

Tuesday, May 23, 1978

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. K. Strom.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

With respect to the application of the Leader of the Opposition under Standing Order 35 of Thursday last. This matter involves a Select Standing Committee of this House. While there may be other grounds on which the application may be out of order, the application fails as it does not involve the administrative responsibility of the Government. (Sir Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice, 16th edition, at page 373.)

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

Upon a point of order being raised by Mr. Lauk, the Speaker ruled that the ruling of the Chair under Standing Order 35 was not subject to appeal.

The Speaker's ruling was challenged.

The Speaker's ruling was sustained.

Mr. Speaker further ruled that, when a question is put the "ayes" and "nays" may be called for concurrently.

The Speaker's ruling was challenged.

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

YEAS—30

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

NAYS—18

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Gibson</i>		

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$140,241 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1979.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,795,211 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministerial Administration and Support Services, to 31st March 1979.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,308,710 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Job Training and Employment Opportunities Program, to 31st March 1979.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,503,301 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Occupational Environment and Compensation Advisory Services, to 31st March 1979.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,622,380 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Collective Bargaining and Labour Standards Program, to 31st March 1979.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$507,351 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Human Rights Programs, to 31st March 1979.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,197,304 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Labour Relations Board, to 31st March 1979.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Essential Services Advisory Agency, to 31st March 1979.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,384,760 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1979.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$638,202 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1979.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
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 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23, 1978

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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 Chairman further reported that, in consideration of Vote 152, the Committee had divided on a motion that the Chairman leave the chair, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Cocke*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—16

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

NAYS—30

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24, 1978

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. F. McPherson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Veitch*, Bill (No. M 212) intituled *Legislative Tour 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. *Lauk* asked leave of the House to extend oral question period. Leave was not granted.

Mr. *Barrett* asked leave of the House to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, a shortage of railway boxcars.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his opinion.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$145,890 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1979.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,048,833 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Administration and Community Service, to 31st March 1979.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,680,528 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Services to Families and Children, to 31st March 1979.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,815,473 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Community Projects, to 31st March 1979.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,332,296 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Health Services, to 31st March 1979.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$277,873,264 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, GAIN Programs, to 31st March 1979.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,429,775 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Special Programs for the Retarded, to 31st March 1979.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,373,175 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1979.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,816,414 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1979.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

I have given further consideration to the matter raised under Standing Order 35 by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition relating to the matter of a shortage of railway boxcars.

In a preliminary way I indicated to the Honourable Member that the matter had some days ago been raised during question period and therefore did not appear to meet one of the requirements of Standing Order 35, namely, that the matter be raised at the earliest opportunity and, further, as the estimates of the Minister of Economic Development had not yet been considered, there would be an opportunity for discussion during those estimates.

In response, the Honourable Member indicated that new information or facts had just come to light.

It is stated in May, 16th edition, page 370, that if the matter is not raised at the earliest opportunity, it fails in urgency and the fact that *new* information has been received regarding a matter that has been continuing for some time does not in itself make the matter one of urgency. I would not wish to dispose of the matter on this ground alone if it were unduly strict to do so.

However, I am bound to follow numerous other Speakers of this House in declining the motion when an ordinary parliamentary opportunity for debate will occur shortly or in time, in this instance during Estimates (reference, May, 16th edition, page 371).

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

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

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Forest Service for the year ended December 31, 1977.

By leave, Mr. *Mussallem* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT NO. 2

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

May 18, 1978

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *An Act Respecting The Royal Trust Company and Royal Trust Corporation of Canada* has been proved and the Bill *Ordered* to be reported without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. MUSSALLEM, *Chairman*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

2 Mr. *Lea* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

1. How many tons of copper concentrates were produced in 1977?
2. What was (a) the estimated value of these concentrates and (b) the royalty return to the Province?

The Hon. *J. R. Chabot* replied as follows:

"1. The estimated production (shipments) of copper concentrates in 1977 is 995 031 metric tonnes or 1,096,840 short tons.

"2. (a) The estimated value of these concentrates is \$424,551,418, including the values of the by-product metals; (b) the *Mineral Royalties Act* was repealed on January 1, 1977. Copper concentrates are now subject to taxation under the authority of the *Mineral Resource Tax Act*."

3 Mr. *Lea* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

With reference to coal mined in 1977—

1. What was the total tonnage of coal mined?
2. What was the total amount of royalty or land tax in lieu of royalty paid on coal mined?

