

**Friday, June 17, 1977**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Pastor *J. N. Stone*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 58) intituled *Revenue Sharing Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 14, 1977.*

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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.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$134,140 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

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The Committee reported the Resolution.  
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.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

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**Monday, June 20, 1977**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *C. R. McKnight*.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* 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. 63) intituled *Ombudsman Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 15, 1977.*

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$745,512 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, General Administration, to 31st March 1978.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600,906 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Engineering Branch, to 31st March 1978.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,668,076 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Weigh Scale Branch, to 31st March 1978.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,515,844 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Motor-vehicle Branch, to 31st March 1978.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$878,840 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Motor Carrier Branch, to 31st March 1978.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,864,584 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Telecommunications Services Branch, to 31st March 1978.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$616,780 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Communications System Development and Regulation Branch, to 31st March 1978.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$326,596 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Motor Carrier Commission, to 31st March 1978.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$548,692 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Transport Research and Planning Branch, to 31st March 1978.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,122,870 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, British Columbia Energy Commission, to 31st March 1978.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,819,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, British Columbia Ferries, to 31st March 1978.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,740,619 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$789,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Transport and Communications, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 21, 1977**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. W. Schroeder*.

On the motion of Mr. *Rogers*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Fire Marshal Act Amendment Act, 1977* 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.

By leave, Mr. *Cocke* made a statement relating to the University Extended Care Hospital, Vancouver.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* presented the following report:

REPORT  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

June 21, 1977

MR. SPEAKER:

I am pleased to present the report of the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly setting out our recommendation to the Assembly for the selection of an Auditor General.

*Recruitment*

The Special Committee was formed pursuant to section 2 (2) of the *Auditor General Act, 1976* (a copy of the act is given as Appendix A of this report).

The Committee held its first meeting on August 3, 1976, to plan and agree upon the requirements for the position of the Auditor General and the approach to be used in attracting qualified applicants.

The Committee resolved to place an advertisement in major newspapers across Canada (a copy of this advertisement is given as Appendix B to this report). In addition the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia was alerted to our advertisement and asked to encourage suitable members of that Institute to apply.

As a result of these efforts we received a total of 55 applicants for the position of Auditor General. Candidates responded from every province in Canada.

#### *Preliminary Screening*

The Committee carried out a preliminary screening of the 55 applicants on the basis of their written presentations. As a result of our preliminary screening the list of candidates was reduced to 22 which we then processed for further evaluation.

#### *Candidate Evaluation*

The Committee decided at this point to consider the services of a consulting firm to carry out interviews and other investigations of the 22 remaining candidates. The management consulting firm of Stevenson & Kellogg, Ltd., was selected and accordingly members of the Committee met with the Vice-President of that firm in the Stevenson & Kellogg, Ltd. Vancouver Office, on December 16, 1976. We outlined our needs and asked for a written submission of their program for evaluation and applicable budget. A detailed written proposal of Stevenson & Kellogg, Ltd. was considered by the Committee and accepted at a meeting on January 12, 1977.

The consultants were required to interview each of the candidates in depth and check carefully each candidate's credentials and references. They were also required to seek advice from the Federal and several Provincial Auditors General on the most desirable characteristics of the person required for this post. Operating from their offices across Canada, Stevenson & Kellogg, Ltd. carried out the required evaluations and investigations and presented a written report in late February 1977. This report contained the results of the evaluations for each of the 22 candidates together with special mention of five whom the consultants considered most promising as finalists.

#### *Finalists Selection*

The Committee reviewed the written evaluation of the 22 candidates prepared by the consultants and then met with representatives from Stevenson & Kellogg, Ltd. to discuss the evaluations in detail.

It was unanimously agreed that all five candidates suggested by the consultants should be interviewed.

Accordingly, your Committee met with three of the five candidates on April 6, 1977, and the other two on April 8, 1977. The Committee was most impressed with the calibre and background of the five finalists.

#### *The Selection*

After interviewing the five finalists the Committee members carefully reviewed and discussed the qualifications of each finalist as well as having further discussions with the consultants. It was the Committee's unanimous decision to select the following candidate as our recommendation to the Legislative Assembly:

Mrs. Erma P. Morrison, C.A.  
Post Office Box 758  
Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5B4.

Mrs. Morrison is a Chartered Accountant and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. She obtained her qualification in 1948. She has attended a number of professional development and management courses in the interim. She is also a Certified Internal Auditor.

Active in the affairs of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Mrs. Morrison has served as President of both the Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick institutes and has served on a number of committees. She has been on the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Provinces' Association of Chartered Accountants. Nationally she was a member of the Council of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants for two terms and active on a number of national committees. Mrs. Morrison is currently Deputy Auditor General and Appointee as Auditor General for the Province of New Brunswick. She joined the Provincial Public Service in 1965 as an auditor and assumed her present position in 1975. As Deputy Auditor General she is responsible for the administration of the office, recruiting, staffing and training, improving and co-ordinating programs, and for the direct and extensive participation in the preparation and editing of the Auditor General's Annual Report to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

Prior to joining the Public Service, she had her own practice for approximately 10 years in Moncton, New Brunswick.

In announcing our unanimous recommendation to the Legislative Assembly, I wish to place on record the splendid degree of interest and co-operative spirit which all members of the Committee displayed in bringing our task to a successful conclusion. I would also want to acknowledge the special efforts of Mr. Elwood Veitch, M.L.A. (Burnaby-Willingdon), who acted as Secretary of the Committee. His assistance in co-ordinating the meetings and communicating with the candidates was most appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, your Committee unanimously recommends to the Legislative Assembly that the name of Mrs. Erma P. Morrison be recommended to the Lieutenant-Governor for the position as Auditor General to exercise the powers and perform her duties as provided by the *Auditor General Act*.

Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly  
to Select an Auditor General for the Province of British Columbia

J. J. Hewitt, *Chairman*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. J. J. Hewitt moved—

That this House recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor the appointment of Mrs. Erma Morrison as an Officer of the Legislature to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Auditor General pursuant to the *Auditor General Act*, Statutes of British Columbia, 1976, chapter 3.

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

## YEAS—44

<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Kerster</i>
<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Kempf</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Kahl</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

## NAYS—0

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 8 o'clock p.m. today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 55) intituled *Corrections Amendment Act, 1977* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 14, 1977.*

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

The Hon. *J. R. Chabot* (Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources) presented the British Columbia Petroleum Corporation financial statements as at March 31, 1977.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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**Tuesday, June 21, 1977**

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)

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,720 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,423,788 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Administration and Support, to 31st March 1978.

