TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker introduced four former Speakers of the Legislative Assembly who were seated on the floor of the House: Mr. *Lorne Hugh Shantz*, Speaker from January 1958 to August 1963; Mr. *William Harvey Murray*, Speaker from January 1964 to July 1972; Mr. *Gordon Hudson Dowding*, Speaker from October 1972 to November 1975 and Mr. *Dean Edward Smith*, Speaker from March 1976 to March 1978.

The Hon. P. L. McGeer made a statement.

Mr. Macdonald made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

The Hon. J. J. Hewitt tabled the Annual Report, 1984, pursuant to Trade Practice Act.

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

On the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

Bill (No. 26) intituled Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Amendment Act, 1985 was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Chairman further reported that on an amendment to section 1 of Bill (No. 26), the Committee divided as follows:

		YEAS-12	
Blencoe	Barnes	Gabelmann	Cocke
Mitchell	D'Arcy	Sanford	Dailly
Wallace	Williams	Stupich	Macdonald
		Nays-21	
Strachan	McGeer	Chabot	Pelton
Veitch	Phillips	Parks	Hewitt
Reid	Bennett	Fraser, R. G.	Heinrich
Mowat	Gardom	Johnston	Rogers
Davis	Nielsen	Michael	Waterland
Fraser, A. V.			

		Yeas—10	
Blencoe	Barnes	Sanford	Cocke
Mitchell	Williams	Stupich	Dailly
Wallace	Gabelmann		
		Nays-21	
Strachan	McGeer	Chabot	Pelton
Veitch	Phillips	Parks	Hewitt
Reid	Bennett	Fraser, R. G.	Heinrich
Lea	Gardom	Johnston	Rogers
Mowat	Nielsen	Michael	Waterland
Fraser, A. V.			

The Chairman further reported that on an amendment to section 3 of Bill (No. 26), the Committee divided as follows:

The Chairman further reported that sections 1, 2 and 4 were passed on division, and that Mr. *Cocke's* amendments to section 3 (a), to section 3 (b) and to section 3 (c) were negatived on division.

Bill (No. 26) read a third time and passed on division.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Ministry of International Trade and Investment Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

Strachan	Sanford	Phillips	Johnston
Veitch	Stupich	Bennett	Michael
Mitchell	Cocke	Gardom	Pelton
Wallace	Dailly	Nielsen	Hewitt
Reid	Mowat	Chabot	Heinrich
Ree	Fraser, A. V.	Parks	Rogers
Williams	McGeer	Fraser, R. G.	Waterland
Gabelmann			

Bill (No. 20) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Unanimous consent was refused for the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services to meet at 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

7 Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Environment the following questions: During the fiscal year 1983/84---

1. What pesticides did the Ministry purchase in each year, in what quantities and at what cost?

2. What quantities of each pesticide were used in each year, for what purpose and what was the total cost of each program?

3. What amount of each pesticide remained in storage or was disposed of at the end of each year?

4. What pesticides, in what quantities, are presently in the possession of the Ministry?

The Hon. F. C. A. Pelton replied as follows:

"The Ministry of Environment has utilized pesticides for two purposes in the 1984/85 fiscal year. Rotenone is used for coarse fish control in fisheries enhancement projects and 1080 is used for reactive predator control."

"Fisheries Enhancement Program

"1. In 1984/85, 2,135 U.S. gallons (8 080 litres) Noxfish Fish Toxicant, unsynergized rotenone, emulfiable liquid. Active ingredients: Rotenone, 5%, other cubé extractives, 10%. Inert ingredients, 85%. This product fully registered for use as a piscicide in Canada: *Pest Control Products Act*, Registration No. 14558. Obtained from Penick Corporation, Lyndhurst, New Jersey. Cost (including customs and freight): \$51,838.08.

"2. In 1984/85, the only piscicide application was on Cherry Lake in the Kootenay Region (Cranbrook area), in which approximately 990 U.S. gallons (3 700 litres) of Noxfish was used. The purpose was to improve the sport fishing on the lake by eradicating successfully competitive sucker and shiner populations and then managing the lake as a rainbow trout monoculture. The treatment was funded by the Habitat Conservation Fund, and cost a total of \$37,544.59.

