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Prayers by Dr. P. Tim Schroeder, Senior Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna.

This being the first day of the fifth meeting of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 22nd day of January, 2004.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature:

It is a privilege to join you once again for a new session of the Parliament of British Columbia.

Since I last addressed you in a Speech from the Throne, we have lost many accomplished, honoured and admired fellow-citizens.

We said farewell to the remarkable Jim Spilsbury, whose love of airplanes and air travel gave birth to coastal air services to provide access to formerly isolated coastal communities.

We also sadly note the passing of Doris Shadbolt, who carved out her own place in the complex arts world as writer, educator, activist, and curator and as a beloved supporter of creativity in all its many dimensions.

Every committed citizen contributes to strengthening the communities that we all share in this fortunate province. Such a man was former Penticton Councillor Ron Biggs, who was a dedicated community volunteer, as was Vancouver's longest-serving Park Board Commissioner George Wainborn.

We remember the talents and dedication in business, culture and the arts of people like master Port Alberni carver and artist Art Thompson and others like Cecil Green who was a technological innovator and dedicated philanthropist. We pay tribute to people like the late Glen Hillson who was a ground-breaking advocate seeking dignity, care and respect for those living with HIV/AIDS.

All these exceptional individuals and many more are missed and remembered with respect.

There are moments in history that crystallize the essence of a province's nature and the promise of its people.

They are the moments that bring out our best and signify our spirit to the world. They are the moments that hold within them the shape of our future.

British Columbians have been through many such moments in the last year. Together we have faced fire, flood and record drought. Together we prevailed in times of trial. And together we stood in triumph.

Throughout the last year we saw incredible acts of kindness, courage and compassion. We saw so many people risk their lives to save the lives and property of others. We saw legions of quiet heroes and selfless souls who are our neighbours, friends, and fellow citizens.

In community after community, they showed the spirit of citizenship and community that defines British Columbia.

No matter the challenge, together British Columbians can rise up to meet it. Whatever the goal, together we can reach it. That is the spirit of British Columbia.

It is the spirit of 2010 that we saw so clearly last July. In households and stadiums across the province, British Columbians waited with bated breath as that envelope was opened on a stage half a world away in Prague.

Together with the government of Canada, municipalities and First Nations, we waited – and together we captured our dream.

British Columbia will host the world for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. British Columbians will bear the Olympic torch and carry it high with pride and with purpose as it lights the way to peace, hope and progress for all humanity.

Canadians will hold it high in celebration of our common aspirations, our diverse cultures and our singular will to achieve the goals we set for ourselves, as individuals, teams and as a nation. And nowhere will that flame burn more brightly than in the eyes of young British Columbians.

Just two weeks ago, for the first time ever, British Columbia won the right to host the World Junior Hockey Championship. Vancouver, Kelowna and Kamloops will join in hosting the world in 2006. With the approval of the International Ice Hockey Federation, exhibition games will be played in Victoria, Nanaimo, Burnaby, Chilliwack, Salmon Arm and Vernon.

It is our time to shine in British Columbia – now and for many years to come. The groundwork for growth has been laid. The foundation for achievement is being built. The New Era has begun.

In every area of public policy, important reforms have been made with one goal in mind: to bring out the best in British Columbia.

Bringing Out The Best In Our Economy

For B.C.'s families to realize their dreams and reach their full potential, we need a strong economy.

The old approaches ignored the needs of our resource communities, neglected the North and failed to consider the rights and interests of First Nations.

Your government has taken many actions to bring back the best in our economy, across the province and in every region.

Major changes have been made. Policies have been modernized. Impediments to investment have been removed.

Costs have been lowered. Tax rates have been cut. Red tape has been reduced. Competitiveness is being restored. Progress has been made and results are beginning to show.

Next week your government will table a balanced budget – right on schedule.

More people are working than ever before in British Columbia. Our unemployment rate has dropped to its lowest level in years and is now below the national rate.

British Columbians' take-home pay is growing. Personal income taxes have been cut by an average of 25 per cent. Twenty-seven tax-relief measures have been implemented. Almost 90,000 regulations have been removed.

Our economy is on the rebound. The markets are up. Confidence is growing. The number of small businesses is on the rise after years of decline.

British Columbia is now leading the nation in job creation. Over the last two years, B.C.'s rate of growth in new jobs was higher than any other province's.

Our province gained nearly 40 per cent of all investor immigrants to Canada in the third quarter of 2003. For the first time in six years, more people moved to British Columbia from other provinces than moved away.

People and investment are coming back to B.C. Families and children are coming back home. Key sectors are booming once again.

Progress has been made, but more needs to be done. Your government will do more this year to help every sector of our economy.

Bills will be introduced to further eliminate the unnecessary red tape that has stifled economic growth.

Your government will act to meet its commitment to cut the regulatory burden by one third.

There will be changes to encourage employee investment and improve consumer protection. New legislation will modernize the regulatory requirements in agriculture, environmental management and the real estate and resource sectors.

More will be done to help B.C.'s ranchers recover from the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy crisis.

In addition to the \$10.5 million in extraordinary assistance already committed for the BSE Recovery Program and Cull Program, a further \$16.8 million will be contributed to help farmers under the Whole Farm Trust.

Certainty in land use will continue to be enhanced this year. The working forest land base will be established. Land use plans will be completed for the Central Coast, North Coast, Sea-to-Sky, Queen Charlotte Islands/Haida Gwaii, Morice and Lillooet areas.

Constructive new relationships in land use decisions will be strengthened.

Bringing Out The Best In Partnership With First Nations

For too long the needs of First Nations communities were ignored.

Your government has made it a clear priority to work together with First Nations to create concrete action plans to help them realize their full potential. Dialogue and negotiation are triumphing over division and confrontation.

Over 150 treaty-related measures and other agreements have been concluded that support First Nations' participation in forestry, oil and gas, and parkland management.

An additional 124 economic measures agreements have been reached.

Three Agreements-in-Principle have been reached in the past year with the Lheidli T'enneh, Maanulth and Sliammon First Nations, and a fourth with the Tsawwassen First Nation is nearing completion.

For the first time ever annual funding from forest revenues has been designated for First Nations revenue sharing agreements.

More wood will be made available to First Nations to open up new opportunities in forestry.

Since September 2002, the government has signed 29 agreements with First Nations to provide access to 7.26 million cubic metres in timber and to share forestry revenues of \$38.6 million.

Under the Forestry Revitalization Plan, the share of the annual allowable cut available to First Nations will be more than doubled, from about three per cent to about eight per cent.

New opportunities for energy revenue sharing arrangements with First Nations in the Treaty 8 areas will be introduced this year.

Your government is working with First Nations to develop new child protection strategies that effectively address the unique needs of First Nations children in care and foster situations.

Secondary school graduation rates for First Nations youth are starting to climb and entry to post-secondary institutions increasing.

Legislation will be introduced to create a new \$15 million BC Rail First Nations Benefits Trust that will support initiatives for the 25 First Nations along the BC Rail corridor. The Trust will be run by First Nations and used as they see fit to support economic development, educational advancement and cultural renewal.

Bringing Out The Best In Transportation and Northern Development

Our transportation infrastructure was neglected and allowed to deteriorate over the last decade.

Your government has acted to focus investments on critical transportation improvements throughout the province.

The \$1 billion BC Rail Investment Partnership with CN Rail will create an economic boom in the North and the Interior. It is a partnership that responds to the challenges and recommendations identified by northern communities – for the benefit of the North and for the province.

BC Rail's tracks, rail bed and rights-of-way remain protected in public ownership through legislation. The B.C. Railway Company, a provincial Crown corporation, will own these assets.

CN Rail will pay the province \$1 billion for the rolling stock and the right to operate the line for the term of its lease. This enables your government to pay off BC Rail's \$500 million debt and save \$30 million a year in interest costs.

CN will assume all maintenance costs, capital costs, risks and profits from running the railway to its full potential. That will mean hundreds of millions of dollars in new investment in B.C. as well as faster, cheaper, better rail service.

It will create a truly integrated, continental rail service that will better connect B.C. companies to their customers within our province and beyond.

This investment partnership will leverage tremendous improvements to our transportation infrastructure.

A new passenger-tourism service will be launched to draw visitors north from Vancouver and Whistler via Prince George to Jasper, and potentially across the North from Prince Rupert to the Rockies and the Peace. That alone will create hundreds of new jobs in the years ahead.

CN will invest \$15 million to help open up the Port of Prince Rupert. The government will invest a further \$17.2 million to expand that great northern port and to open it up to container traffic. That will create another estimated 500 direct jobs. The expanded port will open new worlds of opportunity for the North, as Asian and North American exports and imports flow through Prince Rupert.

Prince George will be the centre for CN's western rail services. It will be the primary beneficiary of 600 new centre beam cars and 1,500 upgraded boxcars. It will have a new non-stop Chicago Express rail service and a new \$1 million state-of-the-art wheel shop.

It will see \$4 million in proceeds invested in a \$10 million expansion of the Prince George Airport.

And Prince George will be the headquarters for the new \$135 million Northern Development Initiative that your government will launch this year. Legislation will be introduced this session to establish the Northern Development Initiative. It will give northern communities unprecedented control over their own destiny and \$135 million to leverage and invest in benefits for each region and the entire North.

That money will flow directly into the northern economy starting this year. The Northern Development Initiative will be managed and invested by Northerners on northern priorities to create jobs and opportunities that will unleash the true potential of that vast and varied part of British Columbia.

The BC Rail Investment Partnership will also support improvements to our transportation infrastructure in every region. \$200 million of the proceeds will be used to finance projects that are planned and outlined in the government's transportation vision.

Bringing Out The Best In B.C.'s Forest Economy

Our forest industry has always been of critical importance to British Columbia's prosperity.

But it has been challenged for many years. The softwood lumber dispute and lack of forestry investment have made it a difficult time for forest-dependent communities.

Your government has acted to bring out the best in British Columbia's forest economy. It will continue to implement the Forestry Revitalization Plan to provide renewed hope for those in the industry.

Market-based timber pricing will be introduced on the Coast. The plan to reallocate 20 per cent of the annual allowable cut to smaller operators, local communities, First Nations and others will be implemented. Legislation will be introduced to open up more opportunities for small-scale salvagers by quadrupling the amount of timber available by direct award.

Your government will increase its efforts to open up new markets for B.C. forest products in China and elsewhere.

New amendments will ensure forest contractors' rights are maintained when licensees transfer, subdivide or consolidate a licence.

Your government will use every legitimate advantage to help B.C. forest communities and companies prevail in the softwood dispute and successfully compete for new customers around the world.

New measures will be introduced to combat the mountain pine beetle. As well, your government will act on the Filmon Fire Review recommendations.

To help B.C.'s ranching sector, the *Range Act* will also be modernized.

Bringing Out The Best In Energy and Mining

British Columbia is North America's new energy powerhouse.

British Columbia has 115 trillion cubic feet of clean, natural gas – enough to heat every gas-heated home in Canada for 230 years. There is an estimated 42 trillion cubic feet of gas and 9.8 billion barrels of oil off our northern coast and the coast of Vancouver Island.

Your government will encourage the government of Canada to complete its scientific review and join with B.C. in responding to this truly exceptional offshore oil and gas opportunity with actions that are scientifically sound, environmentally safe and socially responsible.

Families and First Nations living in our coastal communities see enormous potential. Working together, we can capture it.

The government is taking action to encourage exploration in northeast B.C. and the Nechako and Bowser basins.

There is potential in coal bed methane on Vancouver Island, in the Kootenays and in the Cariboo – 90 trillion cubic feet of gas that can be converted to clean energy.

British Columbia has huge coal reserves in the Kootenays – 23 billion tonnes province-wide. That alone is enough to meet B.C.'s energy needs for 120 years.

A new royalty regime is now encouraging summer drilling and generating record revenues for the provincial treasury.

Your government is taking concrete steps to maximize the potential of wind, thermal, solar and tidal energy so future generations will be able to rely on sustainable sources of power.

Fifty per cent of all new power produced for BC Hydro will be generated from clean, alternative energy sources.

Already, independent power producers in B.C. have proposed \$800 million of new investment in clean, renewable power projects.

Your government recognizes the enormous contribution that mining has made to our province.

It is working to bring out the best in mining and mineral exploration across B.C.