The Hon. *J. R. Chabot* replied as follows:

"1. The estimated production of clean coal in 1977 is 8 592 416 metric tonnes or 9,471,567 short tons.

"2. \$3,206,330.93 of royalty was collected from coal sold during 1977."

NOTE—(1) \$3,206,330.93 is the revenue collected as *Coal Act* royalty. (2) The assessments under the *Mineral Land Tax Act* will not be issued until May 1, 1978, and are payable by July 31, 1978. The estimate of mineral land tax assessments for coal sold during 1977 is \$7,765,973.00.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, May 25, 1978

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *L. M. Carlson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Stephens*, Bill (No. M213) intituled *Legal Professions Act Amendment Act, 1978* 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. *P. L. McGeer*, on behalf of the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier), made a statement relating to the construction of an isotope facility at The University of British Columbia.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$154,432 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1979.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,933,841 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Administration, to 31st March 1979.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,340,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Grants, to 31st March 1979.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Federal-Provincial Shared-cost Programs, to 31st March 1979.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800,874 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1979.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$936,891 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1979.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
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 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Friday, May 26, 1978

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Harold Pendray*.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Provincial Home-owner Grant Amendment Act, 1978*, was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* that the Bill be committed forthwith, leave was not granted.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1978*, a debate arose.

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

On a point of order by Mr. *Barrett*, Mr. Speaker cited Sir Erskine May, 18th edition, at page 299, and 16th edition, at page 331, together with Speaker's Decision, Journals of the House, 1977, at page 307, with respect to procedure in ascertaining the presence of a quorum.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Nicolson* moved an amendment as follows:

That the motion, that the Bill be now read a second time, be amended to read: "That the Bill be not now read a second time, but that the subject-matter thereof be referred to the Energy Commission of British Columbia (British Columbia Energy Commission)."

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.58 p.m.

Monday, May 29, 1978

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *W. H. Bulloch*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Lea* asked leave of the House to move Motion 15. Leave was not granted.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 15) intitled *Provincial Home-owner Grant Amendment Act, 1978*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intitled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1978*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—15

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	

NAYS—31

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—32

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

NAYS—14

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lauk</i>		

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

JOHN L. FARRIS
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Heroin Treatment Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 29, 1978.

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading 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 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Monday, May 29, 1978

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30, 1978

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *Reed Elley*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Veitch* tabled a document filed with the Clerk of the House as Report No. 2 of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

By leave, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) replied to a question asked by the Member for Burnaby North during oral question period on May 25, relating to a publication *Government Agent Review*.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 4) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1978*, was committed, reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—31

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Davis</i>	

NAYS—12

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

Bill read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$139,851 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1979.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,629,019 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Administration and Support Services, to 31st March 1979.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,339,570 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Community Health Programs, Branch Support Services, to 31st March 1979.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,622,592 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Community Health Programs, Public Health Programs, to 31st March 1979.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,863,005 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Community Health Programs, Mental Health Programs, to 31st March 1979.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,856,065 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Community Health Programs, Special Health Services, to 31st March 1979.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,281,860 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Community Health Programs, Other Health Care Expenditures, to 31st March 1979.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$609,588,881 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Hospital Programs, to 31st March 1979.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,134,726 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Government Institutions, to 31st March 1979.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,136,440 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Forensic Psychiatric Services, to 31st March 1979.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,619,966 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Alcohol and Drug Commission, to 31st March 1979.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$211,613,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Medical Services Commission, to 31st March 1979.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,775,037 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Emergency Health Services, to 31st March 1979.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,457,272 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Long-term Care Program, to 31st March 1979.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,593,289 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1979.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,700,983 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1979.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
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 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

Mr. Bawtree presented two reports of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture as follows:

The Family Farm and Capital Gains Taxation, dated January 1978.

The Impact of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion on the Food Industry in Western Canada, dated May 1978.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30, 1978

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

38 Mr. *Barnes* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the following questions:

A. When did the Housing Corporation of British Columbia do the following:

1. Purchase property situated between Pendrell-Nicola-Cardero and the lane north of Davie Street in Vancouver?
2. From whom was the property purchased?
3. What was the purchase price and the terms of payment?
4. Did the terms of sale include concessions to former owners or other bodies besides actual selling price?