"3. Piscicide inventory in storage in Kamloops at end of 1984/85 fiscal year — same as indicated in April 17, 1984, response to Mrs. *Wallace* with the addition of the following: 1,145 U.S. gallons (approximately 4 335 litres) of Noxfish. (935 U.S. gallons/3 539 litres of this total was acquired in 1984/85 for the proposed treatment in 1985 of the Champion Lakes, near Trail, under the Habitat Conservation Fund.)

"4. Same as for No. 3.

"Predator Control Wildlife Program

"1. No chemicals purchased in the 1984/85 fiscal year.

"2. 4.1 grams of 1080 used in reactive control of wolf and coyote problem animals in the 1984/85 fiscal year. The baiting program was conducted by regular Ministry staff. There was no additional cost in excess of normal wages and normal support costs.

"3. Stored at this time are 50 grams of sodium cyanide and approximately 2.5 pounds of 1080.

"4. As in No. 3.

"Water Management Program

"1. No pesticides were purchased in fiscal year 1984/85.

"2. No pesticides were used in fiscal year 1984/85.

"3. Approximately 45.2 kilograms of Aqua-Kleen[®] (containing 2,4-D butoxyethanol ester) from two broken bags were placed in the 'Hazardous Waste Material Storage Site' in Kamloops for disposal; approximately 3 929.8 kilograms of Aqua-Kleen[®] remained in storage.

"4. Approximately 3 929.8 kilograms of Aqua-Kleen® are presently in the possession of the Ministry.

"The Ministry of Environment has utilized pesticides for two purposes in the 1983/84 fiscal year. Rotenone is used for coarse fish control in fisheries enhancement projects and 1080 is used for reactive predator control.

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"Fisheries Enhancement Program

"1. In 1983/84, 375 U.S. gallons (1 420 litres) Noxfish Fish Toxicant, unsynergized rotenone, emulfiable liquid. Active ingredients: Rotenone, 5%; other cubé extractives, 10%. Inert ingredients, 85%. This product fully registered for use as a piscicide in Canada: *Pest Control Products Act*, Registration No. 14558. Obtained from Penick Corporation, Lyndhurst, New Jersey. Cost (including customs and freight): \$8,666.22.

"2. In 1983/84, the only piscicide applications were on Kwtzil (gravel pit) Lake in the Omineca-Peace Region (Prince George area). This lake was originally treated in June 1982 (outlined in previous response to Mrs. *Wallace*, July 18, 1983). Unfortunately, groundwater spring activity in this lake hampered the effectiveness of the treatment, and retreatment was scheduled in 1983/84.

"A. September 19, 1983 — Kwtzil Lake (located 40 kilometres west of Prince George) was retreated. Five U.S. gallons (approximately 19 litres) of Noxfish were used to remove remaining redside shiners and lake chub so that a pure culture rainbow trout fishery could be restored. Post-treatment results indicated that a further application was required.

"B. October 24–27, 1983 — Final treatment of Kwtzil Lake. Eighteen U.S. gallons (approximately 68 litres) of Noxfish were applied. A complete kill was confirmed following this treatment.

"Summary: Total chemical applied to Kwtzil Lake in 1983/84 — 23 U.S. gallons (87 litres). Product: Noxfish, 5% rotenone unsynergized. Rationale for repeat treatments: Despite treatment difficulties (necessitating repeated applications), the decisions to retreat were based on (1) the relatively low cost of the treatments due to the lake's small size (0.8 ha); (2) close proximity to Prince George and excellent access; and (3) past success with trout production from the lake. Total 1983/84 project cost (two treatments): Approximately \$2,000.

"3. Piscicide inventory in storage in Kamloops at end of 1983/84 fiscal year. Same as indicated in July 18, 1983 response to Mrs. *Wallace*, with the addition of the following: 352 U.S. gallons (approximately 1 332 litres) of Noxfish, 55 U.S. gallons (approximately 208 litres) of Chemfish (barrel of old chemical awaiting disposal).

