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SPECIAL SESSION 1961

Tuesday, August 1st, 1961

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Twenty-sixth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 23rd day of June, 1961.

Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to this Special Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of British Columbia.

You will be asked by my Government to consider the following specific matters:—

A Bill respecting the *Motor-vehicle Act*:

A Bill concerning Federal-Provincial tax-sharing arrangements:

A Bill concerning the *Milk Industry Act*:

A Bill respecting allowances paid to Members of the Legislative Assembly:

A Bill concerning the development of electric-power resources.

Mr. Speaker and Members, I now leave you with the prayer that Divine guidance will attend your deliberations in the service of our people.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of British Columbia, the Most Rev. *H. E. Sexton*, D.D.

The Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
August 1st, 1961.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled *An Act Respecting Income Tax*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Provide for the Reorganization of the British Columbia Electric Company Limited and the Development of Power Resources*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
August 1st, 1961.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Reorganization of the British Columbia Electric Company Limited and the Development of Power Resources*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *F. X. Richter* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
August 1st, 1961.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Provide for a Reduction in the Allowances to Be Paid to Members Attending the Special Session of the Legislative Assembly at Which This Act Is Passed*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
August 1st, 1961.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled *An Act to Provide for a Reduction in the Allowances to Be Paid to Members Attending the Special Session of the Legislative Assembly at Which This Act is Passed*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Premier) presented the Report of the British Columbia Energy Board on the Columbia and Peace Power Projects.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance) presented Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia (Abridged) for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1961.

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—20

Messieurs

<i>McKay</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Squire</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>

NAYS—30

Messieurs

<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Little</i>		

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 2nd, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. Barner.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day:—

Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act.*

Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act.*

Bill (No. 3) intituled *An Act to Provide for a Reduction in the Allowances to Be Paid to Members Attending the Special Session of the Legislative Assembly at Which This Act Is Passed.*

Bill (No. 4) intituled *An Act Respecting Income Tax.*

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Reorganization of the British Columbia Electric Company Limited and the Development of Power Resources* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Macfarlane, adjourned to the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Wednesday, August 2nd, 1961

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Reorganization of the British Columbia Electric Company Limited and the Development of Power Resources.*

The debate continued.

The Bill was read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—50

Messieurs

McKay	Haggen, Mrs.	Shelford	Brothers
Gibson	Macdonald	Price	Speare
Hobbs	Squire	Corbett	Smith
Mather, Mrs.	Eddie	Kiernan	Carnell
Rhodes	Harding	Williston	Murray
Calder	Strachan	Bennett	Campbell
Cox	Turner	Bonner	Westwood
Dowding	Robinson	Black	Chant
Gargrave	Tisdalle	Skillings	Peterson
Barrett	Newton	Little	Martin
Macfarlane	Matthew	Jefcoat	Gaglardi
Perrault	Bruch	Huhn	Richter
Nimsick	Bate		

(*Nem. con.*)

The Bill was *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.35 p.m.

Thursday, August 3rd, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. Behling*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *An Act to Provide for a Reduction in the Allowances to Be Paid to Members Attending the Special Session of the Legislative Assembly at Which This Act Is Passed* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *An Act Respecting Income Tax* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Reorganization of the British Columbia Electric Company Limited and the Development of Power Resources* was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, August 3rd, 1961

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On a point of order raised by Mr. *Strachan* that Standing Orders Nos. 60, 123, and 68 had not been complied with, Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:—

Honourable Members,—Earlier in the Session the Leader of the Opposition drew to the attention of the House the provisions of certain Standing Orders which, unless suspended, require certain things to be done at the commencement of each Session. These were Standing Orders Nos. 60, 123, and 68.

Standing Order No. 60 is not by its terms operative at this time and I refer the honourable members to the wording of the Standing Order in question.

Standing Order No. 123 is mandatory in its terms, although the requirement that the state of the Library be reported to the House, at the opening of the Session, has seldom been observed, presumably by the general consent of the House, and I feel that in view of the report received in the Session earlier this year this Standing Order could fairly be called a matter of form rather than substance.

Standing Order No. 68 is also mandatory in its terms and I note that at the Special Session in 1951 the Standing Orders to which I have referred were suspended and if it is not intended at this Special Session to set up the Committee referred to in Standing Order No. 68, it is my opinion this Standing Order should be suspended.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, it was *Ordered*,—

That Standing Order No. 68 be suspended for this Session. (*Nem. con.*)

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Order “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Reorganization of the British Columbia Electric Company Limited and the Development of Power Resources* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker declared a recess until 9.15 p.m.

FIFTEEN MINUTES PAST NINE O’CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

E. K. DeBeck, Esq., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 1) An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act.

(No. 2) An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act.

(No. 3) An Act to Provide for a Reduction in the Allowances to Be Paid to Members Attending the Special Session of the Legislative Assembly at Which This Act Is Passed.

(No. 4) An Act Respecting Income Tax.

(No. 5) An Act to Provide for the Reorganization of the British Columbia Electric Company Limited and the Development of Power Resources.

His Honour was pleased in Her Majesty’s name to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by *E. K. DeBeck*, Esq., Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you of your duties at the closing of this Special Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of British Columbia, I commend you on the wise and earnest attention you have given to the matters placed before you by my Government.

This Session, although abbreviated in length, has resulted in the enactment of measures which will be of lasting significance to the people of British Columbia.

Of paramount importance is the *Power Development Act, 1961*. Its provisions will, I am confident, result in perhaps the greatest new cycle of industrial growth ever witnessed in British Columbia. Its significance, not alone to the electric-power industry but to the stimulation of the economy as a whole, cannot be overestimated.

The *Income Tax Act* approved by you will enable my Government to carry out with dispatch the terms of the new tax-sharing arrangement between the Government of Canada and provincial governments.

Amendments to the *Milk Industry Act* were of urgent necessity in the light of recent decisions by the Supreme Court of Canada, and your agreement to amend the *Motor-vehicle Act* has clarified aspects of the Traffic Victims Indemnity Fund.

Honourable Members, I now relieve you of your duties at the close of this Special Session. I wish you a safe journey to your homes throughout the Province, and may Divine Providence be with you.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please the Lieutenant-Governor to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.