Legislation will be introduced to reduce unnecessary and redundant regulatory requirements in coal tenure administration by 29 per cent.

Other changes will introduce on-line transactions, create e-payment capabilities for miners and clarify mineral rights.

The government's new action agenda for mining will restore mining's economic potential and generate new investment, jobs and opportunities for mining families throughout B.C.

Bringing Out The Best In The Spirit of 2010

No sector of our economy will benefit more from the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games than tourism.

A new Spirit of 2010 tourism strategy will be introduced this year to ensure every region can take full advantage of the Olympic opportunity. It will build on B.C.'s spectacular all-season resorts that are already generating investment and jobs throughout the Heartlands.

The new Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre is proceeding and will give tourism throughout B.C. an enormous boost. It will be a showcase for our wood construction and will feature the best of B.C. products throughout.

There are amazing opportunities for growth in the winery and eco-tourism industries.

Later this spring, your government will co-host a Spirit of 2010 Business Summit. It will bring together businesses, investors and community leaders from across the province. Detailed Olympic development strategies will be outlined covering tourism, procurement, trade and investment and labour supply strategies.

Your government will also build on the international marketing efforts it is supporting in tourism, technology and forestry.

A new initiative will invite all British Columbians to help picture the true spirit of their province and its people for all the world to see in film, photos, music, art, poetry and literature.

Under this new "Picture BC" initiative, British Columbians' images, words and artwork will be featured on the government web site, showcased in printed publications and profiled in countless ways from now through 2010.

Local governments, First Nations, school districts, tourism organizations and others will be invited to work in partnership with the province, to picture B.C. in films and images that suitably convey our diverse cultures, regions, amenities, enterprises, activities and natural wonders.

Picture BC will build a library of resources that will be available to participating partners for use in international marketing campaigns, tourism promotions and investment missions.

Bringing Out The Best In Student Achievement

For all British Columbians to realize their full potential, we must have an education system that is second to none and that is accessible throughout the province.

Education is the key to unlocking the promise of British Columbia for our children and the opportunities they will inherit.

Your government's goal has been to free up resources for the best education system anywhere through strong and prudent financial management and a prosperous, growing economy.

Education has been restored as an essential service. Parents have been encouraged to become actively involved in their child's education.

Today, there is expanded choice in schooling, enhanced educational accountability and a strong focus on student achievement.

Education funding has increased, despite a decline in student enrollment that will continue for years to come.

Since the year 2000, total funding is up more than \$500 per student, including an increase of over \$200 per student in the year ahead under the new Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The education budget will grow by \$313 million over the next three years, from \$4.86 billion in 2003-04 to almost \$5.2 billion in 2006-07.

New provincial standards for codes of conduct will be put in place to increase student safety and reduce bullying in our schools. New physical education performance standards will also be introduced.

The incredibly successful Action Schools program, which encourages our children to develop good physical fitness habits early in life, will be expanded so kids throughout B.C. can benefit.

B.C.'s new graduation requirements will begin this September. They will raise our standards and provide more flexibility and choice for students.

Several more steps will be taken down the road to improved student achievement.

New funding and investments in Early Childhood Development will help bring out the best in children from infancy to their first years in school.

The Early Learning and Child Care agreement with the federal government will inject more than \$70 million over the next three years in funding increases for programs to support B.C.'s youngsters.

The Human Early Learning Partnership, conducted through UBC, will benchmark the learning readiness of school-entry aged children across our province.

That partnership will help better target Early Childhood Development funding and ensure that all children have every opportunity to experience the excitement of learning and to be the best they can be.

Your government wants British Columbia to become recognized as the most literate location in North America by 2010.

It is estimated that 40 per cent of adult British Columbians have low literacy skills. They have difficulty in reading, writing and basic numeracy skills that place them at a severe disadvantage in their everyday lives.

Many adults cannot read at all. They cannot fill out job applications, read a map, use an ATM machine or balance a chequebook.

Low literacy is directly tied to low income and unemployment.

Your government is committed to tackling this serious social challenge, for young and old alike.

Every British Columbian should experience the benefits and the opportunities of literacy.

To that end your government will launch a major new initiative to foster literacy throughout B.C. – enhancing reading, writing, numeracy, as well as computer literacy and proficiency in English for all British Columbians.

A new Premier's Advisory Panel on Literacy will be created to assess British Columbians' most urgent needs in literacy and recommend actions for improvement.

Your government will provide new funding for literacy initiatives aimed at leveraging matching contributions from private donors.

Moreover, your government will double its annual contribution to the Adult Literacy Cost-Shared Program and will challenge the federal government to do likewise.

The government will act to improve literacy in our schools. It will act to ensure students have the textbooks they need to bring out their best.

Bringing Out The Best In Higher Education

As our student population ages and our provincial population grows, so too does the demand for access to advanced education.

More than 70 per cent of job openings in the next decade will require some form of post-secondary education.

Nearly 6,000 new spaces have been added to our public post-secondary institutions in the last two years. Yet there are still not enough spaces to meet current and future demands for learning and skills development.

In the days ahead, your government will outline a comprehensive new strategy to increase access to advanced education.

It will act this year to create new post-secondary options and new student spaces in the Heartlands, as well as in the Lower Mainland.

Young people deserve to know that if they work hard in school they can move on to new educational opportunities that meet their needs where they live.

Your government believes that any student with a 75 per cent average in secondary school deserves to have access to university. This year it will act to accomplish that goal by 2010. Your government will add 25,000 new student spaces to B.C.'s colleges, universities and institutes by 2010.

That will create opportunities in public post-secondary education at twice the expected rate of growth in students, age 18 to 29.

Overall funding to B.C.'s post-secondary institutions will increase in each of the next three years. As well, the advanced education budget will increase by \$105 million by 2006-07.

Measures will also be taken this year to gain better information and increase the options and choices for advanced education in British Columbia's private institutions.

More must be done to better match B.C.'s training and educational options with the skills and workforce demands of the future.

Today, there are about 70,000 job openings that need to be filled over the course of any given year. Yet there are about 37,000 job vacancies that remain open for lack of skilled workers. From now until 2010, that will mean an anticipated half-million new jobs, not counting those generated from the Olympics.

It is expected that the Games and related capital projects will generate a further 132,000 person years of employment. These are all opportunities for B.C. workers and their families.

The new industry training model will increase flexibility and choice in trades training for everyone.

A new Spirit of 2010 Human Resource Strategy will also be launched later this year to ensure our skills training initiatives are better targeted to personal learning and training needs.

As our economy flourishes, more will be done to meet skills shortages in critical growth sectors like oil and gas, communication, transportation, technology, construction, hospitality and tourism.

When we welcome the world in 2010, British Columbia will have the best-trained "superhosts" on the planet.

Bringing Out The Best In Digital Technology

Today, too many of B.C.'s families are shut out of the opportunities and advantages in the new knowledge economy. 171 of B.C.'s 361 communities currently do not have broadband access to the Internet.

Your government will bridge that "digital divide." It will act in partnership with others to connect every community in our province to high-speed Internet access.

This year, 154 schools will be upgraded from low-speed to high-speed Internet access, to open up broadband access points in 77 communities through the Provincial Learning Network. The remaining 94 communities will be connected to the broadband network by the end of 2006.

Once those access points have been established in each community, they will then be linked to homes and businesses.

Your government will work with local service providers, community organizations, First Nations and the federal government to put in place those "last mile" connections.

As your government extends broadband access to rural communities, it will liberate new opportunities in tele-health. Advancements in tele-imaging and digital technology will deliver better, faster patient care, closer to home.

Bringing Out The Best In Patient Care

Few challenges that confront us as a province and a nation match the task of revitalizing our health care system so it is sustainable and meets the needs of patients, regardless of where they live.

Changes have been made to improve the quality of patient care and make our health care system more sustainable. Yet the challenges remain and grow greater every year.

Simply put, funding cannot keep pace with the pressure on the system. Health care spending has been increased by \$2 billion over the past three years – or over 20 per cent. \$1.2 billion of that has gone directly to wage and compensation increases for B.C. doctors, nurses and health support workers.

Health care funding has increased at more than three times the rate of economic growth. Pharmacare costs have soared by 14 per cent annually. And still the pressures grow, with no end in sight. As our population ages, demands increase and costs escalate.

But the biggest single cost component of health care is labour. Salaries, fees and benefits for doctors, nurses and health support workers account for 70 per cent of all health spending. B.C.'s health professionals are now among the highest paid in Canada, as health sector wage and compensation costs have increased by over 20 per cent in the past three years.

As we strive to create the sound financial footing that is critical to the next generation of British Columbians' future, everyone must share in the burden of the transformation that is taking place.

Already many public servants have accepted that responsibility, as 27 separate public sector agreements have been concluded within the government's cost neutral negotiating mandate. The workers covered by those agreements have all helped your government to live within its means and not add to our children's growing burden of debt.

The government urges all others in the broad public sector to act in that same spirit, in a united effort to secure our children's future. This requires health care professionals to also do their part for patients, for taxpayers and for the long-term sustainability of the public health care system.

Every penny of savings realized from administrative restructuring and the elimination of unnecessary costs will go back into care for patients.

Every new dollar from extra federal health funding will flow directly to improvements in patient services.

Working with communities across the province, your government will pursue new strategies to increase the supply of seniors' housing, options for independent living and expansion of home care services.

Your government will establish a new rural health travel assistance plan that will be launched this year, to help defray costs for rural families who must travel to health centres for special care.

At the same time, it is expanding the capacity of regional hospitals to deliver more care in those regions so that fewer patients have to travel to get the care they need. There is now evidence that more British Columbians are getting the care they need, when they need it, in the regions where they live.

Your government will continue to press the government of Canada to provide the programs and resources necessary to meet the health needs of First Nations in B.C.

Your government will also work with the federal government to establish a National Centre for Disease Control here in British Columbia.

B.C. is leading the world in the fight against SARS. Nothing better demonstrated the spirit of B.C. than the leadership shown by our health care professionals and our citizens as they rallied together to prevent the spread of that virus and keep each other safe.

Not one life was lost in British Columbia. Yet in one year, a lifetime of progress has been made that will potentially save many thousands of lives in the future.

Only a year ago, B.C.'s scientists at the Michael Smith Genome Science Centre were the first in the world to map the genetic code of the SARS virus.

Now Dr. Brett Finlay and his team of 40 scientists have developed a vaccine for SARS that is already in initial testing. A process that usually takes 10 or 12 years has been accelerated to 18 or 24 months, by our own world-leading B.C. scientists.

It is an amazing example of how ongoing investments in research can bring out the best in science and cooperation, to advance human health and understanding the world over.

Bringing Out The Best In Sport, Music and Culture

As British Columbians prepare to host the Olympics, your government will embrace the spirit of 2010 with new initiatives to bring out the best in sport, music, arts, culture, literacy and volunteerism.

Over \$30 million in one-time, exceptional funding will be invested to support those initiatives, largely under the auspices of Legacies Now.

Legacies Now will be given the funding and resources to assume the leadership role in British Columbia's sport development and recreation programs.

It will work with sport associations, schools, the Olympic secretariat, Olympic organizers and all levels of government to bring out the best in our athletes. It will leverage new contributions for sport and fitness from other levels of government and the private sector.

The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are Canada's games. British Columbians want all of Canada to succeed in 2010. We want to see Canadians from every province and territory on the Olympic podiums in Vancouver and Whistler. It is the dream of the Olympics and the drive to the Olympics that will light the excitement in our children's eyes.

Legacies Now will take our kids from the playground to the podium. It will build on initiatives that are happening today – like the Spirit of 2010 Hockey Tournament – and on others that will take place tomorrow.

There has never been a more exciting or promising time to live in British Columbia for athletes, spectators and sports enthusiasts alike.

Our artists and musicians should share the excitement of our young athletes. New Music Now and Arts Now initiatives will be launched under the mandate of Legacies Now to help our young musicians and artists be the best they can be.

Legacies Now will prepare British Columbians to take advantage of the 2010 Winter Olympics, and it will continue bringing out the best in British Columbians beyond 2010.

Bringing Out The Best In Social Responsibility

Your government will continue to improve services for children, women and families.