"4. Same as for No. 3.

"Predator Control Program

"1. No chemicals purchased in the 1983/84 fiscal year.

"2. 4.1 grams of 1080 used in reactive control of wolf and coyote problem animals in the 1982/83 fiscal year. The baiting program was conducted by regular Ministry staff. There was no additional cost in excess of normal wages and normal support costs.

"3. Stored at this time are 50 grams of sodium cyanide and approximately 2.5 pounds of 1080.

"4. As in No. 3."

22 Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Environment the following questions: In relation to the Pemberton flooding which took place last October 1984—

1. (a) How many claims have been filed for damages resulting from the flood, and (b) what was the total of the claims filed under (a)?

2. (a) How many claims have been paid; (b) what was the total amount claimed under (a); and (c) what was the total amount paid under (a)?

The Hon. F. C. A. Pelton replied as follows:

"1. (a) 400 claims have been filed, and (b) \$3,643.829.89.

"2. (a) 277; (b) \$3,203,829.89; and (c) \$2,622,834.77."

And then the House adjourned at 12.59 p.m.

Monday, April 29, 1985

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of Mr. *Blencoe*, Bill (No. M 206) initialed *Municipal Act Review Committee 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 Ms. Brown, Bill (No. M 207) intituled Women's Career and Employment Opportunity 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 Question Period."

The Hon. G. B. Gardom moved the following motion:

That leave be given to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock to deal with business of which notice has been given.

Mr. Howard rose on a point of order, namely, that the motion required two days' notice, pursuant to Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker reserved his opinion or ruling on the matter.

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 later today. Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

In putting forth an opinion on this matter, the Chair must express its grave concern that a matter of this kind is not capable of being resolved by the ordinary mechanisms available to both the House Leaders and the Party Whips.

Forcing the Chair to intervene in what is ordinarily considered routine House business is a situation which brings little credit on the parliamentary process and is a situation not to be encouraged.

The purpose of requiring notice under Standing Orders is to alert Members as to the business of the day thus preventing surprise or lack of preparation, and allowing a Member to be present together with necessary witnesses in the case of a committee meeting.

The Members have drawn to the Chair's attention the provisions of Standing Orders 25 and 48. Having examined both Standing Orders, it emerges from the examination of Standing Order 48 that notice is not required to fix the time of a meeting of the House.

A Committee is a creature of the House and an extension thereof and accordingly it seems to the Chair that if two days' notice is not required for a motion relating to a meeting of the House, it would normally not be required for a motion relating to a meeting of a Committee of the House.

Bearing in mind that notice of this particular meeting was printed on the Order Paper Tuesday, April 23, and daily thereafter up to and including today, it would appear no one in the House is taken by surprise in relation to the proposed meeting at 3 o'clock today.

In the absence of the notice of the meeting appearing in the Orders of the Day, the Chair, mindful of the rights of all Members, and in particular the rights of the minority, might well view the situation differently.

Today, however, the Chair is of the opinion that the matter should be determined by the House by putting of the Motion moved by the Government House Leader, which is a Motion that the Committee have leave to sit at 3 o'clock today while the House is sitting.

K. W. DAVIDSON, Speaker

A debate arose on the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

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 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Pravers by the Rev. A. Keith Young.

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 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 1985

Two o'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

By leave, the Hon. C. S. Rogers tabled answers to questions taken on notice during Oral Question Period.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$206,025 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1986, on division.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$66,615,137 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Management Operations, to 31st March 1986, on division.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$588,602,983 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Medical Services Commission, to 31st March 1986, on division.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$217,313,447 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Preventive and Community Health Care Services, to 31st March 1986, on division.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,794,176,742 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Institutional Services, to 31st March 1986, on division.

