

## Friday, July 13, 1990

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Ree*.

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$336,735 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$221,292,622 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,800,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Suppression Program, to 31st March 1991.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$241,375,036 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Forest Renewal, to 31st March 1991.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By leave, the Hon. *C. H. Richmond* tabled documents referred to during debate during Committee of Supply.

And then the House adjourned at 12.53 p.m.

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## Monday, July 16, 1990

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Loenen*.

On the motion of Mr. *Harcourt*, Bill (No. M 229) intituled *An Act to Ensure the Agricultural Use of Farmland* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Harcourt*, Bill (No. M 230) intituled *An Act to Establish the Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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The Committee rose and reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* rose on an alleged matter of privilege (contempt) relating to the conduct of the Honourable Member for Esquimalt-Port Renfrew, with respect of which notice was given to the Chair on Thursday last.

The Honourable Member for Esquimalt-Port Renfrew made a statement.

The Honourable Member for Esquimalt-Port Renfrew sought to reserve his right to make a further statement at a later date, or alternately to write to the Speaker in relation to the matter before the Chair.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he would review the question of whether or not the Honourable Member for Esquimalt-Port Renfrew ought to have an additional opportunity to make further representations to the Chair.

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Natural Gas Price Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Mineral Tax Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 59) intituled *Mine Development Assessment Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Vancouver Stock Exchange Amendment Act, 1990* was 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. 50) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act, 1990* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *Davidson* rose on a point of order, namely, that the Honourable Member for Esquimalt-Port Renfrew had used offensive words against another Member of the House, contrary to Standing Order 40 (2), and therefore ought to withdraw the words in question.

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

**12** Ms. *Boone* asked the Hon. the Minister of Regional and Economic Development the following questions:

1. How many applications for loan guarantees have been received by the Economic Development Regions? List those loans approved and provide the dollar value and the region they are in.

2. Provide the terms and conditions for each of these loans.

3. Provide a list of all loans not in good standing.

4. Who administers the budgets previously under the Ministers of State? Who has the final decision on use of those monies? What is the process to receive monies currently under the Minister of State?

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

"1. Under the now discontinued Regional Seed Capital Program, the only program administered by the Ministry which saw the Economic Development Regions reviewing applications, there have been 212 applications since the program was announced in March 1988.

"To March 31, 1990, 98 applications had been approved throughout the province for a total guaranteed loan value of \$3,531,450. The Development Region breakdown is as follows:

Development Region	Guarantee Amount	Number
	\$	
Vancouver Island/Coast	767,250	23
Lower Mainland/Southwest	1,338,625	36
Thompson-Okanagan	860,750	24
Kootenay	88,500	3
Cariboo	187,200	5
North Coast	87,500	2
Nechako	181,375	4
North East	20,250	1
TOTAL	3,531,450	98

"2. The standard terms and conditions for loan guarantees under the Regional Seed Capital Program are for a 3-year loan guarantee amounting to the lesser of \$50,000 or 75% of the amount of the term loan. Interest rates charged by financial institutions are negotiated with their clients, and usually range from prime plus 1.5 to 2.5 per cent.

"3. The Ministry's records indicate that 9 per cent of the Regional Seed Capital Program guaranteed loans on the books of the financial institutions were not in good standing as at March 31, 1990 (i.e., loans payments in arrears). We are advised that most of these loans are under negotiation between the bank and the proponent to bring them back into good standing.

"4. The budgets previously under the regional Ministers of State have been incorporated into the Ministry of Regional and Economic Development's Estimates for 1990/91. The Minister of Regional and Economic Development, within the guidelines established by the *Financial Administration Act* and Treasury Board, is responsible for those monies previously allocated to the Ministers of State. The Ministers of State have been superseded by a new model for regional development with the establishment of the eight-member Regional Development Board. This board oversees the Government's regional development initiative, identifies and responds to local priorities and promotes specific regional initiatives."

And then the House adjourned at 9.58 p.m.

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**Tuesday, July 17, 1990**

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NINE-THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

At the request of the Chair, the Honourable the Premier withdrew an unparliamentary word used in the course of proceedings in the House.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$374,423 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$639,842,060 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$576,661,517 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Transportation Capital, to 31st March 1991.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again later today.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Transportation Capital Funding Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 12.35 p.m.

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## Tuesday, July 17, 1990

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Vancouver Stock Exchange Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

### (IN THE COMMITTEE)

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$352,172 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Regional and Economic Development, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,839,828 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Regional and Economic Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Regional and Economic Development, Economic and Regional Development Subsidiary Agreements (ERDA), to 31st March 1991.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

The Member for Esquimalt-Port Renfrew withdrew an unparliamentary expression used by him in the course of proceedings in the House.