Changes last year funded 25,000 more child care spaces, making 70,000 spaces eligible for funding and increasing choice in child care options. New capital investments have created or supported 15,000 child care spaces since 2001, largely in the Heartlands. Over the next few years, more will be done to increase child care spaces and to benefit young families throughout B.C.

Your government will continue to ensure that women and their children have the services and support they need to be safe and secure.

It will improve services for those most vulnerable in our society through regionalized service delivery in the community living and child and family development sectors.

Later in the year, the Premier will host a series of roundtables aimed at engaging B.C.'s families in a discussion about their hopes and aspirations for the future.

Building on the successful model employed to create the Citizens' Assembly, roundtable participants will be randomly selected in several communities. They will be invited to share their views on the challenges and opportunities that they see for their families and their communities.

And they will be asked to offer constructive suggestions on the steps they would like their government to pursue in a wide range of public policy areas that have a major effect on their day-to-day lives and futures.

As a sound financial foundation is established, the province will continue to work with the UBCM to create safer communities and to establish new responses to the aging of our population.

Income assistance will continue to be targeted to those who need it most — to persons with disabilities and those who have multiple barriers to employment.

More than 80,000 British Columbians have left income assistance since your government came to office. They are no longer dependent on welfare and are typically employed and earning two or three times more money. Your government will continue to help employable British Columbians get the support and skills they need to find work, to bring out their best.

New steps will also be taken this year to increase public safety and target organized crime. New legislation will be introduced to ensure that criminals do not profit from illegal activity and that victims have new recourse for compensation.

Your government will also act this year to bring out the best in our environment. In consultation with regions throughout the province, your government will act to expand our provincial park system by converting protected areas to parks.

It will reinstate funding to maintain forest recreation roads and recreation sites in the Heartlands.

And it will work in partnership with other governments to preserve Burns Bog and create a new national park in the south Okanagan.

Bringing Out The Best In The Spirit of British Columbia

As we look to the year ahead, all eyes will be on the work of the Citizens' Assembly that your government established this year.

The 161-member Citizens' Assembly is deliberating on how best to elect members to this Legislative Assembly. It is a ground-breaking initiative of which British Columbians are rightly proud. It gives British Columbians an unprecedented opportunity to bring out the best in our parliamentary system.

Like all of the other measures and reforms that your government has introduced, it reflects your government's abiding confidence in British Columbians to choose their own destiny.

The hard work of the last two years has opened new promise for our province. It is bringing our children home.

There is so much our province can accomplish and will achieve in the years ahead.

This is British Columbians' moment in the sun.

This is our time in history to bring out the best — for our children, our province and the world.

This is British Columbia's time to show its true spirit.

We can excel in every field of endeavor. We are leaders in job creation, resource management, environmental stewardship and First Nations' partnerships. We are leaders in sport and fitness, health and wellness, and student achievement. We are leaders in parliamentary reform, local government reform, health care reform and educational reform.

But we can be better still. We can lead the nation in literacy and bridge the digital divide. We can give our children the gift of music and lift ourselves higher through art, culture and volunteerism.

Our economy can race to the future with new confidence and new pride of purpose, in every region and in every field of endeavor.

The spirit of 2010 is the spirit of British Columbia. It is alive with opportunity and hope. It is the spirit of 2010 that will bring out the best in our great province.

This is more than an opportunity. It is our obligation to the seniors who built our province, to the families who strive to make it the best place it can be for their children and to the next generation who will carry new dreams for us all.

Thank you.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of Her Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General), Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Collins*, seconded by Ms. *MacPhail*, it was *Ordered*—

That *John Weisbeck*, Member for Kelowna-Lake Country Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Collins*, seconded by Ms. *MacPhail*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Harold Long*, Member for Powell River-Sunshine Coast Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General), it was *Ordered*—

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

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) moved that the Select Standing Committee of the House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Aboriginal Affairs;
2. Education;
3. Finance and Government Services;
4. Health;
5. Public Accounts;
6. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
7. Crown Corporations;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *G. Collins* (Convener), Messrs. *Wong*, *Krueger*, *Wilson*, *Nuraney* and *Manhas*, Ms. *McMahon*, Ms. *Orr* and Ms. *MacPhail*.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved an amendment to the motion by adding after *Crown Corporations*: “8. Attorney General-Solicitor General Joint Committee.”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—3

MacPhail

Kwan

Nettleton

NAYS—74

Falcon

Hagen

Hogg

Locke

Coell

Murray

Nuraney

Nijjar

Les

Plant

Brenzinger

Bhullar

L. Reid

Campbell

R. Stewart

Wong

Chong

Collins

Hunter

Visser

Brice

Clark

Chutter

Lekstrom

Cheema

Bond

Long

MacKay

Hansen

de Jong

Mayencourt

Halsey-Brandt

Bell

Harris

Trumper

K. Stewart

Bruce

Christensen

Johnston

Bloy

Santori

Abbott

Bennett

Suffredine

Barisoff

Neufeld

Belsey

Whittred

van Dongen

Coleman

Krueger

Sultan

Bray

Penner

J. Reid

Hamilton

Roddick

Weisbeck

McMahon

Sahota

Wilson

Cobb

Hayer

Hawes

Masi

Jarvis

Nebbeling

Kerr

Lee

Anderson

Stephens

Manhas

Thorpe

Orr

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. *MacPhail* reserved her right to raise three matters of privilege.

And then the House adjourned at 3.00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *R. Thorpe*.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) read a message from the Hon. *S. Hawkins*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *MacPhail* rose on a matter of privilege, namely, that the tobacco tax had been increased without legislative authority.

The Hon. *G. Collins* reserved his right to respond to the matter of privilege.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Mr. *Bray* moved, seconded by Ms. *McMahon* —

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, February 12, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

Mr. *Hawes* made a statement regarding the death of former MLA Lyle Wicks.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would convey to the family of the late Mr. Wicks, the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Thursday, February 12, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) tabled the Report and Recommendations for Settlement of the Parties' Renewal Agreement Between the Government of British Columbia (British Columbia Public Service Agency) and the British Columbia Crown Counsel Association, together with a letter from the Attorney General to the President of the BC Crown Council Association.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 16, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

83 By leave, Ms. *Locke* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the positive impacts of team sports on children in developing self-esteem and in teaching life-long healthy habits.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, February 16, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *K. Stewart* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *K. Stewart* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. *MacPhail* rose on a matter of privilege regarding statements made by the Member for Surrey-White Rock when he was Minister of Children and Family Development.

The Hon. *G. Collins* reserved his right to respond to the matter of privilege.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement.

The Hon. *G. Cheema* (Minister of State for Immigration and Multicultural Services) made a ministerial statement regarding Multiculturalism Week.

Ms. *Kwan* made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Trumper*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mukhi Akhter Premji of the Ismaili Muslim Sect.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance), it was *Ordered*—

That the House, at its next sitting, resolve itself for this Session into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2005; and

Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2005;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 16, 2004.

Ordered, that the Message, and the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier), "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Ms. *McPhail*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bills (Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8) intituled:

Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2004;

Taxation Statutes Amendment Act, 2004;

Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 2004; and

Ports Property Tax Act;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 16, 2004.

Bills introduced and read a first time.

Bills *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Government Strategic Plan 2004/05 – 2006/07;

Service Plans 2004/05 – 2006/07 required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, as follows:

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Advanced Education; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries; Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations; Treaty Negotiations Office; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Energy and Mines; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests; Ministry of Health Services; Ministry of Human Resources; Ministry of Management Services; Public Service Agency; Ministry of Provincial Revenue; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Skills Development and Labour; Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development; Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management; Agricultural Land Commission; Ministry of Transportation; Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection; BC Environmental Assessment Office; Forest Practices Board;

Crown Agencies and Government Organization Service Plans: BC Arts Council; BC Assessment Authority; BC Buildings Corporation; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; BC Transmission Corporation; BC Utilities Commission; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forestry Innovation Investment Limited; Homeowner Protection Office; Innovation and Science Council of British Columbia; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Land and Water British Columbia Inc.; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Partnerships British Columbia; Provincial Capital Commission; Royal BC Museum Corporation; Tourism British Columbia; Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Limited; and

List of Crown Agencies exempt from the application of Section 13 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* in February 2004; Crown Agencies exempt from previous years.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education) tabled a statement as required pursuant to Section 17 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, with respect to the establishment of the Industry Training Authority.

And then the House adjourned at 3.28 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *MacPhail* rose on a matter of privilege regarding statements made by the Solicitor General and the Member for Powell River-Sunshine Coast.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* reserved the right to respond to the matter of privilege.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Thursday, February 19, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bray*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. Thorpe*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, February 19, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Monday, February 23, 2004

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *McMahon*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for “Private Members’ Statements” called.

21 By leave, Ms. *McMahon* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the importance of access to broadband technology to the economic development of rural communities.

A debate arose.

On the motion of Ms. *Trumper*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

67 By leave, Ms. *Trumper* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the need to work with Aboriginal communities to improve the high school completion rate for Aboriginal students, and to promote the pursuit of post-secondary education among Aboriginal youth.

A debate arose.

On the motion of Ms. *Roddick*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, February 23, 2004

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Trumper*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Ombudsman Public Report No. 44: An Investigation into the Administration and Collection of Traffic Camera Fines; and

Auditor General 2003/2004 Report 6: Audit of the Government’s Review of Eligibility for Disability Assistance.

The debate continued.

On the motion of The Hon. *G. Bruce*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

87 The Hon. *G. Collins* moved —

Resolved that the Legislative Assembly adopt the following sessional order:

Practice recommendation No. 11 (Standing Order 47, 47A)

Public Written Questions.

1. Written questions may be submitted by an elected member of a provincial or local public body designated under this order and in accordance with the guidelines established by Mr. Speaker. Questions submitted in writing to the Office of the Speaker by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday are eligible to be drawn on Thursday. Five questions drawn by the Speaker which conform to the guidelines shall be placed on the Orders of the Day on Monday of each week. A question shall be printed on 2 consecutive weeks unless answered.

2. A Private Member may ask a qualified question of a Minister during Question Period. The Member from whose constituency the question comes will have first refusal to put such question to the appropriate Minister. The Minister may answer the question orally or in writing by filing with the Clerk of the House. Written answers shall be published in the Votes and Proceedings.

3. Questions should relate to current provincial issues and public affairs, be timely, brief and stated without argument or opinion. The submission must not include unparliamentary language and shall be directed to the Minister who has responsibility for the area of interest.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. *Kwan* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Trumper*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:
Supplementary Estimates No. 3 — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2004;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 24, 2004.*

Ordered, that the Message, and the Supplementary Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries).

The committee recessed until 2.55 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE)

10 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

The Committee reported the Resolution under the Supplementary Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved —

That the report of resolution from the Committee of Supply on February 25, 2004, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved —

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of \$27,300,000. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act, 2003-2004* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Supply Act, 2003-2004 (Supplementary Estimates No. 3)* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 24, 2004.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker declared a short recess for distribution of the Bill.

The Speaker stated that pursuant to established practice, the Bill would proceed through all stages in one day.

Bill (No. 9) was read a second time, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2003-2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 24, 2004.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Bruce*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Thursday, February 26, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Brenzinger*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division.

YEAS—55

<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, February 26, 2004

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 16, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 14, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 14, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Service Plan 2004/05-2006/07.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2003-2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 10) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

By leave, the *Hon. G. Collins* moved —

Be it resolved that this House hereby authorizes the Committee of Supply for this Session to sit in two sections designated Section A and Section B; Section A to sit in such Committee Room as may be appointed from time to time, and Section B to sit in the Chamber of the Assembly, subject to the following rules:

1. The Standing Orders applicable to the Committee of the Whole House shall be applicable in both Sections of the Committee of Supply save and except that in Section A, a Minister may defer to a Deputy Minister to permit such Deputy to reply to a question put to the Minister.

2. Subject to paragraph 3, within one sitting day of the passage of this Motion, the House Leader of the Opposition may advise the Government House Leader, in writing, of three ministerial Estimates which the Opposition requires to be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply, and upon receipt of such notice in writing, the Government House Leader shall confirm in writing that the said three ministerial Estimates shall be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply.

3. All Estimates shall stand referred to Section A, save and except those Estimates which shall be referred to Section B under the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Order and such other Estimates as shall be referred to Section B on motion by the Government House Leader, which motion shall be governed by the provisions of Standing Order 60A. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to this rule.