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

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of Vote 41, the Committee divided, *nemine contradicente*, as follows:

		YE.	AS—43	
Veitch	Williams		McGeer	Kempf
Reynolds	Sanford		Phillips	Johnston
Passarell	Nicolson		Curtis	Michael
Wallace	Stupich		Bennett	Pelton
MacWilliam	Skelly		Smith	Hewitt
Rose	Howard		Gardom	Heinrich
Hanson	Cocke		Nielsen	McClelland
Brown	Dailly		McCarthy	Segarty
D'Arcy	Macdonald		Chabot	Rogers
Reid	Davis		Parks	Brummet
Ree	Fraser, A. V.		Fraser, R. G.	

On the motion of the Hon. D. M. Phillips, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Ministry of International Trade and Investment Act* 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)

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. Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

Ms. Sanford presented a petition relating to education.

Mr. *Rose* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the provincial school system and the submission of budgets.

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

The Hon. T. P. Segarty tabled the 68th Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1984.

The Hon. G. M. McCarthy tabled the 1983/84 Annual Report of BC Transit.

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.

On the motion of the Hon. H. A. Curtis, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act*, 1985, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS-38

Strachan	Ree	Schroeder	Kempf
Veitch	Williams	Fraser, A. V.	Johnston
Reynolds	Sanford	McGeer	Pelton
Mitchell	Nicolson	Curtis	Richmond
MacWilliam	Lauk	Smith	Hewitt
Rose	Stupich	Gardom	Segarty
Hanson	Cocke	McCarthy	Rogers
Brown	Dailly	Chabot	Brummet
D'Arcy	Mowat	Fraser, R. G.	Waterland
Reid	Davis		

Bill (No. 7) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today the Honourable Member for Coquitlam-Moody rose under the provisions of Standing Order 35 to seek leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the provincial school system and, more specifically, the submission of budgets as required under the *School Act* of the Province of British Columbia.

The restrictions to a successful motion under Standing Order 35 are well known to Members of this House and need not be canvassed in detail at this time.

It seems to the Chair that the matter raised by the Honourable Member falls squarely into the prohibition contemplated in Sir Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 16th edition, at page 372, where it is clearly stated that the matter proposed must involve more than the ordinary administration of the law, and based on an examination of the statement submitted by the Member, it is my opinion that the Member's statement does not qualify under Standing Order 35.

The Chair would also bring to the attention of all Honourable Members the specific wording of Standing Order 35 (10) (c), which prohibits a motion from succeeding under this Order if the motion revives discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same Session. I think all Honourable Members would agree with the Chair's observation that the subject of the Honourable Member's motion has been thoroughly canvassed during the past weeks and therefore the motion must also fail under the specific provisions of our own Standing Orders.

K. W. DAVIDSON, Speaker

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Tobacco Tax Amendment Act*, 1985 was read a second time, on division, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Hotel Room Tax Amendment Act*, 1985 was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Friday, May 3, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Mr. Speaker.

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

ROBERT G. ROGERS Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 37) intituled Securities Act and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, May 2, 1985.

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

The Hon. A. V. Fraser made a ministerial statement relating to the rescue of a passenger on a B.C. Ferry earlier this week.

Mr. Stupich made a statement relating to the same matter.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

By leave, Mr. Hanson tabled a document referred to during "Oral Question Period."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

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

By leave, Mr. *MacWilliam* tabled documents referred to during "Private Members' Statements."

On the motion of the Hon. H. W. Schroeder, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Business Licence Repeal* Act, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to nemine contradicente on the following division:

		YEAS-36	
Strachan	Ree	Mowat	Parks
Veitch	Lea	Schroeder	Fraser, R. G.
Mitchell	Gabelmann	Curtis	Kempf
MacWilliam	Sanford	Bennett	Johnston
Rose	Lauk	Smith	Pelton
Hanson	Stupich	Gardom	Richmond
Brown	Cocke	Nielsen	Hewitt
D'Arcy	Dailly	McCarthy	Heinrich
Reid	Macdonald	Chabot	McClelland

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Bill (No. 16) read a second time and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled Assessment and Taxation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 1985, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

V- 21

Strachan	Williams	Bennett	Kempf
Veitch	Sanford	Smith	Johnston
Reynolds	Stupich	Gardom	Pelton
Passarell	Cocke	Nielsen	Richmond
Mitchell	Mowat	McCarthy	Hewitt
Hanson	Davis	Chabot	Heinrich
Reid	Schroeder	Parks	McClelland
Ree	Curtis	Fraser, R. G.	