B. The Minister recently announced plans to sell the Housing Corporation of British Columbia.

1. What is its total debt?
2. What are its total assets?
3. What is its total amount of annual revenue?
4. Has the former owner of property (A-1) above indicated plans for interest to purchase?

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* replied as follows:

"A. 1. December 13, 1977.

"2. Dominion Construction Co. Ltd., Harold Ridgeway, and Angus Apartments.

"3. \$1,000,000; \$500 down, \$50,000 on closing, balance on a mortgage paid out December 31, 1977.

"4. HCBC guaranteed to provide 30 parking spaces in the development to be paid to HCBC by the people who will be running the restaurant, for a 10-year term, based on an anticipated cost of \$4,286 per parking space. Under a restrictive covenant registered against Lot 15, which is the gardens, between the former owners and the City of Vancouver, the former owners are responsible for maintaining the gardens as open space.

NOTE—Term of covenant: The restrictive covenant is to terminate on the earlier of September 30, 1987 (10 years); or at such time as the buildings located on the lands are no longer designated as a heritage site by the City; or at such time as the buildings located on the land are destroyed or deemed to be destroyed.

- “B. *1. Approximately \$6.5 million.
**2. \$23 million.
**3. \$2.27 million for year ended October 31, 1977.
*4. All inquiries are referred to Sales Advisory Committee.”

* NOTE—See Annual Report tabled in this House March 31, 1978.

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31, 1978

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Mun Hope*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Wallace*, Bill (No. M 214) intituled *An Act to Regulate Smoking in Public Places and Meetings* 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.”

By leave, Mr. *Lea* tabled a copy document intituled Submission of the Province of British Columbia on West Coast Maritime Boundaries Between Canada and the United States.

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Health) made a statement relating to Non-smokers' Day.

Mr. *Barrett* made a statement relating to Non-smokers' Day.

Mrs. *Jordan* asked leave to make a statement. Leave was not granted.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House proceeded to consideration of Motion 8 on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$131,756 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1979.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,798,066 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, General Administration, to 31st March, 1979.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,477,133 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Land and Water Management, to 31st March 1979.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,288,717 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Environmental and Engineering Service, to 31st March 1979.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,774,376 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Protection, to 31st March 1979.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,016,324 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Environment and Land Use Committee Secretariat, to 31st March 1979.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$691,389 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March 1979.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,732,825 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1979.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,356,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March, 1979.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
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 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

7 Mr. *Lockstead* asked the Hon. the Minister of Energy, Transport and Communications the following questions:

With reference to Columbia River power development financing—

1. What is the total expenditure on construction of storage projects to date?
2. What are the total expenditures on generation, transformation, and transmission facilities to date?
3. What is the estimate of the total amount required to complete the project?
4. What was the total amount, including interest, received under the Columbia River Treaty?

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* replied as follows:

- “1. \$596,660,504 to February 28, 1978.
- “2. \$657,047,459 to February 28, 1978.
- “3. \$37,688,920 (\$6,885,314 for storage projects and \$30,803,606 for generation, transmission, and transformation).
- “4. \$479,107,523.”

8 Mr. *Lockstead* asked the Hon. the Minister of Energy, Transport and Communications the following questions:

With reference to the Peace River power project—

1. What is the total amount spent to date, including generation and transmission?

2. What is the latest estimated total cost of the project?

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* replied as follows:

“1. \$708,127,202 to February 28, 1978.

“2. \$734,724,081 (not including allowance for litigation settlement).”

27 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

What is the total amount transferred to General Revenue from B.C. Petroleum Corporation to date?

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* replied as follows:

“Total to March 31, 1978, \$545,250,000.”

32 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

With respect to the Perpetual and Special Funds, what were the balances of principal and interest in each of these funds as at December 31, 1975, and as at December 31, 1977?

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

34 Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Were any Government vehicles sold to Peter Pollen Ford Sales Ltd. in the fiscal year 1977/78?

2. If the answer to question No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the full details and selling price of each vehicle and (b) were the sales by public tender?

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* replied as follows:

“1. No.

“2. Not applicable.”

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, June 1, 1978

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Charles Blencoe*.

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) made a statement relating to a Submission of the Province of British Columbia on West Coast Maritime Boundaries.

By leave, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) tabled correspondence referred to in her statement.

Mr. *Lea* made a statement in reply.