Bill (No. 49) intituled *Assessment and Property Tax Reform Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Sections 7 and 8 of Bill (No. 49) were passed, on division.

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. 9) intituled *Game Farm Act*, on division.

Bill (No. 57) intituled *Food Products Standards Act*.

Bill (No. 58) intituled *British Columbia Wine Act*.

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Health Professions Act*.

Bill (No. 43) intituled *Community Care Facility Amendment Act, 1990*.

Bill (No. 61) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1990*.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Family and Child Service Amendment Act, 1990*.

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Guide Animal Act*.

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Labour and Consumer Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1990*.

Bill (No. 62) intituled *Solicitor General Statutes Amendment Act, 1990*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* advised that the House will sit Wednesday, pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2).

And then the House adjourned at 9.55 p.m.

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**Wednesday, July 18, 1990**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Pelton*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Prayers by Mrs. *McCarthy*.

On the motion of Ms. *Cull*, Bill (No. M 231) intituled *Community Tree Protection Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Savage* (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries) made a ministerial statement relating to American vessels fishing within the territorial waters of Canada.

Mr. *Rose* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 62) intituled *Solicitor General Statutes Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$267,592 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Solicitor General, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$374,109,908 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,203,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Solicitor General, Emergency Assistance, to 31st March 1991.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again later today.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Game Farm Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, on division, read a third time and passed.

Section 4 of Bill (No. 9) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 57) intituled *Food Products Standards Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 58) intituled *British Columbia Wine Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Family and Child Service Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 60) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.53 p.m.

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### Thursday, July 19, 1990

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NINE-THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *H. Dirks*.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

JOHN D. TAGGART  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 70) intituled *Property Purchase Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 13, 1990.*

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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The Committee rose and reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.31 p.m.



**Thursday, July 19, 1990**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* (Minister of Forests) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 74) intituled *Range Amendment Act, 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 18, 1990.*

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

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* (Minister of Forests) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 77) intituled *Range Amendment Act (No. 2), 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 18, 1990.*

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

The Hon. *N. Jacobsen* (Minister of Social Services and Housing) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Social Services and Housing, 1988/89.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Cashore* tabled a document referred to during Oral Question Period.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$330,518 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,387,482 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$351,900,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture, Municipal Revenue Sharing, to 31st March 1991.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Private Post-Secondary Education Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Science and Technology Fund Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

In consideration of section 4 of Bill (No. 18), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS — 30

Long	Loenen	Richmond	Michael
Mercier	Kempf	S. Hagen	L. Hanson
Crandall	Dueck	Dirks	Weisgerber
Peterson	Johnston	Chalmers	Parker
Bruce	J. Jansen	Vant	Jacobsen
Serwa	Couvelier	Reid	Strachan
Rabbitt	Fraser	Ree	Brummet
Mowat	Vander Zalm		

NAYS — 16

G. Janssen	Cull	Barlee	Clark
Zirnhelt	Williams	Pullinger	D'Arcy
Jones	Lovick	Cashore	Boone
Perry	Smallwood	Edwards	Rose

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 18) the House divided *nemine contradicente* as follows:

YEAS — 47

Long	Peterson	Loenen	Chalmers
Mercier	Bruce	Kempf	Vant
Crandall	Serwa	Pelton	Reid
G. Janssen	Rabbitt	Dueck	Ree
Zirnhelt	Pullinger	Johnston	Michael
Jones	Cashore	J. Jansen	L. Hanson
Perry	Edwards	Couvelier	Weisgerber
Cull	Clark	Fraser	Parker
Williams	D'Arcy	Vander Zalm	Jacobsen
Lovick	Boone	Richmond	Strachan
Smallwood	Rose	S. Hagen	Brummet
Barlee	Mowat	Dirks	

Bill (No. 18) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Engineers Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Guide Animal Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Labour and Consumer Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *H. Dirks* (Provincial Secretary) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 65) intituled *Senatorial Selection Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 19, 1990.*

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

By leave, the Hon. *H. Dirks* read a letter from the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm*, Premier, addressed to the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada, with respect to Senate Reform, and tabled a copy thereof.

By leave, Mr. *Rose* made a statement.

And then the House adjourned at 10.02 p.m.

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**Friday, July 20, 1990**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Rose*.

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 34) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act, 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 18, 1990.*

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

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 71) intituled *Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture Statutes Amendment Act, 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 18, 1990.*

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

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 78) intituled *Assessment and Property Tax Reform Act (No. 2), 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 18, 1990.*

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$310,312 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Crown Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,646,688 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Crown Lands, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Health Professions Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 43) intituled *Community Care Facility Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 12.34 p.m.

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### Monday, July 23, 1990

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Reid.