Bill (No. 6) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled British Columbia Transit Amendment Act, 1985, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Williams, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.40 p.m.

Monday, May 6, 1985

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

Mr. Skelly asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, an Order in Council relating to the Vancouver School Board.

Mr. Speaker stated that 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)

The Committee rose and reported progress. 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:

Earlier today the Honourable Member for Alberni rose under the provisions of Standing Order 35 to seek leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, to reverse an Order in Council relating to the Vancouver School Board and to enter into negotiations "with all school boards" in the Province with respect to "differences" which may exist between the Government and the school boards.

While reserving my opinion on this matter, I did indicate to the Honourable Member that his application appeared to closely parallel a similar application, which failed, made on Thursday last by the Honourable Member for Coquitlam-Moody, who sought leave to discuss the need to "negotiate a settlement" with respect to "differences" on school board matters. It will be readily seen that the language used in each application is very similar, if not identical.

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition sought to distinguish the two applications on the ground that a new circumstance had intervened, namely, the appointment of an official trustee.

As the Chair made clear on Thursday last in relation to the similar application made by the Honourable Member for Coquitlam-Moody, motions have been disallowed because the matters raised by them involved no more than the ordinary administration of the law (May, 16th edition, page 372). This authority is also applicable to the present application.

It was urged by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition that the appointment, since Thursday last, of an official trustee in replacement of the Vancouver School Board should place his application on different ground. The Chair is bound, however, to give cognizance to the further prohibition set forth in the 16th edition of May, at page 372, namely, that such motions are disallowed where the matter involves the exercise of a discretion under statutory powers and it is clear that an appointment of an official trustee does involve the exercise of a discretion granted under the provisions of the *School Act*.

Accordingly, the motion must fail on the basis of the authority which I have cited from the 16th edition of Sir Erskine May.

K. W. DAVIDSON, Speaker

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. John T. Frame.

On the motion of Mr. Howard, Bill (No. M 208) intituled Ministry of Forests Act Amendment Act, 1985 (No. 1), 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.

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On the motion of Mr. Howard, Bill (No. M 209) intituled Ministry of Forests Act Amendment Act, 1985 (No. 2), 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 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.

On a motion that the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee divided, as follows:

		Yeas-12	
Passarell	Lockstead	Williams	Lauk
Wallace	Rose	Gabelmann	Dailly
MacWilliam	Brown	Sanford	Macdonald
		Nays—25	
Veitch	Fraser, A. V.	McCarthy	Pelton
Reynolds	McGeer	Chabot	Richmond
Reid	Curtis	Parks	Hewitt
Ree	Bennett	Fraser, R . G .	Heinrich
Mowat	Gardom	Johnston	Segarty
Davis	Nielsen	Michael	Rogers
Schroeder			

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 1985

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

ROBERT G. ROGERS Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 36) intituled *Travel Agents* Amendment Act, 1985 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, May 3, 1985.

Bill introduced and read a first time. Second reading at the next sitting after today. Order called for "Oral Question Period."

The Hon. J. R. Chabot tabled the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the Pension (College) Act, year ended August 31, 1984.

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.

20 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With reference to the Assessment Appeal Boards for the fiscal years 1980/81, 1981/82, 1982/83, 1983/84 and 1984/85—

1. How many boards were there in each fiscal year?

2. What were the names of board members, their occupation, and their place of residence?

3. For each fiscal year, what was the per diem remuneration paid to each member?

4. For each fiscal year, what communities were visited by which board?

5. What were the total expenses associated with travel and accommodation for each board for each fiscal year?

6. For each fiscal year, what was the total cost to the Government for the operation of the Assessment Appeal Board?

The Hon. H. A. Curtis 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Thursday, May 9, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dennis Huenfeld.

The House proceeded to Orders of the Day.

The Hon. J. H. Heinrich asked leave to move a motion without notice.