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.

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 22, 1977**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. A. Smith*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 65) intituled *Community Resources Boards Amendment Act, 1977* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 16, 1977.*

Upon leave being asked to move first reading of the Bill accompanying the Message, leave was not granted.

*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. 65) intituled *Community Resources Boards Amendment Act, 1977*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.  
Report adopted.

The Committee further reported that, on the motion that the Committee rise and report to the House recommending the introduction of the Bill, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—32

<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

## NAYS—16

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* 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. 62) intituled *Land Titles Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 14, 1977.*

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

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* 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. 64) intituled *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 14, 1977.*

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 60) intituled *Execution Amendment Act, 1977* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 14, 1977.*

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Lea* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, relating to problems involved in the fishing industry.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve the matter for consideration.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,727,125 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Courts, to 31st March 1978.

The Committee reported the Resolution.  
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.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the matter raised by the Member for Prince Rupert and quoted a previous ruling of the Chair from the Journals of the House, November 1, 1974 (2nd Session) at page 284 as follows:

*"Honourable Members*—I have given urgent consideration to the proposal by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition for an emergency debate under Standing Order 35. I point out that May, in the 17th edition, which is the one that sets out all the rules with regard to such debate, very clearly states, with many examples on pages 364 through to 367, that the matter must be definite. That is, not a generalized matter, but a specific matter than can be isolated into an emergency, a very important situation, but where it must be debated now, and those instances, as you will note in looking through the authorities, are very few.

I will just recite what May says in general on the matter: 'It must be a single specific matter,' according to May at page 364. It must not be couched in general terms or covering a great number of cases; it is not offered when facts are in dispute or before they are all available; and it must not import an argument. In other words, it must be something that everyone can agree right away, instantly, that there is urgency of debate.

Now there are many instances in all the authorities, as I found in the House of Commons in Ottawa and at Westminster, where cases of unemployment and matters of a general nature which are an economic situation have been dealt with. Indeed, in our own jurisdiction on numerous occasions Speakers have dealt with

this matter, and I can do no better than refer the honourable members to volume 2 of Speakers' Decisions. Mr. Speaker Pauline at page 69 ruled out the matter of unemployment for urgency debate, and stated it must be done upon notice. He repeated that decision in the same year again, on the ground that I quoted from May, because it was an emergency situation in the general economy. He stated that the unemployment situation had reached the most acute stage and become of great urgency and public interest but, none the less, because we are bound by these rules respecting generality of such a subject, it was not an appropriate one, according to May, for an emergency debate.

Again, in 1923, this was ruled out of order on the same question of unemployment and also on a matter dealing with labour. All of these decisions are found in volume 2 of Speakers' Decisions.

In Ottawa the question of the effect on the footwear industry, which laid off thousands of employees, became of such urgent consideration that the same motion was sought for an emergency debate and there, again, Mr. Speaker Lamoureux rejected it. I can give you various examples of that, for instance, on June 20, 1970, in the House of Commons records, and all of them lead to the same result.

Consequently, I am bound to follow the precedents I have recited and in view of that, in my opinion, the matter does not fall within the scope of Standing Order 35."

Mr. Speaker stated the present matter was parallel to the decision referred to and accordingly the matter raised by the Honourable Member did not fall within the scope of Standing Order 35.

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

## Thursday, June 23, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *W. H. Bulloch*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Access to Information Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips*, on behalf of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary), presented the Interim Report of the Royal Commission on British Columbia Railway on Affairs of Railwest Railcar Manufacturing Plant.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* 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. 54) intituled *Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1977* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 15, 1977.*

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

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) tabled the Fourth Annual Report of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1977.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,644,422 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Crown Counsel, to 31st March 1978.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,137,388 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Police Services, to 31st March 1978.

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 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

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**Thursday, June 23, 1977**

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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)

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,974,313 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Corrections, to 31st March 1978.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$392,576 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Regional Justice Co-ordination, to 31st March 1978.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Legal Services Commission, to 31st March 1978.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,721,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Justice Development Commission, to 31st March 1978.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,277,050 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Legal Services

to Government, to 31st March 1978.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,350,841 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Judiciary, to 31st March 1978.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$980,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Coroners, to 31st March 1978.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$114,416 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, British Columbia Parole Board, to 31st March 1978.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$291,353 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Law Reform Commission, to 31st March 1978.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act*, to 31st March 1978.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,179,013 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Public Trustee, to 31st March 1978.

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 11 p.m.

## Friday, June 24, 1977

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *M. A. Fyfe*.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, Bill (No. 70) intituled *Strata Titles Amendment Act, 1977* 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.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$745,692 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Fire Marshal, to 31st March 1978.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$351,078 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Racing Commission, to 31st March 1978.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,503,510 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Program, to 31st March 1978.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Order in Council Patients' Review Board, to 31st March 1978.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,466,107 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$144,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Attorney-General, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

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

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, the following notice of motion standing in her name on the Order Paper was withdrawn:

That the Special Committee consisting of the Hon. *S. Bawlf*, the Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, Mr. *Gibson*, the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt*, Messrs. *Lauk* and *Lockstead*, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, Messrs. *Strongman*, *Stupich*, *Veitch*, *Wallace*, and the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, appointed by order of the House to recommend a person to be appointed as Auditor General pursuant to section 2 of the *Auditor General Act*, be hereby reappointed and be hereby authorized to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, and is further empowered to sit outside the precincts of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, Bill (No. 59) intituled *Medical Centre of British Columbia Repeal 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.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Health) made a statement of policy relating to medical health officers.

*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 1.05 p.m.

**Monday, June 27, 1977**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. J. W. Robertson.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision relating to the matter of privilege previously raised by the 2nd Member for Vancouver-Burrard as follows:

*Honourable Members*—On Thursday last the Honourable 2nd Member for Vancouver-Burrard rose on a matter of privilege with respect to the release to the Press of answers to questions taken on notice during oral question period.

I have reviewed the matter as raised by the Honourable Member and in my opinion no privilege of the Honourable Member or of the House as defined by the law of Parliament has been breached.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

**89** Mr. *Gibson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

Which bonds of the Crown agencies, for which the Minister is fiscal agent, are denominated for repayment as to capital and interest in United States dollars or other foreign currency, and in what years, and in what amounts, do the principal repayments come due?