Mr. *Lauk* rose on a point of order, namely, that no member may criticize the conduct of another member without a substantive motion.

Mr. Speaker stated he would consider the matter.

By leave, Mr. *Stephens* made a statement relating to National Transportation Week.

On the motion of Mr. *Stephens*, Bill (No. M 215) intituled *Captain Cook Bi-Centennial Commemoration Act Amendment Act, 1978*, 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. *Shelford*, Bill (No. M 216) intituled *British Columbia Petroleum Sales Act, 1978*, 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."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,911 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1979.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$516,939 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Executive and Administration, to 31st March 1979.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,906,603 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Consumer Affairs, to 31st March 1979.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,868,245 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Corporate Affairs, to 31st March 1979.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,293,893 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Rentalsman, to 31st March, 1979.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$542,806 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Rent Review Commission, to 31st March 1979.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,170,364 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, to 31st March 1979.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Corporate and Financial Services Commission, to 31st March 1979.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Auditors' Certification Board, to 31st March 1979.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,496,912 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1979.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,586,923 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1979.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
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 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

By leave, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* moved—

That this House instruct the Committee of Selection appointed on the 30th day of March last to name a Special Committee to decide whether or not the Honourable 1st Member for Victoria or the Honourable Member for Boundary-Similkameen or the Honourable Member for Coquitlam sat or voted in the Legislative Assembly when he may have been disqualified from so doing in consequence of receiving funds from the Province of British Columbia resulting from his participation in the UBC and Provincial Housing Study instituted by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

And to decide whether or not the Honourable Member for Shuswap has sat or voted in the Legislative Assembly when he may have been disqualified from so doing in consequence of his receiving funds from the Province of British Columbia resulting from his participation in a fence-building program made available under the *Grazing Act*:

And that the Special Committee commence its sittings forthwith and report during this sitting of the Legislative Assembly and be authorized and required to allow representations of any persons by counsel on examination and cross-examination of witnesses.

The Speaker's attention was drawn to the clock.

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

Friday, June 2, 1978

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Andrew Mowatt*.

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Urban Transit Authority Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 1, 1978.

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

By leave, the Hon. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) replied to a question by the Member for Prince Rupert on May 30, relating to the Liquor Distribution Branch, and stated, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a return and that he had no objection to laying such a return upon the table of the House, and thereupon presented such return.

By leave, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) moved—

That leave be granted to increase the number of Members on the Committee on Crown Corporations to 16, by adding thereto Messrs. *Bawtree, Smith, and Stephens*.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Barrett* rose on a point of order, namely, in his absence allegations were made against him, which should be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker stated he would rule on the matter later in the day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today the Honourable Leader of the Opposition rose on a point of order which I undertook to rule on after reading the relevant passage in Hansard. At page 316/2 of the "Blues," it is recorded that the Honourable Provincial Secretary said: "Obviously the more responsible Member for Mackenzie must have been overridden in caucus by the irresponsible team . . . of *Lea, Lauk, Barrett, Macdonald, and Skelly.*"

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition claims that it is his prerogative to determine whether the allegations are, in his words "imputing motives". I think it would be more correct to say that any Honourable Member may bring any such complaint to the attention of the Speaker who then has the responsibility of seeing that order prevails.

In so doing, the Speaker of course would attach considerable weight to the view of the offended Honourable Member.

In the present circumstances I feel that the statement in question could, as the Honourable Leader of the Opposition claims, impute an improper motive to him and I would invite the Honourable Minister to conclude the matter by withdrawing the statement.

In so doing I wish to say that the Chair may only deal with points of order when they are raised immediately, but not otherwise (May, 16th edition, at page 470). However, there is a special circumstance existing in that the "Blues" indicate that the Honourable 1st Member for Vancouver East immediately called for a withdrawal when the statement was made.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, on behalf of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following report:

REPORT No. 2

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

June 2, 1978

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on March 30th last begs leave to report as follows:

That, pursuant to the *Crown Corporation Reporting Act*, and pursuant to the leave of the House to increase the Committee on Crown Corporations to 16 Members, Mr. *Stephens* and Mr. *Bawtree* have been appointed as Members on the Committee on Crown Corporations.

And that Mr. *Smith* has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the election of the Honourable *H. W. Schroeder* as Speaker of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GRACE M. MCCARTHY, *Chairman*

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

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.