Leave was not granted.

The Hon. J. H. Heinrich made a ministerial statement relating to school board budgets.

Mr. Skelly made a statement relating to the same matter.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$214,384 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1986, on division.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,464,102,542 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry Programs, to 31st March 1986, on division.

82. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$74,300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations (Minister of Human Resources), Transit Services, to 31st March 1986, on division.

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

On the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act*, 1985.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, May 9, 1985

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act*, 1985.

The debate continued.

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

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 5.52 p.m.

Friday, May 10, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

The Hon. C. S. Rogers made a ministerial statement relating to the establishment of a nitrogen fertilizer plant in Delta and to the Quintette Coal project.

Mr. Lockstead made a statement relating to the same matter.

By leave, Mr. Lea made a statement.

The Hon. B. R. D. Smith made a ministerial statement relating to the 1985 inaugural sailing of the Princess Marguerite.

Mr. Williams made a statement relating to the same matter.

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$169,073 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1986, on division.

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

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The Hon. G. M. McCarthy presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 38) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 1985 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, May 10, 1985.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.02 p.m.

Monday, May 13, 1985

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *T. P. Segarty* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. RÖGERS Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 39) intituled *British Columbia Railway Dispute Settlement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, May 12, 1985.

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

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

Mrs. *Wallace* rose on a matter of privilege relating to an answer given by the Minister of Transportation and Highways on Friday last.

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

By leave, the Hon. J. H. Heinrich (Minister of Education) tabled the following:

Copy correspondence to The Editor, The Sun, dated September 6, 1984.

Copy correspondence from Mr. Michael Harcourt, Mayor of Vancouver, dated May 1, 1985.

The Hon. J. H. Heinrich (Minister of Education) tabled the British Columbia Railway Group of Companies Annual Report for 1984.

By leave, Mr. *Rose* tabled a copy of a Letter to the Editor appearing in the Prince George Citizen.

Mr. *Blencoe* presented Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, May 13, 1985

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has received correspondence from John A. Bovey, dated June 28, 1984, Chairman of the Public Documents Committee, established under authority of section 3 of the *Document Disposal Act* (R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 95) and, having read the submission on behalf of the Public Documents Committee, recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Document Disposal Act*, approval be given for the destruction of various public documents as listed in the submission to the Public Accounts Committee for 1983/84 insofar as the following Ministries of Government are concerned: Ministry of Attorney General; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications; and Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. BLENCOE, Chairman

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, May 13, 1985

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has received correspondence from John A. Bovey, dated April 17, 1985, Chairman of the Public Documents Committee, established under authority of section 3 of the *Document Disposal Act* (R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 95) and, having read the submission on behalf of the Public Documents Committee, recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Document Disposal Act*, approval be given for the destruction of various public documents as listed in the submission to the Public

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Accounts Committee for 1983/84 insofar as the following Ministries of Government are concerned: Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs; Ministry of Finance; and Ministry of Health.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. BLENCOE, Chairman

REPORT

Legislative Committee Room, May 13, 1985

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has received correspondence from John A. Bovey, dated April 17, 1985, Chairman of the Public Documents Committee, established under authority of section 3 of the *Document Disposal Act* (R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 95) and, having read the submission on behalf of the Public Documents Committee, recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Document Disposal Act*, approval be given for the destruction of various public documents as listed in the submission to the Public Accounts Committee for 1983/84 insofar as the following Ministries of Government are concerned: Ministry of Agriculture and Food; Ministry of Attorney General; Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing; Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services; and Ministry of Tourism.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. BLENCOE, Chairman

The reports were read and received.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$91,605,504 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Resource and Environmental Management, to 31st March 1986, on division.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,403,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Emergency Assistance, to 31st March 1986, on division.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Economic Renewal—Water Management Capital Construction Projects, to 31st March 1986, on division.

The Committee reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again later today. The Hon. J. H. Heinrich (Minister of Education) made a ministerial statement relating to the Cowichan School Board.

Mr. Rose made a statement relating to the same matter.