The Hon. *E. W. Wolfe* stated that 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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**Monday, June 27, 1977**

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EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Economic Development) made a statement relating to the affairs of Railwest Railcar Manufacturing Plant.

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.

Mr. *Barrett* rose on a point of order relating to tabling of documents referred to in Committee.

Mr. Speaker ruled that it was irregular to table documents in Committee and that, in any event, when it was incumbent on a Member who had quoted from a document to table the document, it was the practice of the House that such document be tabled within a reasonable time and not necessarily forthwith.

The ruling of the Speaker was challenged.

The ruling of the Speaker was sustained on the following division:

YEAS—22

<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

NAYS—14

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>		

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 11.20 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 28, 1977**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *A. J. Johnson*.

Mr. *Stupich* rose on a matter of privilege, alleging that a witness was improperly persuaded from attending a meeting of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture) tabled material quoted during debate in Committee on Monday last, relating to Swan Valley Foods Limited.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,952 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,186,506 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Deputy Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,063,149 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, General Administration, to 31st March 1978.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,125,391 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Production and Marketing, to 31st March 1978.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,769,511 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, General and Financial Services, to 31st March 1978.

The Chairman's attention was drawn to the clock.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Chairman further reported a division on an amendment moved by Mr. *Cocke* as follows:

"That Vote 93 be amended by reducing the salary of the Minister of Agriculture by \$1 so that it will read \$23,999.00."

The Committee 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

*Wallace, B.*  
*Brown*  
*Barnes*  
*Lockstead*

*D'Arcy*  
*Skelly*  
*Sanford*  
*Levi*

*Lauk*  
*Nicolson*  
*Lea*  
*Cocke*

*Daily*  
*Stupich*  
*King*  
*Barrett*

## NAYS—24

<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

The Chairman further reported that, in consideration of Vote 97, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—24

<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

## NAYS—14

<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>		

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, on behalf of the Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Highways and Public Works), tabled the Financial Statements of the British Columbia Buildings Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1977.

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

In regard to use of Government aircraft during the 1976 calendar year—

1. How many times has the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs made use of Government aircraft and, in each case, what was (a) the purpose, (b) the point of departure and destination, (c) type of aircraft used, and (d) cost to the taxpayer?

2. What was the total cost to the taxpayer of all such trips?

3. How many other MLA's or Government personnel were present on each of these flights?

4. What persons, other than MLA's or Government employees, travelled on any of these flights?

5. Which trips were for personal and political business?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

"1. 65 trips: (a) Purpose—Government business. (b), (c), and (d) As per schedule below.

- "2. \$2,795.  
 "3. As per schedule below.  
 "4. and 5. None.

## APPENDIX A

Date	From	To	Aircraft	Cost \$	Government Employees on Same Flight
Jan. 7	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	1
Jan. 9	Victoria	Kamloops (via Prince George)	Citation	42	5
Jan. 11	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	3
Jan. 22	Victoria	Kamloops	King Air	42	6
Jan. 25	Kamloops	Victoria	King Air	42	2
Jan. 30	Victoria	Kamloops	King Air	42	3
Feb. 5	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	5
Feb. 5	Kelowna	Edmonton	Citation	49	1
Feb. 5	Edmonton	Fort St. John	Citation	69	1
Feb. 5	Fort St. John	Victoria	Citation	111	4
Feb. 8	Kamloops	Victoria (via Kelowna)	Citation	42	3 (2 pick up in Kelowna)
Feb. 29	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	3
Mar. 21	Kamloops	Victoria	King Air	42	1
Mar. 26	Victoria	Kamloops (via Penticton)	Citation	42	4 (1 drop off in Penticton 2 pick up in Penticton)
Mar. 28	Kamloops	Victoria	King Air	42	3
Apr. 2	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	Nil
Apr. 4	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	1
Apr. 9	Victoria	Kamloops (via Vancouver and Penticton)	Citation	42	3 (2 drop off in Kelowna)
Apr. 11	Kamloops	Victoria (via Kelowna)	Citation	42	4 (2 pick up in Kelowna)
Apr. 14	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	2
Apr. 14	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	2
Apr. 15	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	3
Apr. 19	Kamloops	Victoria	King Air	42	2
Apr. 29	Victoria	Kamloops (via Prince George)	Citation	42	4
May 2	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	2
May 7	Victoria	Campbell River	Citation	27	Nil
May 7	Campbell River	Victoria	Citation	27	Nil
May 8	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	3
May 25	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	6
May 28	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	5
May 30	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	Nil
June 3	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	1
June 7	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	Nil
June 9	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	1
June 9	Kamloops	Vancouver	Citation	36	Nil
June 11	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	4
June 13	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	3
June 25	Victoria	Kamloops (via Kelowna)	Citation	42	5 (2 drop off in Kelowna 4 pick up in Kelowna)
June 28	Kamloops	Victoria (via Kelowna)	Citation	42	3 (pick up in Kelowna)
July 1	Victoria	Castlegar	Citation	58	1
July 1	Castlegar	Kamloops	Citation	29	2
July 8	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	1

Date	From	To	Aircraft	Cost \$	Government Employees on Same Flight
Sept. 1	Victoria	Kamloops (via Vancouver)	Citation	42	5 (2 pick up in Vancouver)
Sept. 1	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	5 (2 drop off in Vancouver)
Sept. 17	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	Nil
Sept. 23	Terrace	Kamloops	Citation	89	5
Sept. 28	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	5
Sept. 29	Kelowna	Victoria	Citation	45	5 (1 drop off in Vancouver)
Oct. 13	Kamloops	Victoria (via Vancouver)	Citation	42	5
Oct. 15	Victoria	Kamloops	King Air	42	Nil
Oct. 25	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	2
Oct. 29	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	4
Nov. 4	Victoria	Vancouver	Citation	25	5
Nov. 5	Vancouver	Kamloops (via Prince George)	King Air	36	4 (1 pick up in Pr. George)
Nov. 16	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	3
Nov. 19	Abbotsford	Kamloops (via Penticton)	Citation	33	3 (1 drop off in Penticton 2 pick up in Penticton)
Nov. 24	Victoria	Cranbrook	Citation	73	1
Nov. 25	Cranbrook	Victoria (via Vancouver)	Citation	73	4 (2 drop off in Vancouver 1 pick up in Vancouver)
Nov. 26	Victoria	Kamloops	King Air	42	Nil
Dec. 3	Vancouver	Kamloops	Citation	36	Nil
Dec. 17	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	Nil
Dec. 20	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	4
Dec. 20	Kamloops	Victoria (via Kelowna)	Citation	42	3 (2 pick up in Kelowna)
Dec. 21	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	3
Dec. 23	Victoria	Kamloops (via Vancouver)	Citation	42	Nil"

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

In regard to use of Government aircraft during the 1976 calendar year—

1. How many times has the Minister of Economic Development made use of Government aircraft and, in each case, what was (a) the purpose, (b) point of departure and destination, (c) type of aircraft used, and (d) cost to the taxpayers?
2. What was the total cost to the taxpayer of all such trips?
3. How many other MLA's or Government personnel were present on each of these flights?
4. What persons, other than MLA's or Government employees, travelled on any of these flights?
5. Which trips were for personal and political business?