Mr. Speaker delivered a decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

The Chair presently has under advisement two allegations of breach of privilege or contempt raised in the House on July 11th, July 12th, and July 16th last. It is most unusual and unique that while such matters are under consideration by the Chair, so many subsequent events occur which may directly or indirectly bear on the issues. I, of course, refer to the announcement of a police investigation, the engagement of the Deputy Attorney General of Alberta, consideration by the Ombudsman, and possible involvement of the Law Society of British Columbia at some stage.

In addition to the alleged matters of contempt placed before the Chair, there have been allegations of breach of the *Criminal Code*, the *Radiocommunication Act* and contravention of the *Privacy Act*. As a consequence, the Chair is very concerned that any ruling by the Chair, at this time, might have the effect of breaching the *spirit* and *intent* of the *sub-judice* rule, although perhaps not offending that rule as it is usually applied.

There exists another unusual circumstance in that the conduct of persons *outside the House*, as well as Members of the House, is interwoven in the issues and is the subject of enquiry and examination.

Under these circumstances the question arises whether the House itself should decide, or should the Chair decide, if the spirit and intent of the *sub-judice* rule should persuade the House to temporarily withhold its own enquiries while other enquiries involving the same circumstances are being conducted.

The Chair has been greatly assisted in resolving this question by a precedent to be found in the *Journals* of the Quebec National Assembly (*Journals*, 26th of March 1974). In that ruling the President (Speaker) held that while he had allowed a matter of privilege to be raised, and a motion to be "announced," he would not allow the matter to proceed further at that time, as it would involve a breach of the *sub-judice* rule. It is my decision to adopt the reasoning of the President of the Quebec National Assembly under similar circumstances.

Therefore, in order to safeguard the rights of those who might be prejudiced by this House pursuing its own remedies, while at the same time other processes are under way, I propose to withhold any further consideration of the issues for the time being.

This temporary disposition of the matter should not lead to the belief that the Chair has any doubt as to the status of electronic surveillance *per se*.

It is imperative that it be universally recognized and remembered that electronic surveillance, even although it may not be in breach of other laws, is a grave contempt of this House. The statement has already been made by this House that, "... parliamentary democracies flourish only when member and constituent can communicate freely, openly and candidly without having the spectre of interception . . . interfering with such communications" (Special Committee of Privilege, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, June 6, 1980). The activity of electronic surveillance of a Member subjects anyone so involved to the sanctions of this House.

C. STEPHEN ROGERS, *Speaker*

The Hon. *R. G. Fraser* (Attorney General and Solicitor General) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 18, 1990.*

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

The Hon. *R. G. Fraser* (Attorney General and Solicitor General) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 54) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 18, 1990.*

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

On the motion of Dr. *Perry*, Bill (No. M 232) intituled *An Act to Declare British Columbia a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. M 233) intituled *An Act to Ensure Sound Forest Practices on Private Land* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. M 234) intituled *Forest Resource Inventory Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. M 235) intituled *Forest Waste Reduction Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Miller* rose on a matter of privilege relating to the Member for Skeena.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$279,190 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,322,367 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,431,443 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March 1991.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,775,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Agri-Food Regional Development Subsidiary Agreement (ERDA), to 31st March 1991.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

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. 70) intituled *Property Purchase Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1990*.

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act, 1990*.

Bill (No. 71) intituled *Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture Statutes Amendment Act, 1990*.

Bill (No. 78) intituled *Assessment and Property Tax Reform Act (No. 2), 1990*.

Bill (No. 74) intituled *Range Amendment Act, 1990*.

Bill (No. 41) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$301,501 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour and Consumer Services, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,485,481 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour and Consumer Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,875,018 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour and Consumer Services, Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse, to 31st March 1991.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The Hon. *D. Parker* made a statement relating to the alleged matter of privilege raised earlier today by the Member for Prince Rupert and tabled a transcript of his remarks relating thereto.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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The Committee rose and reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10 o'clock p.m.



**Tuesday, July 24, 1990**

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NINE-THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Serwa*.

The Hon. *J. Weisgerber* (Minister of Native Affairs) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 64) intituled *Indian Self Government Enabling Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 20, 1990.*

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

The Hon. *N. Jacobsen* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN McEACHERN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 73) intituled *Adoption Amendment Act, 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 20, 1990.*

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

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion of the Hon. *C. H. Richmond*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services to meet while the House is in session today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$270,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,681,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$272,757 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,786,243 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Secretary, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The Deputy Speaker declared a short recess.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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The Committee rose and reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *Pelton* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
July 24, 1990

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services begs leave to report as follows:

That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Seventh-day Adventist Church (British Columbia Conference) Act* has been proved and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 404) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act (No. 2), 1990* has been proved, as amended, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. C. A. PELTON, *Chairman*

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, the Rules were suspended and the Report adopted.