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. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today, the Honourable Member for Cowichan-Malahat rose on a matter of privilege relating to remarks attributed to the Honourable the Minister of Transportation and Highways during Question Period on Friday, May 10, 1985. The Honourable Member for Cowichan-Malahat tendered, at the same time, Order in Council 801, dated May 1, 1985, relating to British Columbia Ferry Corporation service between Brentwood Bay and Mill Bay, and Swartz Bay and Garnett Creek. As I understand it, the essence of the Member's complaint is that the Minister of Transportation and Highways misled the House in his answers to questions posed by the Member on Friday, May 10, 1985.

Parliamentary privilege is described in Sir Erskine May's 20th edition, at page 70, as follows:

"Parliamentary privilege is the sum of the peculiar rights enjoyed by each House collectively as a constituent part of the High Court of Parliament, and by members of each House individually, without which they could not discharge their functions, and which exceed those possessed by other bodies or individuals."

Another definition of privilege is contained in May's 18th edition, at page 132, under the heading, "Acts or Conduct Constituting Breach of Privilege or Contempt." This eminent authority states as follows:

"It may be stated generally that any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any member officer of the House in the discharge of his duty, or which has a tendency, directly or indirectly, to produce such results may be treated as a contempt, even though there is no precedent of the offence."

The question the Chair must ask itself, in the course of determining whether a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege exists here, is whether or not anything emerges from the answers given by the Minister in Question Period which would impede the House or any member thereof in the performance of their functions. The Order in Council tendered by the Honourable Member refers to approval to be given to the British Columbia Ferry Corporation to discontinue service between Brentwood Bay and Mill Bay and implement service between Swartz Bay and Garnett Creek. The Minister's words, as quoted in *Hansard* extract, indicate that the Government has "made no final decision on the exact location", and further, that the new location would be from the Swartz Bay terminal to "approximately the area called Garnett Creek." In summary, both documents refer to

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Garnett Creek and the Minister's answer during Question Period would indicate that the exact location in the Garnett Creek area has not, as yet, been determined. The Minister goes on to say, in answer to the question, that all the options are being considered and further that the studies that are presently being made will certainly be made public.

It is difficult to conclude that the two documents, when read together, would deceive any Honourable Member of this House so as to obstruct them, or impede them, in the discharge of their duties.

In my opinion, a *prima facie* breach of privilege has not been made out by the Honourable Member.

I thank the Honourable Member for her courtesy in giving the Chair advance notice of her matter of privilege.

K. W. DAVIDSON, Speaker

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. David Widdicombe.

Mr. Howard asked leave to make a statement.

Leave was not granted.

On the motion of Ms. *Brown*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Amendment to Adoption Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 4 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 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 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 1985

Two o'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. J. H. Heinrich presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ALLAN MCEACHERN Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 35) intituled School Amendment Act, 1985 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, May 13, 1985.

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

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

Mr. *Howard* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance relating to reforestation.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his opinion.

On the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled British Columbia Railway Dispute Settlement Act, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS-29

Strachan	Fraser, A. V.	Chabot	Hewitt
Veitch	McGeer	Parks	Heinrich
Reynolds	Phillips	Fraser, R. G.	McClelland
Reid	Curtis	Kempf	Segarty
Ree	Smith	Johnston	Rogers
Mowat	Gardom	Michael	Brummet
Davis	Nielsen	Pelton	Waterland
Schroeder			

Passarell Blencoe Wallace Lockstead Rose Hanson Brown D'Arcy Gabelmann Sanford NAYS-18

Nicolson Lauk Stupich Skelly Howard Cocke Dailly Macdonald Bill (No. 39) 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)

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$127,740 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1986, on division.

76. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$1,959,618 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications, Ministry Operations, to 31st March 1986, on division.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications, Government Telecommunication Services, to 31st March 1986, on division.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$330,603,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications. Universities, to 31st March 1986, on division.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications, Science and Technology, to 31st March 1986, on division.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,345,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications, Economic Renewal—Science and Technology Stimulation Program, to 31st March 1986, on division.