The Hon. Jack Davis replied as follows:

"1. 67 trips: (a) Purpose—Government business. (b), (c), and (d) As per schedule below.

"2. \$4,779.

"3. As per schedule below.

"4. and 5. None.

## APPENDIX B

Date	From	To	Aircraft	Cost \$	Government Employees on Same Flight
Jan. 2	Dawson Creek	Victoria	Citation	110	<i>Nil</i>
Jan. 9	Victoria	Dawson Creek	King Air	110	1
Jan. 11	Dawson Creek	Victoria (via Fort St. John and Kamloops)	Citation	110	3
Jan. 14	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	7
Jan. 14	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	9
Jan. 30	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	5
Jan. 30	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	6
Feb. 24	Victoria	Edmonton (via Kamloops)	Citation	95	3 (2 drop off in Kamloops)
Feb. 27	Victoria	Dawson Creek	Citation	110	<i>Nil</i>
Feb. 29	Dawson Creek	Victoria (via Kamloops)	Citation	110	2 (pick up in Kamloops)
Mar. 12	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	6
Mar. 24	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	6
Apr. 9	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	7
Apr. 9	Vancouver	Kamloops (via Kelowna)	Citation	36	3
Apr. 10	Kamloops	Victoria	Citation	42	<i>Nil</i>
Apr. 15	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	3
Apr. 15	Kamloops	Dawson Creek (via Quesnel)	Citation	81	1 (drop off in Quesnel)
Apr. 30	Victoria	Kamloops (via Kelowna)	Citation	36	3
May 1	Kamloops	Vancouver	Citation	36	<i>Nil</i>
May 13	Victoria	Vancouver	Turbo Beech	25	<i>Nil</i>
May 18	Victoria	Vancouver	Turbo Beech	25	6
May 21	Victoria	Fort St. John	Citation	111	4
May 24	Dawson Creek	Victoria	Citation	110	<i>Nil</i>
May 26	Victoria	Whitehorse (via Fort St. John)	Citation	240	6
May 27	Whitehorse	Victoria (via Sandspit)	Citation	211	6
May 30	Victoria	Penticton	Citation	40	3
May 30	Penticton	Victoria	Citation	40	3
June 4	Victoria	Terrace	Citation	103	1
June 6	Prince Rupert	Victoria	Citation	102	1
June 11	Victoria	Dawson Creek (via Kamloops)	Citation	110	4 (2 drop off in Kamloops)
June 13	Dawson Creek	Victoria (via Fort St. John and Kamloops)	Citation	110	3 (2 pick up in Kamloops)
June 17	Victoria	Vancouver	Turbo Beech	25	3
June 18	Vancouver	Dawson Creek (via Castlegar)	Citation	106	4 (4 drop off in Castlegar)
June 21	Dawson Creek	Victoria	Citation	110	<i>Nil</i>
July 1	Victoria	Dawson Creek (via Kelowna and Williams Lake)	Citation	110	5 (2 drop off in Kelowna 2 drop off in W. Lake)
July 19	Hudson's Hope	Victoria	Citation	106	<i>Nil</i>
July 22	Victoria	Vancouver	Turbo Beech	25	3
July 23	Vancouver	Victoria	Turbo Beech	25	3
Aug. 6	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	1
Aug. 12	Victoria	Prince George	Citation	78	1
Aug. 14	Dawson Creek	Vancouver	Citation	106	<i>Nil</i>
Aug. 16	Victoria	Cranbrook	Citation	73	5
Aug. 18	Cranbrook	Victoria	Citation	73	5
Aug. 19	Victoria	Vancouver	Turbo Beech	25	4

Date	From	To	Aircraft	Government Employees on Same Flight	
				Cost \$	
Aug. 25	Vancouver	Victoria	Turbo Beech	25	5
Aug. 26	Victoria	Vancouver	Turbo Beech	25	3
Sept. 2	Victoria	Hudson's Hope	Citation	106	1
Sept. 6	Dawson Creek	Victoria (via Kamloops)	Citation	110	1 (1 pick up in Kamloops)
Sept. 15	Vancouver	Victoria	Citation	25	1
Sept. 23	Vancouver	Terrace	Citation	103	1
Sept. 24	Prince Rupert	Dawson Creek	Citation	98	1
Sept. 26	Hudson's Hope	Victoria	Citation	106	2
Sept. 29	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	1
Sept. 30	Kelowna	Dawson Creek	Citation	93	Nil
Oct. 4	Vancouver	Victoria	Citation	25	4
Oct. 8	Prince George	Victoria (via Vancouver)	Citation	78	3
Nov. 1	Victoria	Cranbrook (via Vancouver and Penticton)	Citation	73	5 (3 pick up in Vancouver 1 in Penticton)
Nov. 1	Cranbrook	Victoria (via Vancouver)	Citation	73	4 (3 drop off in Vancouver)
Nov. 19	Abbotsford	Victoria	Citation	25	3
Dec. 1	Abbotsford	Victoria	King Air	25	7
Dec. 2	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	2
Dec. 2	Vancouver	Vancouver	King Air	25	7
Dec. 3	Victoria	Dawson Creek	Citation	110	Nil
Dec. 6	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	Nil
Dec. 10	Victoria	Dawson Creek	Citation	110	4
Dec. 18	Dawson Creek	Vancouver	Citation	106	Nil
Dec. 21	Victoria	Dawson Creek	Citation	110	Nil

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

In regard to use of Government aircraft during the 1976 calendar year—

1. How many times has the Premier made use of Government aircraft and, in each case, what was (a) the purpose, (b) point of departure and destination, (c) type of aircraft used, and (d) cost to the taxpayer?