4. Section A shall consist of 19 Members, being 17 Members of the B.C. Liberal Party and 2 Members of the New Democratic Party. In addition, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole, or his or her nominee, shall preside over the debates in Section A. Substitution of Members will be permitted to Section A with the consent of that Member's Whip, where applicable, otherwise with the consent of the Member involved. For the fifth session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Bennett, Bloy, Bray, Hamilton, Hunter, Jarvis, Lee, MacKay, Manhas, Penner, R. Stewart* and *Visser*, Mmes. *Locke, Orr, Sahota, Trumper* and Mmes. *Kwan* and *MacPhail*.

5. At fifteen minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House, the Chair of Section A will report to the House. In the event such report includes the last vote in a particular ministerial Estimate, after such report has been made to the House, the Government shall have a maximum of eight minutes, and the Opposition a maximum of five minutes, and all other Members (cumulatively) a maximum of three minutes to summarize the Committee debate on a particular ministerial Estimate completed, such summaries to be in the following order:

- (1) Other Members;
- (2) Opposition; and
- (3) Government.

6. Section B shall be composed of all Members of the House.

7. Divisions in Section A will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells four times.

8. Divisions in Section B will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells three times at which time proceedings in Section A will be suspended until completion of the division in Section B.

9. Section B is hereby authorized to consider Bills referred to Committee after second reading thereof and the Standing Orders applicable to Bills in Committee of the Whole shall be applicable to such Bills during consideration thereof in Section B, and for all purposes Section B shall be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole. Such referrals to Section B shall be made upon motion without notice by the Minister responsible for the Bill, and such motion shall be decided without amendment or debate. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to all such referrals.

10. Bills or Estimates previously referred to a designated Committee may at any stage be subsequently referred to another designated Committee on motion of the Government House Leader or Minister responsible for the Bill as hereinbefore provided by Rule Nos. 3 and 9.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. Coleman*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 9) *Supply Act, 2003-2004 (Supplementary Estimates No. 3)*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.37 p.m.

Monday, March 1, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

67 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 67 with respect to the high school completion rate for Aboriginal students.

The debate continued.

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

3 By leave, Mr. *Cobb* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports initiatives to promote the safety of Canadian beef and to the reopening of the world's borders to our beef products.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Monday, March 1, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *T. Christensen* (Minister of Education) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 26, 2004.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2003-2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—55

<i>Falcon</i> <i>Coell</i> <i>Les</i> <i>Chong</i> <i>Brice</i> <i>Cheema</i> <i>Hansen</i> <i>Bell</i> <i>Barisoff</i> <i>van Dongen</i> <i>Bray</i> <i>Roddick</i> <i>Wilson</i> <i>Masi</i>	<i>Lee</i> <i>Murray</i> <i>Plant</i> <i>Christensen</i> <i>Abbott</i> <i>Coleman</i> <i>Penner</i> <i>Cobb</i> <i>Jarvis</i> <i>Orr</i> <i>Hogg</i> <i>Nuraney</i> <i>R. Stewart</i> <i>Hunter</i>	<i>Chutter</i> <i>Long</i> <i>Mayencourt</i> <i>Trumper</i> <i>Johnston</i> <i>Bennett</i> <i>Belsey</i> <i>Krueger</i> <i>McMahon</i> <i>Hayer</i> <i>Stephens</i> <i>Locke</i> <i>Nijjar</i> <i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Wong</i> <i>Visser</i> <i>Lekstrom</i> <i>MacKay</i> <i>Halsey-Brandt</i> <i>K. Stewart</i> <i>Bloy</i> <i>Suffredine</i> <i>Whittred</i> <i>Sultan</i> <i>Sahota</i> <i>Hawes</i> <i>Manhas</i>
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*MacPhail**Kwan*

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *J. Murray* (Minister of Management Services) tabled the Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, for the year ended March 31, 2003.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nijjar*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Collins* made representations regarding a matter of privilege raised by Ms. *MacPhail* on February 11, 2004.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,297,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,693,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Public Sector Employers' Council, to 31st March, 2005.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 2005.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$240,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs, to 31st March, 2005.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Family Bonus, to 31st March, 2005.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Commissions on Collection of Public Funds, to 31st March, 2005.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2005.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,279,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Provincial Revenue, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Provincial Revenue.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Provincial Revenue) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.53 p.m.

Thursday, March 4, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Bray.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, March 4, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Collins* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection, which read as follows:

FIRST REPORT

DOUGLAS FIR COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
MARCH 3, 2004

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on February 10, 2004 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, begs leave to report that the following is the list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session:

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Ms. *Trumper* (Convener), Messrs. *Anderson*, *Chutter*, *Cobb*, *Hayer*, *Hunter*, Ms. *Kwan*, Messrs. *Lee*, *Lekstrom*, *MacKay*, *Nettleton*, *Penner*, Ms. *Sahota* and Mr. *Visser*.

CROWN CORPORATIONS—Mr. *K. Stewart* (Convener), Messrs. *Bloy, Jarvis, Long, MacKay, Ms. MacPhail*, Messrs. *Manhas, Nebbeling, Nettleton, Penner, Visser, Wilson* and *Wong*.

EDUCATION—Mr. *R. Stewart* (Convener), Mr. *Jarvis*, Ms. *Kwan*, Mr. *Lee*, Ms. *Locke*, Messrs. *Manhas, Masi*, Ms. *McMahon*, Mr. *Nijjar*, Mmes. *Orr* and *Whittred*.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Ms. *Locke* (Convener), Messrs. *Belsey, Bray, Halsey-Brandt, Hamilton, Hayer, Hunter, Kerr*, Ms. *MacPhail*, Mr. *Mayencourt*, Ms. *McMahon*, Mr. *Nuraney*, Mmes. *Sahota* and *Stephens*.

HEALTH—Ms. *Roddick* (Convener), Messrs. *Anderson, Bray*, Ms. *Brenzinger*, Messrs. *Cobb, Hawes, Hogg, Lekstrom, Long*, Ms. *MacPhail*, Messrs. *Nebbeling, Nuraney* and *Suffredine*.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Mr. *Lekstrom* (Convener), Messrs. *Belsey, Bhullar, Bloy, Bray, Hunter, Johnston, Long*, Ms. *MacPhail*, Ms. *Orr*, Mr. *Sultan*, Ms. *Trumper* and Mr. *Wilson*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Ms. *Kwan* (Convener), Messrs. *Belsey, Bennett, Halsey-Brandt, Hamilton, Hawes, Johnston, Kerr*, Ms. *MacPhail*, Mr. *Mayencourt*, Mmes. *Roddick, Stephens*, Messrs. *Sultan* and *Wong*.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—Mr. *Lekstrom* (Convener), Messrs. *Belsey, Bhullar, Bloy, Bray, Hogg, Hunter, Johnston, Long*, Ms. *MacPhail*, Mmes. *Orr, Trumper* and Mr. *Wilson*.

HON. G. COLLINS, *Chair*

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly (pursuant to section 5 of the *Public Service Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385), the appointment of an individual to be the BC Public Service Agency head, and Deputy Minister responsible for the Agency, and to hold office as the Merit Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia, and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee, and is also empowered:

(a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;

(b) to sit during any period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and

(d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment of the House, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

The said Special Committee is to be composed of: Mr. *Bray* (Convener), Messrs. *Hawes, Hunter, Lee*, Ms. *Locke*, Ms. *MacPhail*, Mmes. *Orr* and *Trumper*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That a Special Committee on the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform be appointed and authorized to receive reports from the chair of the Citizens' Assembly on the progress of the Citizens' Assembly's work.

The Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

(a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;

(b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and

(d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House on the matters referred to the Committee as soon as possible or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

The said Special Committee is to be composed of: Mr. *Bray* (Convener), Messrs. *Krueger*, *Lekstrom*, *Nijjar*, Ms. *Brenzinger*, Ms. *MacPhail* and Ms. *J. Reid*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 165) pursuant to section 80 of that Act, and that the Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

(a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;

(b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and

(d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

That the said Special Committee is to be composed of Mr. *Lekstrom* (Convener), Messrs. *Belsey*, *Bloy*, *Bray*, *Hayer*, *Hunter*, *Johnston*, *Penner*, *Wilson*, Ms. *MacPhail*, Mmes. *Orr* and *Trumper*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,230,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,560,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Mines, Contracts and Funding Arrangements, to 31st March, 2005.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Mines and progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Energy and Mines) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

Monday, March 8, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

3 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 3 with respect to the safety of Canadian beef.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. van Dongen*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

68 By leave, Mr. *Anderson* moved —

Be it resolved that this House recognizes that support for volunteers encourages both individual and collective responsibility in our society.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, March 8, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) read a statement from Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of Commonwealth Day.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.53 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Date answered: March 8, 2004

1 Adriane Carr, Leader, Green Party of British Columbia, asked the Hon. the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, regarding the Minister's responsibility for the Environmental Protection Division, the following question:—

The Norske Canada pulp mill in Crofton has requested government approval to burn high-toxicity fuels such as rubber tires. Can the Minister cite the scientific evidence and baseline studies that demonstrate that this procedure will be safe for the citizens of the Crofton airshed and describe what steps he is taking to ensure public and environmental well-being?

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* replied as follows:

Norske Canada has applied for a permit amendment to test alternate auxiliary fuels in one of the power boilers at its Crofton pulp mill.

I have recently held meetings with the Crofton Airshed Group, Norske Canada and local government officials to discuss Norske's request and issues raised within the community. I have also had meetings with the local MLA, the Honourable *Graham Bruce*, who is taking an active interest in the issue and is keeping me apprised of developments as they occur.

The Ministry's role is to independently evaluate the submission based on technical data and public input. Ministry staff is reviewing the information submitted by Norske Canada to date and will make recommendations for a decision.

The company has asked for more time to discuss this application with the residents of the community. The company has committed to a public forum to address issues raised by the application. The ministry supports this process. The appropriate nature and scope of a baseline study and other considerations for public and environmental well-being can be addressed through this forum.

2 Gary Coons, President, Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union, asked the Hon. the Minister of Provincial Revenue, regarding the Minister's responsibility for Provincial Revenue, the following question:—

Will your government consider dedicating the new 3 per cent tax increase in liquor prices to municipalities for programs to combat alcoholism, drinking and driving and other alcohol related abuse?

The Hon. *R. Coleman* replied as follows:

Liquor tax increases are directed to the Consolidated Revenue Fund to pay for healthcare, education, and public safety programs, among other things. The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General has strategies in place to combat drinking and driving, as well as programs designed to discourage alcohol abuse.

Strong penalties have been implemented to deter drinking drivers. Drivers who receive two 24-hour roadside prohibitions within a two-year period can now be prohibited from driving for a minimum of two months. Drivers who get a third 24-hour prohibition can expect an additional driving prohibition of three months or more. We have consulted the public about additional changes to further strengthen our impaired driving laws, and expect to introduce changes later this year.

The Ministry also targets public safety issues surrounding alcohol with the liquor service industry. A rigorous inspection program targets over-service of alcohol and service to minors, and includes undercover operations to confirm that licensed establishments are not serving minors. The province is looking at setting up a database of bar patrons who have passed age-identification checks to prevent the use of false identification by minors.

In addition, we are working on legislation to withhold drivers licences from individuals who fail to pay liquor-related fines.

These measures ensure that the government has an effective and comprehensive regime in place to address alcohol-related problems. We continue to work towards enhancing our laws and programs to specifically target these problems.

3 John Ranta, Chair, Thompson-Nicola Regional District, asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance, regarding the Minister's responsibility for Fuel-Tax Revenue, the following question:—

The province currently dedicates provincial fuel-tax revenue to transportation improvements. Can the Minister please advise, given that the federal government is proposing to provide a portion of federal fuel-tax revenues to the province, if the provincial government will continue to dedicate all fuel-tax revenue to transportation improvements, including the provincial highway system?

The Hon. *G. Collins* replied as follows:

The province currently dedicates 6.75 cents per litre of the tax collected from clear gasoline and diesel fuel directly to the BC Transportation Financing Authority (BCTFA) under the *Motor Fuel Tax Act*. The tax rate dedicated to BCTFA was increased by 3.5 cents per litre in *Budget 2003*.