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:

Earlier today the Honourable Member for Skeena sought leave to move the adjournment of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 35.

Upon examination of the Honourable Member's written statement of the matter, I am of the opinion that it contravenes Standing Order 35 (10) (c), as well as improperly importing argument therein, and fails to disclose facts which indicate the existence of some sudden emergency.

In fact, the subject statement falls so far short of qualifying under Standing Order 35 the Chair must observe that, in future, in order to ensure that Standing Order 35 does not become a vehicle for fraudulent abuse of the rule, the Chair will feel compelled to intervene and immediately terminate any such application.

K. W. DAVIDSON, Speaker

Pursuant to Standing Order 2 (2), the House was advised of Wednesday sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 1985

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

On the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice."

Bill (No. 39) intituled British Columbia Railway Dispute Settlement Act was committed, reported complete with amendment.

On the question that Bill (No. 39) be considered as amended at the next sitting, the House divided as follows:

		YEAS-24	
Strachan	Fraser, A. V.	Parks	Heinrich
Veitch	McGeer	Kempf	McClelland
Revnolds	Curtis	Johnston	Segarty
Reid	Gardom	Michael	Rogers
Ree	Nielsen	Pelton	Brummet
Schroeder	Chabot	Hewitt	Waterland
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Passarell	Hanson	Gabelmann	Skelly
Blencoe	D'Arcy	Sanford	Howard
Wallace	Lea	Nicolson	Cocke
MacWilliam	Williams	Stupich	Dailly
Lockstead			

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 6) intituled Assessment and Taxation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act. 1985 was committed, reported complete without amendment.

In consideration of section 22 of Bill (No. 6), the Committee divided, as follows:

	YEAS-24		
Veitch	McGeer	Fraser, R. G.	Heinrich
Reynolds	Curtis	Kempf	McClelland
Reid	Gardom	Johnston	Segarty
Ree	Nielsen	Michael	Rogers
Schroeder	Chabot	Pelton	Brummet
Fraser, A. V.	Parks	Hewitt	Waterland

Blencoe			
	Hanson	Gabelmann	Skelly
Wallace	Brown	Sanford	Howard
Barnes	D'Arcy	Nicolson	Cocke
MacWilliam	Williams	Stupich	Dailly
Lockstead			

Bill (No. 6) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 1985, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

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Strachan	Ree		Davis	Johnston		
Veitch	Lea		Schroeder	Michael		
Revnolds	Williams		Fraser, A. V.	Pelton		
Blencoe	Gabelmann		McGeer	Hewitt		
Wallace	Sanford		Curtis	Heinrich		
MacWilliam	Nicolson		Gardom	McClelland		
Lockstead	Stupich		Nielsen	Segarty		
Hanson	Howard		Chabot	Rogers		
D'Arcv	Cocke		Parks	Waterland		
Reid	Dailly		Kempf			

Bill (No. 11) 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. 4) intituled *Workplace Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Hotel Room Tax Amendment Act, 1985* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled Business Licence Repeal Act was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *British Columbia Transit Amendment Act*, 1985.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

	Y	YEAS-22	
Strachan	Fraser, A. V.	Kempf	
Veitch	McGeer	Johnston	
Reynolds	Curtis	Michael	
Reid	Gardom	Pelton	
Davis	Nielsen	Hewitt	
Schroeder	Parks		

Heinrich McClelland Segarty Rogers Waterland

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Blencoe			
	Lockstead	Gabelmann	Howard
Wallace	Hanson	Sanford	Cocke
Barnes	D'Arcy	Nicolson	Dailly
MacWilliam	Williams	Stupich	

Bill (No. 17) 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. J. A. Nielsen presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

N. T. NEMETZ Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 41) intituled *Medical Service Amendment Act, 1985* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, May 15, 1985.

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

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. J. A. Nielsen, it was Resolved that the Order for Second Reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled Medical Service Amendment Act, 1985 be discharged.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1985* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Tobacco Tax Amendment Act*, 1985 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)

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

The Hon. R. H. McClelland tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Industry and Small Business Development, 1984/85.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.