2. What was the total cost to the taxpayer of all such trips?

3. How many other MLA's or Government personnel were present on each of these flights?

4. What persons, other than MLA's or Government employees, travelled on any of these flights?

5. Which trips were for personal and political business?

The Hon. Jack Davis replied as follows:

"1. 65 trips: (a) Purpose—Government business. (b), (c), and (d) As per schedule below.

"2. \$3,017.

"3. and 4. As per schedule below.

"5. None.

#### APPENDIX C

Date	From	To	Aircraft	Government Employees on Same Flight	
				Cost \$	
Jan. 22	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	4
Feb. 6	Victoria	Kelowna (via Vancouver)	Citation	45	3 (1 pick up Vancouver)
Feb. 12	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	2

Date	From	To	Aircraft	Cost \$	Government Employees on Same Flight
Feb. 19	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	2
Feb. 20	Vancouver	Victoria	Citation	25	2
Feb. 21	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	1
Feb. 22	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	1
Feb. 24	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	Nil
Mar. 31	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	2
Mar. 31	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	2
Apr. 5	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	2
Apr. 9	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	5
		(via Vancouver)			(1 pick up in Vancouver)
Apr. 11	Kelowna	Victoria	Citation	45	4
Apr. 15	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	5
Apr. 30	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	3
May 3	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	3
May 7	Vancouver	Kelowna	Citation	38	1
May 18	Victoria	Seattle	Citation	25	2
May 18	Seattle	Victoria	Citation	25	2
May 21	Victoria	Vancouver	Turbo Beech	25	3
May 25	Vancouver	Victoria	Turbo Beech	25	6
May 26	Victoria	Whitehorse	Citation	240	6
		(via Fort St. John and Fort Nelson)			
May 27	Whitehorse	Victoria	Citation	211	6
		(via Sandspit)			
June 4	Victoria	Vancouver	Turbo Beech	25	3
June 7	Vancouver	Victoria	Turbo Beech	25	4
June 8	Vancouver	Victoria	Turbo Beech	25	Nil
June 21	Kelowna	Victoria	Citation	45	2
June 25	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	3
June 28	Kelowna	Victoria	Citation	45	3
July 1	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	5
July 6	Vancouver	Victoria	Turbo Beech	25	4
July 30	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	1
Aug. 26	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	1
Aug. 30	Kelowna	Victoria	Citation	45	1
Sept. 2	Vancouver	Victoria	Citation	25	2
Sept. 15	Victoria	Salem	Citation	56	2*
Sept. 15	Salem	Victoria	Citation	56	2*
Sept. 16	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	2
Sept. 22	Victoria	Terrace	Citation	103	4
Sept. 23	Terrace	Kelowna	Citation	101	5
		(via Kamloops)			(1 drop off in Kamloops)
Sept. 30	Kelowna	Vancouver	Citation	45	4
Oct. 6	Victoria	Prince George	Citation	78	3
		(via Comox)			(1 pick up in Comox)
Oct. 7	Prince George	Victoria	Citation	78	4
		(via Vancouver)			(3 drop off in Vancouver)
Oct. 8	Victoria	Kelowna	King Air	45	7
		(via Kamloops)			(3 drop off in Kamloops)
Oct. 12	Victoria	Kamloops	Citation	42	5
Oct. 12	Kelowna	Victoria	Citation	45	Nil
Oct. 13	Kamloops	Kelowna	Citation	25	4
Oct. 28	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	7
Oct. 28	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	5
Oct. 29	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	7
Nov. 15	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	Nil
Nov. 18	Victoria	Vanderhoof	King Air	89	2†
Nov. 18	Vanderhoof	Victoria	King Air	89	2†

\* Non-Government employees—Press (3).

† Non-Government employees—Press (5).

Date	From	To	Aircraft	Cost \$	Government Employees on Same Flight
Nov. 19	Victoria	Vancouver	Citation	25	3
Nov. 19	Abbotsford	Victoria	Citation	25	3
Nov. 24	Victoria	Cranbrook	Citation	73	4
Nov. 25	Cranbrook	Kelowna	Citation	33	5
Nov. 28	Kelowna	Vancouver	Citation	38	3
Dec. 1	Abbotsford	Victoria	King Air	25	7
Dec. 2	Victoria	Abbotsford	King Air	25	4
Dec. 10	Victoria	Dawson Creek	Citation	110	4
Dec. 15	Vancouver	Victoria	King Air	25	2
Dec. 17	Victoria	Kelowna	Citation	45	2
Dec. 20	Kelowna	Victoria	Citation	45	3
Dec. 21	Victoria	Vancouver	King Air	25	7"

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

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### Wednesday, June 29, 1977

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon C. Hilary Butler.

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 56) intituled *Swan Valley Foods Limited Debenture Purchase Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 14, 1977.*

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

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act, 1977 (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 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)

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,962,022 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Specialist and Regulatory Services, to 31st March 1978.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$176,148 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Milk Board, to 31st March 1978.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,291,521 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$221,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

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

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Captain Cook Bi-Centennial Commemoration Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment.

By leave, Bill as reported to be considered forthwith.

By leave, Bill (No. 45) was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled *Plant Protection Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, 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.

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 6.03 p.m.

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**Wednesday, June 29, 1977**

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 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

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**Thursday, June 30, 1977**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. D. Holmes.

By leave, Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$108,644 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$641,818 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Administrative and Support, to 31st March 1978.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$87,122 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Legal Services Branch, to 31st March 1978.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$648,720 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Trade Practices Branch, to 31st March 1978.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$922,804 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Community Programs Branch, to 31st March 1978.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$397,838 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Debtor Assistance Branch, to 31st March 1978.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,007,540 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Companies Branch, to 31st March 1978.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$358,320 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Insurance and Real Estate Branch, to 31st March 1978.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$777,732 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Superintendent of Brokers, to 31st March 1978.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$217,440 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Credit Unions and Co-operatives Branch, to 31st March 1978.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$111,347 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Film Classification Branch, to 31st March 1978.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,331,092 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Rentalsman, to 31st March 1978.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$439,358 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Rent Review Commission, to 31st March 1978.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,064,138 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, to 31st March 1978.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, British Columbia Liquor Control Board, to 31st March 1978.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,144 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Corporate and Financial Services Commission, to 31st March 1978.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$86,772 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Trust Companies Branch, to 31st March 1978.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$818,619 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$159,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

The Hon. *Jack Davis* (Minister of Energy, Transport and Communications) presented the British Columbia Ferry Corporation Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 1977.