It is important to note that the BCTFA is responsible for only a portion of total annual expenditure on transportation projects and maintenance.

In 2003/04, the total provincial clear gasoline and diesel fuel tax collected is an estimated \$760 million. Of that amount, about \$410 million is directed to the BCTFA and the remaining \$350 million flows into the consolidated revenue fund.

In *Budget 2003*, the Government announced its Three-Year Transportation Investment Plan. Under the plan, an additional \$650 million will be invested by the province in a number of highway projects.

On average over the period 1990/91 to 2002/03, the provincial government spent about \$240 million more annually on the development and maintenance of highways than it collected in gasoline and diesel fuel tax.

Currently, the province continues to spend more on highways than it collects in gasoline and diesel tax.

The province will continue to dedicate most of the gasoline and diesel tax to the BCTFA for spending on highway transportation investment projects regardless of whether the federal government transfers some of its motor fuel tax to the province or municipalities.

5 Gary Coons, President, Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union, asked the Hon. the Premier, the following question:—

Will the Premier keep the B.C. Liberal "*New Era*" commitment (pg. 31) to dedicate traffic fines to municipalities for policing services?

The Hon. *M. Coell* replied as follows:

In the *New Era* document, we said that we would return 75 per cent of all traffic fine revenue to municipalities, to improve community safety and crime prevention. In this year's fiscal plan, we have provided the resources to address this commitment.

In short, this commitment will be kept and the funds required to meet it are contained in our current three-year fiscal plan.

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *R. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Sustainable Resource Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 3, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) made representations regarding a matter of privilege raised by Ms. *MacPhail* on February 18, 2004.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 4) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 2) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 3) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

Mr. *Weisbeck* (Deputy Speaker) delivered a statement on behalf of the Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) as follows:

Honourable Members:

I have reviewed the Blues relating to yesterday's Oral Question Period and several matters arise which require comment by the Chair.

The broad principle applicable to Question Period is that for questions to be in order, the questions must fall within the administrative responsibility of one or more Ministers of the Crown. Superimposed upon that basic principle is that one Minister may answer for another, or indeed no Minister is obligated to answer at any time.

As questions related to internal caucus proceedings clearly do not fall within the administrative responsibility of any Minister of the Crown, such questions are out of order.

When, however, caucus procedure impacts upon the spending of public funds, we have a different set of guidelines.

Caucuses have a funding formula which can be affected by the numbers in any particular caucus, but at the same time it must be pointed out that those funds are payable under and by virtue of Vote 1 for which no Minister of the Crown has a designated responsibility.

Indeed, Vote 1 falls squarely under the jurisdiction of the Speaker of the House, subject to motions of or directions of the Legislative Assembly Management Committee which is chaired by Mr. Speaker.

Under the long standing practice in the British Columbia House, the Speaker is not able to answer questions during Question Period nor does he speak in Committee of the Whole when Vote 1 comes before that committee for scrutiny.

Detailed questions in relation to the financial provisions of Vote 1 have traditionally been thoroughly examined by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee (or its predecessor, the Board of Internal Economy) in that committee. It should be noted that the Leader of the Opposition is a member of that committee, and that the minutes of that committee are filed in the House on an annual basis.

Any member of the committee may ask the Speaker to convene a meeting for the purposes of inquiring into matters relating to Vote 1, and the Speaker does his very best to accommodate any such request.

The net result is that during Question Period questions relating to internal caucus matters are not in order as they do not fall within the administrative responsibility of any Minister of the Crown. Questions such as the Leader of the Opposition's second question yesterday relating to financial implications to Vote 1 arising from caucus actions are in order, and while in theory should be directed to the Speaker (who, for the reasons stated, cannot answer in the House), could be answered with the Minister's consent, taken on notice or directed to the Legislative Assembly Management Committee.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 26, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.40 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Date answered: March 10, 2004

4 Adriane Carr, Leader, Green Party of British Columbia, asked the Hon. the Minister of Small Business and Economic Development, regarding the Minister's responsibility for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, the following question:—

The map of the Sea-to-Sky upgrade included in the Auditor General's Review of the 2010 Games Estimates shows upgrades only along the current highway route. Can the Minister confirm whether or

not the new upslope route being considered through Eagle Ridge Bluffs at an estimated cost of \$115 to \$170 million depending on the option chosen, will increase the \$600 million estimated for the total upgrade with the extra cost coming out of the \$139 million 2010 Games contingency budget?

The Hon. *K. Falcon* replied as follows:

A four-lane highway in the Eagle Ridge area is one of four options being considered as part of my ministry's Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project. No decisions have been made yet, and the ministry is continuing to gather community feedback.

We want to be clear, the project will be completed within the \$600-million budget available and will comply with all environmental review processes. The Sea-to-Sky project is currently undergoing a thorough environmental assessment by provincial and federal agencies, and when a preferred option for the Eagle Ridge area is identified, it too will be submitted for environmental assessment certification. My ministry is committed to managing the Sea-to-Sky improvements so that environmental impacts are minimized.

Thursday, March 11, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, March 11, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Hogg* made representations regarding a matter of privilege raised by Ms. *MacPhail* on February 16, 2004.

The Deputy Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15), intituled *Sustainable Resource Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

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

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,404,260,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,935,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health Services, Vital Statistics (Special Operating Agency), to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Monday, March 22, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bray*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

68 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 68 with respect to support for volunteers.

The debate continued.

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

1 By leave, Mr. *Belsey* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the tremendous potential of the oil and natural gas sector in British Columbia and supports exploring all opportunities to expand this sector.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Monday, March 22, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 26, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act* was committed and reported complete with amendment.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act* was committed.

In consideration of section 5 of Bill (No. 3), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—56

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Kerr</i>

NAYS—5

<i>Orr</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>
<i>Nebbeling</i>			

Bill (No. 3) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority Act* was committed.

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services and the Ministry of Skills Development and Labour.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. K. Stewart.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On February 10th, Opening day, the Leader of the Opposition gave notice that she would raise three matters of privilege. The next day she raised a matter of privilege, namely that the Minister of Finance had been in contempt of the House by announcing and implementing a change to the rate of tobacco tax prior to the introduction of enabling legislation. I have considered her submission and also the response of the Minister given March 3rd with great care, and I have examined the cases referred to in both submissions together with all supporting documentation.

The Minister of Finance raised a procedural objection that the matter had not been raised at the earliest opportunity. He argued that as the announcement had been made in December 2003 while the House was adjourned, that the earliest opportunity would have been the morning of February 10th when the House was recalled by the Lieutenant Governor for prorogation.

A review of the *Journals* of the House will indicate that notice of matters of privilege has been given on Prorogation day and also on Opening day, even though the House met in the morning for prorogation and the afternoon for opening. On April 5, 1990, notice was given on Prorogation day and Speaker Rogers advised as follows:

"Mr. Speaker stated that while matters of privilege are brought forward on the first available occasion, all that is permitted on a day of formalities is that the matter of privilege be brought to his attention to preserve the Member's right and thereafter, on the first available day, the matter of privilege may be fully stated.

"Mr. Speaker referred honourable members to a decision of Mr. Speaker Dowding and further informed the Member that the first available opportunity under normal proceedings would be when the House meets the following day."

One high profile privilege case in this House on March 3, 1980 (the Nielsen case) involved the raising of the matter the day after Opening day. These cases are not in conflict with the decision of Speaker Schroeder, given the 25th and 26th day of November 1982, and cited by the Minister of Finance, but rather constitute an exception to the application of the rule, due to the fact that Prorogation and Opening day are *pro forma* sittings which result from the exercise of the Royal prerogative to summon the House.

Speaker Rogers' decision of April 10, 1990, makes it clear that the announcement outside the House of pending legislation does not amount to a breach of privilege but may, according to the nature of the announcement, involve a contempt of the House. In that decision, the Speaker stated, in part, as follows:

"It is apparent, however, that Mr. Speaker Fraser, in the course of his ruling of October 10th last, did deliver a stern warning that the general public must not be given any impression that proposed changes to the taxation system were a *fait accompli* and that parliament, in fact, had no role to play in examining and approving any proposed changes. To give such an impression, Mr. Speaker Fraser said, may tend to diminish the authority of the House in the eyes of the public. With that warning, I am in complete agreement, and would deprecate any action that fairly could be seen to derogate from the role of parliament."

I commend this decision to all members of the House — *see BC Journals*, 4th Session, 1990-91, p. 16.

I have reviewed the press release and tax circular #049 which were tabled by the Minister of Finance. Both documents make it clear that the legislative measures required to implement the tax rate increase are proposed, i.e., they will be presented at the next session of the House and be retrospective to the extent necessary. A review of finance and taxation bills presented to and passed by the House over many years, indicates that a large number of them have retrospective application either to the date of introduction or an earlier date where required.

The Minister of Finance has advised the House that the questioned tax will be debated by the Legislature and in fact it appears that the necessary amendments received 1st Reading on February 17th, in keeping with the undertaking given as part of the announcement of the tax in December 2003. The House has not been denied the opportunity to debate this tax measure, notwithstanding the legislation will be (retrospective) to the dates mentioned in the proposed amendment. Absent the undertaking to "introduce legislation to support this change at the earliest opportunity" the situation would be quite different.

The device of retrospective legislation is not uncommon in Commonwealth parliaments and after a careful examination of the authorities and Speakers' decisions in this House and elsewhere I am persuaded that the transaction relating to the *Tobacco Tax Act* does not constitute a breach of privilege or a contempt of the House.

I do, however, agree with the observation of Speaker Fraser that proposed changes to the taxation system, absent statutory authority or an opportunity to debate the matter in this House would be unacceptable in a parliamentary democracy.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

The Leader of the Opposition raised a matter of privilege on February 16. This was the second of three matters of which notice was given on the afternoon of February 10, Opening Day. This particular matter involves statements attributed to the Member for Surrey-White Rock, while he was serving as Minister of Children and Family Development.

During Estimates debate on March 24, 2003, the Leader of the Opposition questioned the Minister about the appointments of interim Chief Executive Officers of the regional authorities, aboriginal interim authorities and, finally, the Interim Authority for Community Living BC. The Leader of the Opposition contends that when the former Minister responded with respect to the Interim Community Living Authority BC, he misled the House by stating:

"Currently the senior government representative is Elaine Murray. They will be going through a selection process sometime in the next number of months."

The Leader of the Opposition suggests that the Member misled the House by not addressing the role played by Mr. Doug Walls in the Interim Authority and thereby hindered the effective functioning of the House and the Opposition.

In support of her claim, the Leader of the Opposition read from and submitted the following documentation:

- (1) Correspondence from the Chair of the Interim Authority for Community Living BC;
- (2) The signature page from the financial statement of the Interim Authority for Community Living BC; and
- (3) A videotape of the debate proceedings.

On March 11, the Member for Surrey-White Rock responded to the matter of privilege. In his submission, he reiterated the Government House Leader's objections of March 3 that the Leader of the Opposition erred in not reserving her right to raise the matters at the earliest opportunity, namely, the morning of February 10.

With respect to the matter of privilege, the Member for Surrey-White Rock argued that his statement with respect to the duties of Ms. Murray was, in fact, accurate. He noted that at the time Mr. Walls held the official title of "Senior Consultant, Planning and Development", although he had taken on additional responsibilities as Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Interim Authority.

In his submission, the Member for Surrey-White Rock acknowledged "during the formational period of Community Living BC there was occasionally a lack of clarity concerning the position of interim CEO." Nevertheless, the Member submitted that he acted with the best information available to him, and that his statements were accurate, and certainly not deliberately misleading. In support of his presentation, the Member also submitted documentation, including related correspondence, an Interim Authority Transitional Organization Chart, and Minutes of the Interim Authority Board Meetings.

I also note that, in the event that his words were misinterpreted or led to confusion, the Member for Surrey-White Rock offered an apology to all Members of this House.

I have carefully reviewed the arguments of both Honourable Members and I wish to thank them both for their detailed submissions, which were of considerable assistance to me.

Firstly, I will address the objection by the Member for Surrey-White Rock that the Leader of the Opposition did not raise the matter at the earliest opportunity. As noted in my earlier decision (on the first matter of privilege raised on February 10), the Leader of the Opposition was within the rules of the House when she reserved her right to raise the matters of privilege on the afternoon of February 10, due to the fact that both the morning and afternoon proceedings that day resulted from the exercise of the Royal prerogative of the Crown to summon the House.