And then the House adjourned at 12.12 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 24, 1990**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Cashore*, Bill (No. M 236) intituled *An Act to Protect Parks and Wilderness Areas* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. M 237) intituled *Community Reforestation Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Miller*, Bill (No. M 238) intituled *Incremental Silviculture Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Zirnhelt*, Bill (No. M 239) intituled *An Act to Establish an Environment and Land Use Secretariat* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

J. D. TAGGART  
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 79) intituled *Public Sector Collective Bargaining Disclosure Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.  
*Government House,*  
*July 23, 1990.*

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

On Monday last, the Honourable Member for Prince Rupert raised a matter of privilege with respect to what he characterized as mis-statements of fact made by the Minister of Forests on presentation of a Bill in 1988.

I have reviewed the material filed which included a copy of *Hansard* and a copy of correspondence from the Ombudsman to the Mayor of Hazelton.

In addition, the Member for Skeena, who had been the Minister of Forests at the time of the alleged mis-statements, made a statement of denial in the House later in the day.

My review of the *Hansard* transcripts and the Minister's statement leads me to conclude that this matter involves a difference of opinion between Honourable Members as to facts, and as has been ruled on numerous occasions, such a dispute ought not to form the basis of a complaint of a breach of privilege.

C. STEPHEN ROGERS, *Speaker*

Mr. *Chalmers* rose on a matter of privilege relating to the Leader of the Opposition (First Member for Vancouver Centre).

Mr. *Long* rose on a matter of privilege relating to the Leader of the Opposition (First Member for Vancouver Centre).

Mr. *Lovick* made a statement relating to the alleged matters of privilege raised by the Member for Okanagan South and the Member for Mackenzie.

Mr. Speaker stated he would take these matters under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$308,757 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1991.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,014,233 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1991.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March 1991.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Fort Nelson Indian Band Mineral Revenue Sharing Agreement, to 31st March 1991.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Mineral Development and Exploration Incentives, to 31st March 1991.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again later today.

The House continued to sit after 6 o'clock p.m.

The Hon. *R. G. Fraser* (Attorney General and Solicitor General) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

J. D. TAGGART  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 67) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 23, 1990.*

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

The Hon. R. G. Fraser (Attorney General and Solicitor General) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN  
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 69) intituled *Statutory Appeals Procedure Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 20, 1990.*

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

The Hon. R. G. Fraser (Attorney General and Solicitor General) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

J. D. TAGGART  
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 76) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1990* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 23, 1990.*

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Electoral Districts Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment to Schedule 2 of Bill (No. 3), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS — 7

Zirnhelt	Loenen	Huberts	Reid
Mowat	Kempf	Vant	

NAYS — 42

Long	Serwa	Dueck	De Jong
Mercier	Pullinger	Johnston	Messmer
Crandall	Cashore	J. Jansen	L. Hanson
Smith	Edwards	Davis	Weisgerber
Jones	Blencoe	Fraser	Parker
Perry	Clark	Vander Zalm	Jacobsen
Cull	Boone	Richmond	Gran
Sihota	Gabelmann	Veitch	Strachan
Lovick	Rose	Dirks	Savage
Smallwood	Marzari	Chalmers	Brummet
Peterson	Barnes		

Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act (No. 1), 1990* was read a second time, and by leave, *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

Bill (No. Pr 402) was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 404) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act (No. 2), 1990* was read a second time, and by leave, *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

Bill (No. Pr 404) was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Seventh-day Adventist Church (British Columbia Conference) Act* was read a second time, and by leave, *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

Bill (No. Pr 403) was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled *Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture Statutes Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled *Assessment and Property Tax Reform Act (No. 2), 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act, 1990* was 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. 74) intituled *Range Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled *Property Purchase Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 1990* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Carmanah Pacific Park Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 28) the House divided as follows:

YEAS — 30

Long	Dueck	Dirks	L. Hanson
Mercier	Rabitt	Chalmers	Weisgerber
Crandall	Johnston	De Jong	Parker
Smith	J. Jansen	Huberts	Jacobsen
Peterson	Davis	Vant	Strachan
Serwa	Couvelier	Reid	Savage
Davidson	Fraser	Messmer	Brummet
Loenen	Richmond		

## NAYS — 18

Zirnhelt  
Jones  
Perry  
Cull  
Miller

Sihota  
Williams  
Lovick  
Smallwood  
Pullinger

Kempf  
Cashore  
Edwards  
Clark

Boone  
Gabelmann  
Rose  
Marzari

Bill (No. 28) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled *Referendum Act* was 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. 65) intituled *Senatorial Selection Act* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.05 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 25, 1990**

NINE-THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *I. Messmer*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.33 p.m.