By leave, the Hon. *Jack Davis* (Minister of Energy, Transport and Communications) made a statement relating to the British Columbia Ferry Corporation Financial Statements.

The Hon. *K. R. Mair*, on behalf of the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Economic Development), presented the Third Annual Report of the British Columbia Development Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1977.

And then the House adjourned at 1.04 p.m.

**Monday, July 4, 1977**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. McPherson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, Bill (No. M 211) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Payment of Local Taxes by the British Columbia Railway* 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)

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

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

*Ian D. Izard*, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Bills:

- (No. 1) *Survivorship and Presumption of Death Amendment Act, 1977*.
- (No. 7) *Motor-vehicle Amendment Act, 1977 (No. 1)*.
- (No. 24) *Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters Act*.
- (No. 26) *Registered Nurses Amendment Act, 1977*.
- (No. 37) *Plant Protection Act*.
- (No. 45) *Captain Cook Bi-Centennial Commemoration Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian M. Horne*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

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

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.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members*—On June 28, 1977, the Honourable Member for Nanaimo rose on a point of privilege and alleged that the Honourable Member for Coquitlam had improperly “persuaded” a witness, Mr. Norris, from attending a scheduled meeting of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs and had thereby committed a breach of privilege.

In reaching my decision I have considered the authorities cited by the Honourable 1st Member for Vancouver Centre and I have carefully examined the material provided by the Honourable Member for Nanaimo, namely, a memorandum addressed to him from the Honourable Member from Coquitlam and his reply thereto.

I also note that, (1) under Standing Order 72, the Chairman and the members of a committee have the right to call witnesses in accordance with any agenda agreed to by the committee or arranged by the Chairman with the general consent of the committee, although no person has the right to bar the attendance of a witness; and that, (2) the Votes and Proceedings of this House for the 2nd day of March 1977 contain a list of the members of the committee and show that it is composed of 17 members representing all parties.

In his memorandum the Honourable Member for Coquitlam requested adjournment of a meeting scheduled for the following day as he had been advised that the Social Credit members on the Committee would be unable to attend.

Standing Order 71 (2) indicates that a quorum of the Committee would be a majority of its members, and based on information provided to the Chairman there could be no quorum for the meeting in question. That this was obvious on June 27 is confirmed by the letter of the Honourable Member for Nanaimo of the same date, which reads in part as follows:

“I have checked and established that all four of the NDP members will be present. I do hope that at least five of the Social Credit committee members will attend so that we may proceed with a quorum. . . .”

Any question of why a quorum was unable to be present is not before me and is not relevant to my consideration of the matter.

In applying the words used by the Committee on Privileges (House of Commons, Westminster, June 6, 1934) I cannot find in this material “even an allegation or suspicion of corruption or intimidation or of any appeal, direct or indirect, to greed or fear”. There is no evidence of any attempt in the context to a matter of privilege “to persuade” a witness not to attend. On the contrary, the memorandum of the Honourable Member for Coquitlam expressly requests that “the B.C. Rail delegation be recalled at a later date.”

I can find no authority to suggest that it would be improper, as Secretary of a Select Committee, for a member, or his staff, to inform a witness that he need not appear on a particular occasion based on information that a scheduled meeting of the Committee could not transact business by reason of lack of a quorum.

The authorities I have referred indicate that it would require a positive move to intimidate, hinder, or deter with a wrong motive, a witness in order to constitute a contempt and such a situation is not indicated in the material at hand.

I therefore rule that no *prima facie* breach of privilege has been raised.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

Mr. *Barrett* asked that the Speaker leave the chair in order that a motion relating to the Speaker might be moved.

Mr. Speaker ruled that such a motion would require notice.

Mr. *Barrett* asked leave to move the motion. Leave was not granted.

And then the House adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

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## Tuesday, July 5, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Capt. *S. Ratcliffe*.

By leave, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Economic Development) made a statement relating to meetings held in Ottawa with respect to Railwest Railcar Manufacturing Plant.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, the time limit for oral question period was extended.

By leave, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) tabled material relating to the Destiny Canada Destinée Conference, referred to during oral question period.

By leave, the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* (Minister of Human Resources) tabled a reply to a question asked by the 1st Member for Vancouver-Burrard during oral question period on June 14, respecting Pharmacare benefits.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 5, 1977**

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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)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

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**Wednesday, July 6, 1977**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. L. M. Carlson.

The Hon. A. V. Fraser (Minister of Highways and Public Works) rose on a matter of privilege relating to statements made by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition and published in the press with respect to a staff appointment which allegedly infringed on the privileges of the Minister as a Member of the House.

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

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)

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

By leave, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Highways and Public Works) tabled the Report of Task Force on Opportunities for Women in the Engineering Profession in British Columbia.

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Economic Development) presented the Annual Report of the Ministry of Economic Development for the year ended March 31, 1977.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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### Thursday, July 7, 1977

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. S. Clarke*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, Bill (No. M 212) intituled *An Overdue Bill* 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, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Economic Development) made a statement relating to the fishing industry.

Mr. *Barrett* asked leave of the House to move Motion 13.

Leave was not granted.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$158,130 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

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The Committee reported the Resolution.  
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 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 7, 1977

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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)

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,169,162 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, General Administration—Highways, to 31st March 1978.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$136,239,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Highway Maintenance, to 31st March 1978.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$179,895,078 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Highway Construction—Capital, to 31st March 1978.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, General Administration—Public Works, to 31st March 1978.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Government Building Maintenance, to 31st March 1978.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Construction of Provincial Buildings, to 31st March 1978.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Rentals, to 31st March 1978.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,786,793 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Safety Engineering Division, to 31st March 1978.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,586,334 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Glendale Laundry, to 31st March 1978.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,699,582 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$316,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Highways and Public Works, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

**Friday, July 8, 1977**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. J. Senkiw*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 72) intituled *Jury Amendment Act, 1977* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 7, 1977.*

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *Pesticide Control Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 7, 1977.*

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 71) intituled *Automobile Insurance Amendment Act, 1977* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*July 4, 1977.*

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

On the motion of Mr. *Barber*, Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Fair Share of Property Tax Payment 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.

Mr. *Barrett* asked leave of the House to move Motion 13. Leave was not granted.