Secondly, I will address the matter of privilege put forward by the Leader of the Opposition. The role of the Chair is to determine, *prima facie*, not whether the House was misled in some way, but whether or not it was *deliberately* misled by statements made in the House. Upon reviewing the presentations and submissions of both Members, the Chair finds that the Leader of the Opposition's complaint is founded on an allegation of a misleading answer and, to some degree, a dispute as to allegations of facts between honourable members.

It has been well documented in the *Journals* of this House (June 8, 1982, May 5, 1988 and April 19, 1999) and in Maingot's *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* at p. 224 that an allegation of a misleading answer does not constitute a valid question of privilege, unless there is clear evidence a member has deliberately done so. Similarly, a dispute as to allegations of fact — such as the contradictory documentary evidence with respect to the role of Mr. Walls — does not amount to a matter of privilege. Disputes as to allegations of facts are clearly described in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition, p. 295.

In closing, the two submissions regarding the debate of March 24, 2003, cannot and do not lead to a conclusion that the Member for Surrey-White Rock deliberately misled the House, and therefore I do not find a *prima facie* case of privilege.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Last February 18, 2004, the Leader of the Opposition rose on a question of privilege stating that a newspaper report in the *Powell River Peak* of December 23, 2003, quoted the Solicitor General as making statements that contradicted earlier statements he made in the House that the Government had no involvement in operational decisions on lottery facilities. Specifically, the Leader of the Opposition stated that the *Powell River Peak* “identified the Solicitor General as seeking out venues for the installation of slot machines.”

Through authorities which she quoted, the Leader of the Opposition indirectly alleged that the Minister “knowingly misled Parliament”, and further alleged that the Minister’s statements in the House amounted to “a *prima facie* case of contempt.”

Subsequently, the Solicitor General responded in the House to the matter raised by the Leader of the Opposition.

The Chair has reviewed the material tendered by the Leader of the Opposition and the Minister’s statement.

In his response, the Solicitor General said in the House that “he was not seeking specific venues for slot machines” but, in explaining the application process for slot machines to the local member, the Minister inquired if the local community had expressed an interest in slot machines. He added that “at no time did I offer to direct the BC Lottery Corporation to place slot machines in a particular community.”

Breaches of privilege involve the protection of Members from impediments to their functioning as Members of the House, whereas contempts of the House are, broadly speaking, offenses against the dignity and the authority of the House itself. The strict definition of privilege or contempt cannot be expanded to include controversies as to facts, opinions, conclusions on the interpretation of newspaper articles or reports. The point raised by the Leader of the Opposition is much more a matter of debate than it is one of privilege or contempt.

Members will know that it has been a long-standing practice in this House that an Honourable Member’s statement is accepted by the House in the absence of indisputable evidence to the contrary. This practice is well illustrated in the decision of Speaker Schroeder of April 13, 1982, which may be found in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia* at pages 296-297.

Indeed, there must be some *prima facie* evidence that the Solicitor General deliberately misled the House. This requirement of evidence that the House has been “deliberately misled” is articulated within Erskine May’s *Parliamentary Practice*, 22nd edition, at p. 111 and Maingot’s *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, at p. 224. In this case, there is no such evidence in possession of the Chair.

The Leader of the Opposition has not established a sufficient foundation upon which to make a *prima facie* finding that the House was in fact deliberately misled. Accordingly, the matter raised by the Leader of the Opposition falls in the category of a case where there is a dispute of facts and such dispute ought not to form the basis of a complaint of a breach of privilege or contempt. The application accordingly fails.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act* was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority Act* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 18, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Water, Land and Air Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 17, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Railway Safety Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Krueger* presented a petition regarding the Trans-Canada Highway between Pritchard and Chase.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith *Supplementary Estimates No. 4 — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 23, 2004.*

Ordered, that the Message, and the Supplementary Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

16 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2004.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution under the Supplementary Estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the report of resolution from the Committee of Supply on March 23, 2004, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of \$72,000,000. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act, 2003-2004* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Supply Act, 2003-2004* (*Supplementary Estimates No. 4*) and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 22, 2004.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Bill (No. 22) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Collins*, Bill (No. 22) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 22) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases, 2003-2004, Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 5) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Taxation Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—60

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
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<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Kerr</i>

NAYS—2

*MacPhail**Kwan*

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Social Services Tax Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Ports Property Tax Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 8) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

On the motion of Ms. *MacPhail*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,682,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 21) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases, 2003-2004, Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 23) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 11) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$112,436,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,895,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 2005.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.56 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases, 2003-2004, Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Social Services Tax Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Ports Property Tax Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Skills Development and Labour.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, March 25, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

There seems to be some uncertainty in the House relating to permissible areas of questioning during Question Period.

Let me firstly say that we have been drifting away from the original intent of Standing Order 47A, to which I refer all Members. Broadly speaking, oral questions may be asked of Ministers of the Crown relating to their responsibilities within their respective ministries. Matters relating to caucus activity are well outside the administrative responsibility of any Ministers of the Crown. In any event, once the Minister of Finance has made it clear (which he has) that there are no financial implications arising from the caucus activities referred to, that ends the matter.

In the decision which the Deputy Speaker read on my behalf on Wednesday, March 10th in this House, the matter was fully canvassed. In the result, bearing in mind the Minister of Finance's assurance that there were no financial implications, the foundation for the questions posed by the Opposition and Independent Members relating to caucus matters, has been removed.

There is another ground upon which yesterday's line of questioning offends basic parliamentary rules. That is that a Member's character and personal conduct cannot be debated or challenged save upon a substantive motion which must be brought before the House in the normal way with notice. In this regard, I refer Honourable Members to Erskine May's *Parliamentary Practice*, 20th edition, pages 338 and 378.

One of the difficulties the Chair encounters is that until the question is heard, it is difficult to judge its propriety, but should a question or remarks in debate canvass the personal conduct or character of individual Members of this House, the Chair will take immediate action against the offending Member.

I would also advise Members that when a question is ruled out of order, supplementaries will not be permitted.

Members on both sides have offended. I would ask all Members of the House to restrain their enthusiasm and conform to the rules of this House which are binding on all Members, so that Members and the general public who are watching the proceedings will be able to hear both questions and answers during Question Period.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,812,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Skills Development and Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Skills Development and Labour.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Skills Development and Labour) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, March 29, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

Mr. *Long*, on behalf of Mr. *R. Stewart*, reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

1 The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 1 with respect to the potential of the oil and natural gas sector.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders, division on the motion to adjourn the debate was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

68 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 68 with respect to support for volunteers.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, March 29, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Land Survey Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 17, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Suffredine*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *B.J. Field Service Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Hunter*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Kidd Resources Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Pheidias Project Management (1979) Corp. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Railway Safety Act*, a debate arose.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2004*.

A debate arose.

Bill (No. 13) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Motion 1 was agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—47

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Whitted</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	

By leave, pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2003/2004 Report 7: Building Better Reports: Our Review of the 2002/03 Annual Service Plan Reports of Government.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Railway Safety Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. Les* (Minister of Small Business and Economic Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Vancouver Tourism Levy Enabling Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 26, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *J. Les* (Minister of Small Business and Economic Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Motor Dealer Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 25, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Date answered: March 30, 2004

8 Gary Coons, President, Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union, asked the Hon. the Premier, regarding the Premier's responsibility for the province, the following question:—

Will the Premier revisit the budget cuts to the office of BC's independent Auditor General so that a full accounting of the BC Rail sale will be made public?

The Hon. *G. Collins* replied as follows:

The Auditor General's budget has increased under the BC Liberal government. For fiscal year 2004/05, budget for the Auditor General of British Columbia is \$9.4 million. This is almost 20 per cent higher than the \$7.8 million budget the Auditor General was provided by the former NDP government in 2000/01.

Half of the Auditor General's budget is pre-allocated for items, the other half is available to be directed at the Auditor General's full discretion. The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (a committee of the legislature) sets the three-year budget plans for all independent Officers of the Legislative Assembly, including the Auditor General. In addition to setting the three-year budget plans, the Committee may review any additional or extraordinary funding requests that Officers of the Legislature bring to the Committee's attention over the course of the fiscal year.

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Belsey*.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Forests) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Wildfire Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 30, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 12) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,381,568,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Sustainable Resource Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$478,891,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,635,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, to 31st March, 2005.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and Completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to be considered at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —

Ian D. Izard, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act*.

Bill (No. 4) *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority Act*.

Bill (No. 7) *Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 8) *Ports Property Tax Act*.

Bill (No. 10) *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2003-2004*.

Bill (No. 11) *Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 15) *Sustainable Resource Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 20) *Railway Safety Act*.

Bill (No. 23) *Ministerial Accountability Bases, 2003-2004, Amendment Act, 2004*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Ian D. Izard*, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to these Acts.”

Robert Vaive, Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 21) *Supply Act (No. 1), 2004*.

Bill (No. 22) *Supply Act, 2003-2004 (Supplementary Estimates No. 4)*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Robert Vaive*, Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Honour the Administrator doth thank Her Majesty’s loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to these Acts.”

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 9.01 p.m.

Thursday, April 1, 2004

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

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

Prayers by Mr. *Sultan*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the proceedings in regard to the third reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2004*, be declared null and void and that the Bill be re-committed forthwith with respect to sections 25 and 28.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2004* was re-committed.

Bill (No. 5) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Taxation Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, April 1, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education) tabled a Major Project Capital Plan required pursuant to section 14 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* with respect to the Simon Fraser University – Surrey Central City Campus – Major Capital Project.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

107 The Hon. *G. Collins* moved —

That the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be appointed to review the annual reports and service plans of British Columbia Crown Corporations.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

108 The Hon. G. Collins moved —

1. That the reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly during the Fifth session of the Thirty-Seventh parliament be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, with the exception of the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* which is referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, and in addition that the following reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

- Auditor General Report No. 4, 2003/2004 *Alternative Payments to Physicians: A Program in Need of Change* (November 2003)
- Auditor General Report No. 5, 2003/2004 *Monitoring the Government's Finances* (December 2003)
- Auditor General Report No. 6, 2003/2004 *Audit of the Government's Review of Eligibility for Disability Assistance* (February 2004)
- First Follow-up Report on *Managing Interface Fire Risks* (June 2001)
- First Follow-up Report on *Transportation in Greater Vancouver: A Review of Agreements Between the Province and TransLink, and of TransLink's Governance Structure* (August 2001)

2. That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be the committee referred to in sections 2, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act*.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

109 The Hon. G. Collins moved —

That the Select Standing Committee on Health be empowered to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to finding effective strategies to change behaviour and encourage people to adopt lifelong health habits that will both improve their health and sustain the health care system.

1. Conduct consultations and report on recommendations from the Select Standing Committee on Health Reports from 2001 and 2002.

- Investigate other successful health promotion campaigns in other jurisdictions to analyze their potential effectiveness in BC.
- Undertake discussions on how to promote "healthy lifestyles" including the appropriate use of incentives and disincentives to help influence public behaviour.

2. Consider any potential financial savings to the Health Care system as a result of improved fitness of the general population and children and youth in particular.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Health, the Committee shall be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House no later than November 25, 2004 to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

110 The Hon. G. Collins moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered:

1. To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the pre-budget consultation report prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* and, in particular, to:

- (a) Conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings, telephone and electronic means;
- (b) Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2004 on the results of those consultations; and

2. (a) To consider and make recommendations on the annual reports, rolling three-year service plans and budgets of the following statutory officers:

- Auditor General
- Chief Electoral Officer
- Conflict of Interest Commissioner
- Information and Privacy Commissioner
- Ombudsman
- Police Complaint Commissioner; and,

(b) To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by any of the Officers listed in 2 (a) above.

(c) That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be the committee referred to in sections 19, 20, 21 and 23 of the *Auditor General Act* and that the performance report in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* be referred to the committee.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, the committee shall be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment or at the next following session, as the case may be, to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

111 The Hon. *G. Collins* moved —

That the Select Standing Committee on Education be empowered to examine, inquire into and make recommendations on the following matters:

1. (a) To follow up on the 2002 recommendations of *A Future for Learners: A Vision for the Renewal of Education in British Columbia*; and, in particular;

(b) Based on the 2002 recommendation for a process for public post-secondary institutions to report back to the Select Standing Committee on Education on the enhanced tuition revenues to benefit students, the Committee is hereby empowered to request and receive reports on this matter from public post-secondary institutions.

