section 150A:

“Reports

“150A. (1) The board may report from time to time to the minister, and shall report to the minister at any time upon his request, and the minister may authorize the board to publish its report.

“(2) The board shall, on or before the first day of March in each year, make a report to the minister for the preceding calendar year, setting out briefly

“(a) all applications to the board under this Act and summaries of the findings of the board thereon;

“(b) such other matters as the board considers to be of public interest in connection with the discharge of its duties under this Act; and

“(c) such other information as the minister directs.

“(3) The report referred to in subsection (2) shall be laid before the Legislature if it is then in session; otherwise the report shall be laid before the Legislature within fifteen days after the opening of the next ensuing session.”

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 proposed amendments to Bill (No. 11) intituled *Labour Code of British Columbia Act*, a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 11).

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.

28 Mr. *Chabot* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

1. What is the maximum benefit paid with respect to the Mincome programme?

2. What number of persons are receiving maximum benefit under the programme as of August 31, 1973?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

“1. Basic maximum—single, \$29.86; couple, \$37.70 each.

“2. Approximately 60,000.”

31 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

1. How many blue Mincome Information Return forms were distributed to Mincome recipients?
2. How many have been returned?
3. How many people were employed telephoning or writing senior citizens to request that the forms be completed?
4. If Mincome Information Returns are not completed by Mincome recipients will payments be affected?
5. What has been the total expenditure under the Mincome programme to August 31, 1973?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

- "1. Approximately 107,000.
- "2. Approximately 85,000.
- "3. Sixty-nine (summer employment).
- "4. No.
- "5. \$30,960,000."

45 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

With respect to the British Columbia Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Plan—

1. Does the Federal Government make any financial contributions to the cost of the plan?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the Federal Government contribution to the cost of the plan between December 1, 1972, and September 13, 1973, (b) what percentage of the total cost of the plan, between December 1, 1972, and September 13, 1973, does the Federal Government contribution represent, and (c) does the Federal Government make its contribution to the plan on the basis of an agreement which is unavailable to any other Canadian province?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

- "1. No Federal financial contribution received as yet, British Columbia claims pending.
- "2. Not applicable."

84 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

1. Do any persons living on the following islands receive social assistance payments: (a) Hornby Island, (b) Denman Island, (c) Quadra Island, (d) Cortes Island, and (e) Read Island?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many residents on each island receive social assistance payments, (b) how many of these residents are not Canadian citizens, and (c) how many residents receive social assistance payments through the mail?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

- "1. (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) Yes.
- "2. (a) Hornby Island, 1; Denman Island, 2; Quadra Island, 29; Cortes Island, 13; Read Island, 1; (b) four; and (c) 46."

101 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

1. In each month since December 1972 to August 1973 what was the total cost of Mincome payments to recipients paid by the Province of British Columbia?
2. In each month since December 1972 to August 1973 what cost of Mincome payments to recipients was recovered from the Federal Government?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

- "1. December, \$4,624,365.50; January, \$4,540,458.50; February, \$4,576,202.50; March, \$4,588,608.50; April, \$2,461,766.68; May, \$2,490,045.17; June, \$2,543,324.33; July, \$2,582,801.03; August, \$2,552,263.38; total, \$30,959,835.59.
- "2. None to date."

126 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

1. What steps have been taken by the Attorney-General's Department or the B.C. Human Rights Branch to investigate the alleged harassment of people of East Indian origin in Fort St. James and Lillooet?
2. When will the results of these investigations be made public?
3. What efforts are being made by the Attorney-General's Department or the B.C. Human Rights Branch to prevent a recurrence of racial conflict in the future?

The Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* replied as follows:

"1, 2, and 3. Those alleging harassment of people of East Indian origin have been asked to forward any particulars of specific incidents to my Department. Meanwhile, the RCMP and the B.C. Human Rights Branch are looking into the matter and a report from them is expected in due course. The RCMP are meeting people in the Fort St. James and Lillooet areas, advising and making suggestions where they can, to prevent any conflict."

By leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* (Premier) tabled an Agreement between the Province of British Columbia and Pacific North Coast Native Co-operative.

And then the House adjourned at 6.09 p.m.

Tuesday, October 23, 1973

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Ward DeBeck*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* (Premier) made a statement relating to efforts under way to bring a cessation to the strike on the British Columbia Railway.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to the Order "Introduction of Bills."