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 Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Travel Industry) presented the Annual Report of the Ministry of the Provincial Secretary and Travel Industry for the year ended December 31, 1976 (in manuscript form).

*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 1 p.m.

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**Monday, July 11, 1977**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Barner*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Gibson* rose on a matter of privilege relating to alleged restrictions placed upon the activities of the Vancouver Resources Board pending passage of Bill (No. 65) presently before the House.

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

By leave, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) tabled material relating to Joint Housing Committee Expenses to be referred to in Committee of Supply.

By leave, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) tabled material referred to during oral question period relating to Insurance Corporation of British Columbia claim files.

Mr. *Lauk*, on behalf of Mr. *Barrett*, asked leave of the House to move Motion 13. Leave was not granted.

By leave, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Travel Industry) made a statement relating to the appointment and duties of Ms. *Dianne Hartwick*.

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.

By leave, Mr. *Macdonald* made a statement relating to expenses of members of the Joint Housing Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

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**Tuesday, July 12, 1977**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *R. Hawes*.

Mr. Speaker made a statement respecting procedure in Oral Question Period.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Gibson* rose on a point of order relating to proceedings in the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Speaker stated that matters of procedure arising in a Committee should be settled by and within the Committee without reference to the House, and referred to a ruling of Mr. Speaker Murray, 1968 Journals, pp. 52-53.

Mr. Speaker stated he would consider whether or not the matter raised was one upon which he should comment or give a ruling.

Mr. *King* rose on a matter of privilege, namely, that a resolution of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs with respect to custody and authority for Hansard recording equipment offended the authority of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Speaker stated he would consider the matter raised to see if it was a matter with which the Speaker should be concerned, or a matter for the decision of the Committee.

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 8 o'clock p.m. today.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision relating to the matter of privilege previously raised by the Member for North Vancouver-Capilano, as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

On July 11, the Honourable Member for North Vancouver-Capilano read a statement which sets forth a number of actions which in his view presume the passage of Bill (No. 65) and alleges that a breach of privilege has been committed thereby.

The first action is that the Deputy Minister of Human Resources by letter, dated July 6, advises that specific approval of the Deputy Minister would be required for payments of \$5,000 or over, and in so doing, takes for granted the passage of Bill (No. 65).

The second action is that the Department of Public Works has measured space in the Vancouver Resources Board offices which the Honourable Member suggests is "under the assumption of a Provincial take-over."

The third action is that there has been an examination of the file systems of the Vancouver Resources Board which the Honourable Member suggests is in "preparation for integration."

The Honourable Member states his opinion that "The activities enumerated seek to make effective by Executive action what the Legislature has not yet, and may never provide for, by legislative action, and is, therefore, in contempt of the Legislature."

The Honourable Member further expresses his opinion that the action by the Deputy Minister is in contempt of the Legislature or by the Minister of Human Resources if the Deputy was acting under instruction.

As Honourable Members know, it is the duty of the Speaker as stated in May, 18th edition, page 226, and I quote: "Under usage when a complaint of breach of privilege is raised he has to decide whether a *prima facie* case has been made out which would justify such proceedings taking precedence over the other business of the House."

In reaching my conclusion on the matter raised I have considered the following passage from May, 18th edition, at page 132, under the heading "Acts or Conduct Constituting Breach of Privilege or Contempt", and I quote: "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 or officer of such 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 facts alleged do not, in my opinion, disclose any conduct tantamount to obstructing or impeding the House or any member in the discharge of his duties. I note that the Honourable Member has made no such charge but he complains of a "contempt of the House" arising from the enumerated actions. Without going into the merits of the case one can readily conclude that it would be only prudent, if not incumbent, upon a ministry of the Government to take preparatory steps in contemplation of the passage of legislation. I cannot see that to do so would impede the House or any member thereof in the performance of their functions.

If the actions complained of were thought to be improper or unlawful *per se*, then as stated in a ruling of Mr. Speaker Dowding (Journals 1975, page 209), "it would be a case to take up by one of several means at hand: By setting down a motion of privilege with notice, or instructing a Committee, or by normal debate as the occasion presents itself within the rules during Estimates, or when a specific Bill is called relating to this subject."

I find that no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has occurred which would justify the complaint taking precedence over the other business of the House.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision relating to the matter of privilege previously raised by the Honourable Minister of Highways and Public Works, as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

On July 6 last, I took under advisement a matter of privilege raised by the Honourable Minister of Highways and Public Works.

I refer the Honourable Members to the ruling I have just concluded and, in accordance with the authorities therein cited, I find that the matter complained of would not impede the Honourable Minister in the discharge of his duties and rule that no *prima facie* case of privilege has been established which would require the ordinary business of the House to be set aside.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

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

With reference to the third quarterly report for 1976/77—

1. What are the specific vote numbers and amounts that are underspent in the \$50 million under-expenditure in the Department of Human Resources?

2. What are the specific vote numbers and amounts that are underspent in the \$30 million under-expenditure in the Department of Finance?

3. What are the specific vote numbers and amounts that are underspent in the \$29 million under-expenditure in the Departments of Health; Housing; Energy, Transport and Communications; and Forests?

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

"For the purposes of the fiscal year 1976/77 Quarterly Financial Reports, the Ministry of Finance made an independent estimate of the monthly cash flow

of the 1976/77 budget appropriation for each ministry, except for the salary contingencies, interest on public debt, and natural gas producers deemed income Federal income tax liability expenditures in the Ministry of Finance. The unique nature of these expenditures required their separation from the Ministry of Finance total budget for cash flow analysis. The forecasts of the monthly cash flows of the 1976/77 budget appropriations for each ministry were based essentially on recent and anticipated expenditure experience.

"1. The information on under-expenditure by vote in relation to the third quarterly report is not available for the Ministry of Human Resources as the original budget forecast was prepared on a monthly basis for total expenditures for the Ministry.

"2. As explained above, certain under-expenditures by vote in the Ministry of Finance are available as follows: Vote 69—\$11,200,000; Vote 73—\$15,600,000; all other votes—\$3,300,000.

"3. Under-expenditures by vote are not available as the original budget forecasts were prepared on a monthly basis for total expenditures by ministry. Under-expenditures by ministry were: Health, \$17,400,000; Housing, \$14,300,000; Energy, Transport and Communications, \$11,200,000; and Forests, \$10,500,000. The above amounts do not total \$29,000,000 as there were under-expenditures and over-expenditures in other ministries which are included in the net amount."