2. The Committee may consider any other matters referred to the Committee by the Minister of Education and the Minister of Advanced Education.

3. The Committee shall prepare a report no later than November 25, 2004 on the results of this review. In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Education, the Committee shall be empowered:

(a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;

(b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and

(d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, Order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Water, Land and Air Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 18) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,301,425,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Human Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Monday, April 19, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

Mr. *R. Stewart* reserved his right to raise two matters of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

73 By leave, Mr. *Bray* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the expansion and promotion of the BC cruise industry.

A debate arose.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

46 By leave, Mr. *Suffredine* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the economic and environmental importance of the working land base and the need to adopt a balanced approach to its use.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, April 19, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *P. Bell* (Minister of State for Mining) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Coal Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
April 16, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of Transportation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Passenger Transportation Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
April 16, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *MacPhail* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

Ms. *MacPhail* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance regarding BC Rail.

The Hon. *G. Collins* made representations.

The Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the following:

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2003, and
Auditor General Report 2004/2005 Report 1: Follow-up of Performance Reports.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, Order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Water, Land and Air Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Motion 73 was agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—36

<i>Brice</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>McMahon</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Kerr</i>

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today the Leader of the Opposition sought to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely that the government’s failure to provide the public with facts about the BC Rail deal has led to a crisis in public confidence. She submitted that information had been received that a series of options extended the term of the contract beyond the stated length. The Government House Leader submitted that the options mentioned by the Leader of the Opposition were for the benefit of the Government and secondly that an ordinary opportunity for debate existed.

Standing Order 35 allows the appointed business of the House to be set aside in urgent circumstances. In numerous precedents, Speakers of this House have declined to set aside the business of the House where an ordinary parliamentary opportunity for debate existed. In the case at hand, the House is embarked on consideration of the estimates in Committee of Supply and the relevant Ministry has yet to be considered. Accordingly, an ordinary parliamentary opportunity exists.

Secondly, it appears that there is a disagreement between members as to the interpretation and meaning of the proposed options. Speakers in numerous precedents in this House have refused to apply Standing Order 35 for this reason also.

Accordingly, I am not prepared to set aside the business of the House under Standing Order 35.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

The House recessed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,943,165,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Education) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.54 p.m.

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Date answered: April 19, 2004

6 Gary Coons, President, Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union, asked the Hon. the Premier, regarding the Premier's responsibility for the province, the following question:—

When you were in opposition you vowed to reduce the number of ministries from 18 to 12, due to the fact that the Cabinet was too large, too expensive and out of touch. What is the number in your current Cabinet and how much extra taxpayer money is spent in this area?

The Hon. *G. Collins* replied as follows:

The Premier's commitment to reduce the size of cabinet to 12 members was part of the BC Liberal Party's 1996 election platform. That platform was rejected by voters in the 1996 general election. There was no similar commitment made in the 2001 election platform, a platform that was overwhelmingly endorsed by the BC electorate on May 16, 2001.

7 Adriane Carr, Leader, Green Party of British Columbia, asked the Hon. the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, regarding the Minister's responsibility for drinking water protection, the following question:—

The Sunshine Coast Regional District is seeking to stop private land logging that it believes will harm water quality in Chapman Creek, a watershed that provides drinking water for communities on the Sunshine Coast and that has a government-documented history of logging-related landslides. Water turbidity has necessitated building a \$7 million water filtration plant. Will you instruct the local drinking water protection officer to look into this matter with the aim to prevent damage to water?

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* replied as follows:

While the Ministry is not statutorily responsible for this issue, the ministry has information sources and provides support to drinking water protection.

A considerable amount of information has been collected on Chapman Creek to support drinking water protection through this ministry's involvement and leadership in developing an integrated watershed management plan (IWMP) for Chapman Creek.

We will continue to provide this information and other support to the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and their Drinking Water Officers in any review of concerns related to drinking water in Chapman Creek.

9 Gerald Johnson, Councillor, Village of Port Clements, to ask the Hon. the Minister of Forests, regarding the Minister's responsibility for forest tenures and annual allowable cut allocation, the following question:—

Will the Minister invite input from municipalities and regional districts with regards to the "20 per cent take back" areas and volumes that are being negotiated with the major tenure holders, prior to the final determination of the areas these volumes will come from?

The Hon. *M. de Jong* replied as follows:

The Ministry of Forests is in negotiations with the major tenure holders over the specific areas where the takeback volumes will come from.

Through timber reallocation, the government is diversifying the forest economy and making it easier for new entrants with fresh ideas to enter the forest sector — this includes communities. Some of the reallocated timber will go to support community forests. The timber is not disappearing. Whether it is held by BC Timber Sales, First Nations, communities or woodlot owners — harvesting will take place and all existing logging contractors and workers will have an opportunity to participate.

10 Gary Coons, President, Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union, asked the Hon. the Minister of Education, regarding the Minister's responsibility for the BC College of Teachers, the following question:—

There was a commitment by your government to allow members of the BC College of Teachers to elect 12 of the 20 members of the College Council. Recently, the appointees to the college are attempting to structure the elections so that teachers will only be able to elect 8 of the 20 members. Will you stand by your government's commitment and allow teachers what was promised?

The Hon. *T. Christensen* replied as follows:

Government has always had the following three goals for the College: To ensure its independence; to ensure it is responsive to the public; and to ensure it establishes clear standards of teacher competence. These goals apply to all professional governing bodies.

In open Cabinet on December 10, 2003, government approved a proposal to introduce legislation to amend the *Teaching Profession Act*. We proposed to change the composition of the College council to 12 elected and 8 appointed members from 8 elected and 12 appointed. We intend to fulfill this commitment and introduce legislation in the House this session.

Thank you for your input.

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *MacKay*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Education Services Collective Agreement Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 17, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) tabled a document entitled Teachers' Collective Agreement Deletions.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Society Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
April 16, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Nanaimo and South West Water Supply Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
April 16, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Lekstrom* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
APRIL 20, 2004

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

(1) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *B.J. Field Service Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004* has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

(2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Kidd Resources Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004* has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

(3) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Pheidias Project Management (1979) Corp. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004* has been proved, and the Committee recommends that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. LEKSTROM, *Chair*

The Report was read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Lekstrom* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bills (Nos. Pr 401, Pr 402 and Pr 403) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 2003.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Land Survey Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Wildfire Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 25) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests. Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bray*.

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy and Mines) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Mineral Tenure Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 20, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) tabled the Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2002.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Land Survey Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *B.J. Field Service Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004*, was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Education Services Collective Agreement Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Murray</i>			

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<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
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Bill (No. 19) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Wildfire Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

Bill (No. Pr 403) intituled *Pheidias Project Management (1979) Corp. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004*, was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Kidd Resources Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004*, was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$393,292,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,307,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$139,689,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,289,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Management Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,016,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Management Services, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2005.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development and the Ministry of Management Services, and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development and the Ministry of Management Services) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hogg*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Vancouver Tourism Levy Enabling Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 14) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Motor Dealer Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 24) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Education Services Collective Agreement Amendment Act, 2004* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, April 22, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *Society Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 32) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Education Services Collective Agreement Amendment Act, 2004* was again committed.

In consideration of section 1 of Bill (No. 19) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—31

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	

NAYS—4

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 19) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—26

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Johnston</i>		

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>
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In consideration of section 4 of Bill (No. 19) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—25

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Wong</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Harris</i>			

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>
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In consideration of section 5 of Bill (No. 19) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—24

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>	<i>Manhas</i>

NAYS—4

*MacPhail**Kwan**Brenzinger**Nettleton*

Bill (No. 19) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled *Passenger Transportation Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 30) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Mineral Tenure Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 29) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.41 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Locke*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

46 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 46 with respect to the economic and environmental importance of the working land base and the need to adopt a balanced approach to its use.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Monday, April 26, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *College and Institute Amendment Act, 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
April 16, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
April 16, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Forests) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 33) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 23, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. R. Thorpe (Minister of Provincial Revenue) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 34) intituled *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 23, 2004.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Coal Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 28) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Vancouver Tourism Levy Enabling Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Motor Dealer Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$486,921,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,105,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, Transfer to Royal British Columbia Museum, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Mineral Tenure Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Coal Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Nanaimo and South West Water Supply Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 31) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 35) intituled *Partnership Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 22, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 36) intituled *Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 23, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Society Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) made a ministerial statement recognizing April 28, 2004, as a day of mourning for workers who have lost their lives as a result of work-related accidents or occupational diseases, and requested that the House observe a minute of silence.

The House observed a minute of silence.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement.

On the motion of Ms. *MacPhail*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Health Care Services Continuation 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Nanaimo and South West Water Supply Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *College and Institute Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 26) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 27) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 34) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Treaty Negotiations.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

The Hon. G. Bruce (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 37) intituled *Health Sector (Facilities Subsector) Collective Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 28, 2004.*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Hon. G. Collins proposed that, pursuant to Standing Order 81, the Bill be permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

The House recessed until 6:45 p.m.

Ms. MacPhail made representations.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

I have before me a request by the Government to advance Bill (No. 37) intituled *Health Sector (Facilities Subsector) Collective Agreement Act* through all stages this day under the provisions of Standing Order 81.

Standing Order 81 reads as follows:

“Every Bill shall receive three readings, on different days, prior to being passed. After the second reading it shall be ordered for committal on a subsequent day. On urgent or extraordinary occasions, a Bill may be read twice or thrice or advanced two or more stages in one day.”

The question for the Chair to determine is whether or not the present circumstances amount to an “urgent or extraordinary occasion”. It should be stated that the Chair is acutely aware that the decision to advance a bill through several stages in one day, is not one taken lightly and the precedents of this House and the authorities are clear that the Chair must be satisfied that the existing situation requires the normal procedural rules to be set aside.

I have listened with great care to the representations made by the Government and the Opposition and have concluded that the deteriorating circumstances in the health-care sector require action by this House. I have concluded that the situation can only worsen if measures are not taken to restore health services. A further note is that this situation is not confined to any one locality, but is province-wide.

I must, however, make further observations in relation to the nature of the bill itself. The bill does considerably more than order the return to work — it imposes a contract on health-care workers and, as such, gives the Chair considerable difficulty in coming to a decision under Standing Order 81.

The question the Chair must balance in these circumstances is whether the form of the bill removes it from the embrace of Standing Order 81, and as the Leader of the Opposition stated in her remarks, it gives the Chair serious difficulty.

However, it is the Chair’s view that a continuation of the existing strike puts thousands of British Columbians at risk and to prolong this situation for three or more days would, in the Chair’s view, be unacceptable.

I have had great difficulty in coming to a decision on this application, but I must, on balance, make my decision based on the representations I have received that there is a legitimate crisis resulting from

the withdrawal of the workforce, and it is paramount that the workers return to the workplace at the earliest possible moment.

While I am granting the Government's application that Bill (No. 37) may proceed through all stages this day, the Chair is of the view that a bill drafted in such a way as to cast too wide a net may not qualify under Standing Order 81.

CLAUDE RICHMOND, *Speaker*

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Health Sector (Facilities Subsector) Collective Agreement Act* a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

“Bill (No. 37) intituled *Health Sector (Facilities Subsector) Collective Agreement Act* be not read a second time because:

1. an alternative to this legislation is already before the House in the form of the *Health Care Services Continuation Act*, which would see the employer and employees go back to the bargaining table, thus ending the current job action in the health care sector;

2. this bill will only result in further conflict and reduced standards of care for patients in British Columbia.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—4			
<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
NAYS—50			
<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Anderson</i>		

The House continued to sit past midnight.

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Kerr</i>

NAYS—4

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 37) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Bruce*, Bill (No. 37) was referred to Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 37) was committed.

Section 2 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

In consideration of section 3 of Bill (No. 37) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—31

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Cheema</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	

NAYS—4

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Ms. *MacPhail* moved an amendment to section 4 (2) of Bill (No. 37) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—4

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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NAYS—32

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Cheema</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Kerr</i>

In consideration of section 4 of Bill (No. 37) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—32

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Cheema</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Kerr</i>

NAYS—4

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Ms. *MacPhail* moved an amendment to section 5 (3) of Bill (No. 37) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—5

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Kwan</i>			

NAYS—33

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Cheema</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Wilson</i>			

In consideration of section 5 of Bill (No. 37) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—34

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>		

NAYS—4

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 37) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time, on division, and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) tabled documents referred to during committee stage of Bill (No. 37).