**95** Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With regard to Mr. Bill McMinn, of Woods, Gordon Ltd., who has been retained as consultant to the Government for the purpose of rationalizing computer operations in British Columbia—

1. On what date did Mr. McMinn commence his consulting work with the Ministry of Finance?

2. On what basis was Mr. McMinn chosen to undertake this work?

3. What daily fee is Mr. McMinn receiving?

4. What is the total sum which has been received to date by Mr. McMinn from the Government of British Columbia on this computer study?

5. What has been the total cost of providing staff for Mr. McMinn, in addition to regular Finance departmental staff?

6. Does Mr. McMinn operate on the basis of a written contract and, if so, when does it expire?

7. What is the purchase value of the computer machinery ordered so far by Mr. McMinn, and from what firm or firms was it purchased?

8. Before the purchase of this equipment, were tenders invited from suppliers of computer equipment and, if so, which firms submitted bids?

9. What were the amounts of these bids?

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

"(1) April 29, 1976.

"(2) Technical experience and knowledge of government procedures.

"(3) Woods, Gordon & Co. received \$400 per day for Mr. McMinn's services; \$384 per day since April 1, 1977.

"(4) Woods, Gordon & Co. have billed for Mr. McMinn's services:

For the five-month rationalization study.....	\$27,000
For the eight-month implementation program.....	66,944

13 months .....	\$93,944
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“(5) \$761,048 to May 31, 1977.

“(6) Yes. When British Columbia Systems Corporation is operational.

“(7) \$60,590. Computex Computing (\$47,240, drum plotter). IBM Corporation (\$13,350, remote job entry station).

Most data-processing equipment is on a lease basis. Following are the leases:

Upgrade of Honeywell on site (Honeywell Controls Ltd.) .....	\$12,225/mo.
Upgrade of mini-computer (Canada Dominion Leasing) .....	185/mo.
Viewcom closed circuit TV system for computer site (B.C. Tele- phones) .....	1,500/mo.
Remote job entry station (Data 100 Ltd.) .....	865/mo.
PDP 11/34 mini-computer (Digital Equipment Co. Ltd.) .....	2,869/mo.
Data entry cluster of 8 keyboards and mini-computers (Elan Data- makers) .....	2,870/mo.
Equipment leased by the Treasury Board—IBM 370-158 Large Scale Computer (1 year contract) .....	122,700/mo.
Deletes: 370/135 ETC .....	\$ 30,100/mo.
2 multiwriters .....	430
2 tape drives .....	1,780
2 printers and consol .....	1,500
370/145 UVIC .....	24,700
Outside charges .....	12,000
	\$ 70,510
370/135 Finance .....	33,000
Assessment Authority .....	60,000
	\$163,510

“(8) Honeywell Upgrade: No, upgrade. 3 Scopes for dec upgrade: No, upgrade. Viewcom TV system: Yes, three local suppliers. RJE Station Data 100: No, previously committed. PDP 11/34 Digital Equipment Ltd.: No, direct order based on police requirement for investigative software, free from other jurisdictions but only operational on PDP 11/34. Data Entry Cluster: Yes, four local suppliers. Plotter: Yes, two local suppliers. RJE Remote Terminal: No, economic conversion from rental to purchase. IBM 370/158: No, direct order to consolidate three other installations without delay or conversion costs (fourth installation at Health converts to Honeywell at estimated cost of \$3,000,000).

“(9) Responses were not bids because the machines proposed have different configurations and different capabilities and speed. Negotiations determined the best fit between the machine and the data processing load. Other variables often influenced the selection, such as resident maintenance staff, growth potential, and compatibility with the rest of the hardware.”

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

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**Tuesday, July 12, 1977**

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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)

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$147,856 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,861,776 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Office of the Deputy Minister—Municipal Affairs, to 31st March 1978.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$140,677,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Grants, Contributions, and Subsidies—Municipal Affairs, to 31st March 1978.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,051,234 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Office of the Deputy Minister—Housing, to 31st March 1978.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,770,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Housing and Development, to 31st March 1978.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$361,115 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Central Ministry Services, to 31st March 1978.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$542,638 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$255,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.04 p.m.

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**Wednesday, July 13, 1977**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. D. A. Harris.

On the motion of Mr. Gibson, Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Public Officials and Employees Conflict of Interest 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.

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Health) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Health for the year 1976.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Barrett* asked leave of the House to move Motion 13. Leave was not granted.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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**Thursday, July 14, 1977**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Kerster* made a statement about his financial position in relation to a company referred to during question period.

By leave, Mr. *Macdonald* made a statement on the same matter.

Mr. *Barrett* asked leave of the House to move Motion 13. Leave was not granted.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

By leave, Mr. *Davidson* made a statement relating to a press article, dated July 14.

By leave, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Health) tabled correspondence referred to in Committee relating to Eurasian Milfoil in the Okanagan Lake system.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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### Thursday, July 14, 1977

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EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Barrett* asked leave of the House to move Motion 13. Leave was not granted.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$107,670 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,414,550 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Deputy Minister's Office and Support Services, to 31st March 1978.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,870,519 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Community Health Programs, Deputy Minister and Branch Support Services, to 31st March 1978.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,193,153 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Community Health Programs, Public Health Programs, to 31st March 1978.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,128,032 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health; Community Health Programs, Mental Health Programs, to 31st March 1978.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,330,884 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Community Health Programs, Special Health Services, to 31st March 1978.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,688,020 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Community Health Programs, Other Health Care Expenditures, to 31st March 1978.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$63,980 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Office of the Deputy Minister of Medical and Hospital Programs, to 31st March 1978.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$615,621,231 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Hospital Programs, to 31st March 1978.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,084,751 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Government Institutions, to 31st March 1978.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,106,101 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Forensic Psychiatric Services, to 31st March 1978.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$207,300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Medical Services Commission, to 31st March 1978.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,923,537 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Emergency Health Services, to 31st March 1978.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,568,461 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$168,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

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

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

**99** Mr. *Rogers* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

1. How much did it cost to operate the Massey Tunnel bicycle/bus service in 1976?
2. What was the per bicycle cost?
3. What was the average load?

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* replied as follows:

- "1. Cost to operate this service for 5½ months in 1976 was \$13,446.
- "2. Cost per bicycle was \$8.92 per trip.
- "3. Average load was 1.2 passengers."

And then the House adjourned at 10.57 p.m.