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 5) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 6) *Taxation Statutes Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 12) *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 13) *Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 14) *Vancouver Tourism Levy Enabling Act.*

Bill (No. 16) *Water, Land and Air Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 17) *Land Survey Statutes Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 18) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 19) *Education Services Collective Agreement Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 24) *Motor Dealer Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 25) *Wildfire Act.*

Bill (No. 28) *Coal Act.*

Bill (No. 29) *Mineral Tenure Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 31) *Nanaimo and South West Water Supply Act.*

Bill (No. 32) *Society Amendment Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. 37) *Health Sector (Facilities Subsector) Collective Agreement Act.*

Bill (No. Pr 401) *B.J. Field Service Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. Pr 402) *Kidd Resources Ltd. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004.*

Bill (No. Pr 403) *Pheidias Project Management (1979) Corp. (Corporate Restoration) Act, 2004.*

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*, Clerk of the House, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the House at its rising stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. today.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 6.37 a.m.

Thursday, April 29, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

Order called for “Members' Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Bruce* (Minister of Skills Development and Labour) tabled the Workers’ Compensation Annual Report, 2003 and the Workers’ Compensation Service Plan, 2004–2006.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.28 p.m.

Monday, May 3, 2004

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Orr*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for “Private Members’ Statements” called.

114 By leave, Ms. *MacPhail* moved—

Be it resolved that this House encourage the Government of British Columbia to approach its dealings with First Nations, particularly regarding the sale of BC Rail Ltd. to CN, with an emphasis on honesty, clarity and respect.

A debate arose.

Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) moved the following amendment—

That Motion 114 be amended by deleting the word “approach” and replacing it with the word “continue”; and by deleting the words “sale of BC Rail Ltd. to CN” and replacing them with “BC Rail Investment Partnership.”

A debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Belsey*, debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12 p.m.

Monday, May 3, 2004

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

The Hon. *J. Murray* (Minister of Management Services) advised the Speaker that pursuant to section 10 (1) of the *Members’ Conflict of Interest Act*, she would withdraw from the debate on Bill (No. 33).

Bill (No. 33) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Partnership Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 35) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,898,849,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$811,060,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Transportation) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.42 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *R. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Treaty Negotiations.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Speaker made a statement regarding Oral Question Period and observance of the rules set out in Standing Order 47A.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Treaty Negotiations.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Partnership Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Anderson*.

The Hon. *J. Les* (Minister of Small Business and Economic Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 38) intituled *Securities Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 4, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 26) intituled *College and Institute Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 2004* was committed.

Section 1 of Bill (No. 27) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 27) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Bill (No. 30) intituled *Passenger Transportation Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled *Securities Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. Thorpe*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, May 6, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management), on behalf of the Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance), presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 41) intituled *Real Estate Services Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management), on behalf of the Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance), presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 42) intituled *Real Estate Development Marketing Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Provincial Revenue), on behalf of the Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of Transportation), presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *Highway (Industrial) Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Provincial Revenue), on behalf of the Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of Transportation), presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 47) intituled *Transportation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Mayencourt*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Safe Streets Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Mayencourt*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Trespass to Property 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Weisbeck* (Deputy Speaker) tabled the British Columbia Legislative Library Annual Report, 2003.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled *Securities Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 38) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Monday, May 10, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

By leave, on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Safe Streets Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

By leave, on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Trespass to Property Act* a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 12 p.m.

Monday, May 10, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Health Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 43) intituled *Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 44) intituled *Correction Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Health Services) tabled a copy of a letter from Elton Phillips referred to during Oral Question Period.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,415,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,957,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2005.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,897,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled *Real Estate Services Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 41) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Real Estate Development Marketing Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 42) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Highway (Industrial) Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 46) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled *Transportation Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 47) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.35 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$370,749,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,904,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Treaty Negotiations Office, to 31st March, 2005.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,771,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2005.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, *Crown Proceeding Act*, to 31st March, 2005.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 2005.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Citizens' Assembly, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Safe Streets Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—34

Brice
Hansen
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Lee
Murray
Plant

Harris
Coleman
Cobb
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Hunter
Chutter
Long

Mayencourt
Krueger
J. Reid
Hayer
McMahon
Stephens
Locke
Bhullar

Wong
Visser
MacKay
Halsey-Brandt
Sultan
Sahota
Kerr
Manhas

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

Bill (No. M 202) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Trespass to Property Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—34

Brice
Hansen
Bruce
van Dongen
Bray
Roddick
Wilson
Lee
Murray

Plant
Harris
Coleman
Cobb
Jarvis
Anderson
Orr
Hunter
Chutter

Long
Mayencourt
Krueger
J. Reid
Hayer
McMahon
Stephens
Locke

Bhullar
Wong
Visser
MacKay
Halsey-Brandt
Sultan
Sahota
Kerr

NAYS—3

MacPhail

Kwan

Manhas

Bill (No. M 203) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 8.48 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Trumper*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 38) intituled *Securities Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Assembly Management Committee Annual Report, 2002-2003.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled *Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 36) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 42) intituled *Real Estate Development Marketing Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled *Highway (Industrial) Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Mayencourt*.

The Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier) made a statement regarding Jericho Hill School for the Deaf.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 50) intituled *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 51) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 52) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 53) intituled *International Financial Activity Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection) tabled the Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 2002-2003.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Supplementary Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2005;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 7, 2004.

Ordered, that the Message, and the Supplementary Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The committee recessed until 3.10 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

25 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$147,986,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution under the Supplementary Estimates of the Ministry of Health Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 49) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2004-2005*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 6, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave, the Hon. *R. Coleman* moved—

That the proceedings in regard to the third reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act*, be declared null and void and that the Bill be re-committed forthwith with respect to sections 1 and 68.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act* was re-committed.

In consideration of a proposed amendment to section (1) of Bill (No. 3) the Committee divided.

The amendment passed *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—43

<i>Coell</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Brice</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	

Bill (No. 3) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 43) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Correction Act*, a debate arose.

The House recessed until 6.45 p.m.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 44) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 36) intituled *Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 7.11 p.m.

Thursday, May 13, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cobb*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 51) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 51) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 50) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, May 13, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 56) intituled *Administrative Tribunals Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 54) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Hon. *T. Christensen* (Minister of Education) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 55) intituled *Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 13, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 39) intituled *Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 12, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Kwan* rose on a point of order relating to comments made by the Member for Cariboo South during second reading debate on Bill (No. 50).

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 52) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 52) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2004-2005*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 49) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Mr. *Cobb* made a statement and withdrew his earlier comments.

Bill (No. 41) intituled *Real Estate Services Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled *International Financial Activity Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 53) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —

Kate Ryan Lloyd, Clerk Assistant and Committee Clerk, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 3) *Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act*.

Bill (No. 26) *College and Institute Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 27) *Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 30) *Passenger Transportation Act*.

Bill (No. 33) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 34) *Provincial Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 35) *Partnership Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 36) *Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 38) *Securities Act*.

Bill (No. 41) *Real Estate Services Act*.

Bill (No. 42) *Real Estate Development Marketing Act*.

Bill (No. 46) *Highway (Industrial) Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 47) *Transportation Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Craig James*, Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to these Acts."

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.37 p.m.

Monday, May 17, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bray*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for “Private Members’ Statements” called.

By leave, on the motion of Mr. *Bhullar*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Anti-Gang 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, on the motion of Mr. *Bhullar*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Strata Property Residents’ Dispute Resolution 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.

3 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 3 with respect to promotion of Canadian beef products.

Motion agreed to.

83 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 83 with respect to the positive impacts of team sports on children.

Motion agreed to.

115 By leave, Mr. *Sultan* moved —

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the benefits of a thriving mining industry and supports ongoing efforts by government to make British Columbia competitive on a global basis in this industry.

A debate arose.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

46 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 46 with respect to the economic and environmental importance of the working land base.

A debate arose.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

68 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 68 with respect to support for volunteers.

On the motion of Hon. *P. Bell*, debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, May 17, 2004

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *P. Bell* (Minister of State for Mining) made a ministerial statement regarding Mining Week.

Ms. *MacPhail* made a statement.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 49) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2004-2005* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 53) intituled *International Financial Activity Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 39) read a second time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 55) intituled *Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 55) read a second time, on division, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 43) intituled *Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 51) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

Bill (No. 50) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Correction Act* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of Motion 115 regarding British Columbia’s global position in the mining industry, the House divided.

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

YEAS—38

<i>Les</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>		

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of Motion 46 regarding the economic and environmental importance of the working land base, the House divided.

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

YEAS—38

<i>Les</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hayer</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Hawes</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Locke</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Plant</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>		

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Correction Act* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 9.02 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Mayencourt.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 39) intituled *Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled *Electoral Reform Referendum Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 54) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 54) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 56) intituled *Administrator's Tribunals Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 56) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 55) intituled *Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.43 a.m.

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Statement of 2003/2004 Borrowings pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedules A and Schedules B.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Minister of Children and Family Development and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 45) intituled *Community Living Authority Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 7, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Forests) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2003.

Mr. *Krueger* tabled a petition regarding laboratory restructuring.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2003.

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services) tabled the Multiculturalism Annual Report, 2002-2003.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education) tabled the following documents:

Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission Financial Statements for the period from April 1, 2003 to January 1, 2004, together with a Report of the Auditor General; and Industry Training Authority Service Plan, 2004/05-2006/07.

Ms. *Kwan* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Kwan* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Lekstrom* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the Fifth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Lekstrom* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 56) intituled *Administrative Tribunals Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The Committee recessed until 6.45 p.m.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.56 p.m.

Thursday, May 20, 2004

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Nuraney*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,737,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, to 31st March, 2005.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,069,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2005.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$292,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2005.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,508,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2005.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,133,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2005.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,097,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 2005.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$985,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of Legislation and Officers of the Legislature.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

Bill (No. 54) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, May 20, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *MacPhail*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Protection of Public Assets 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Bray* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Merit Commissioner for the Fifth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Bray* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Bray* moved—

That this House recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, (pursuant to section 5 of the *Public Service Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385) the appointment of Ms. Diane Rabbani as the Public Service Employee Relations Commissioner, Deputy Minister responsible for the Public Service Employee Relations Commission and to hold the office as the Merit Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. *Locke* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Fifth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Locke* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 54) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004* was again committed.

In consideration of section 35 of Bill (No. 54), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—40

<i>Chong</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Wong</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>Masi</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Lee</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Cheema</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Manhas</i>

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MacPhail *Kwan*

Section 50 of Bill (No. 54) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 54) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) tabled the BC Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2003/2004.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,129,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2005.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution.
Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the report of resolution from the Committee of Supply dealing with Supplementary Estimates on May 12 together with the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on March 3, 4, 11, 23, 24, 25, 31, April 1, 19, 21, 26, May 3, 10 and 20 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 24 billion, 597 million, 23 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2004* and the Supplementary Estimates presented on May 12 and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 1 billion, 385 million, 125 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2004* and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the capital, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 48) intituled *Supply Act, 2004-2005* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
May 6, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker declared a short recess for distribution of the Bill.

Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Bill (No. 48) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Collins*, Bill (No. 48) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 48) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 39) *Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 43) *Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 44) *Correction Act*.

Bill (No. 49) *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2004-2005*.

Bill (No. 50) *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 51) *Wildlife Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 52) *Electoral Reform Referendum Act*.

Bill (No. 53) *International Financial Activity Act*.

Bill (No. 54) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004*.

Bill (No. 55) *Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 56) *Administrative Tribunals Act*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*, Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 48) *Supply Act, 2004-2005*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*, Clerk of the House, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *G. Collins* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Fifth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 6.06 p.m.

Monday, October 4, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krueger*.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2002;

Office of the Auditor General 2004/2005 Report 2: In Sickness and in Health: Healthy Workplaces for British Columbia's Health Care Workers;

Office of the Auditor General Annual Report, 2003/2004;

Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report, 2003;

Office of the Ombudsman Service Plan, 2004/05 – 2006/07;

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2003/2004;

Elections BC Annual Report, 2003/2004; and

Ombudsman Special Report No. 25: Broken Glass, Broken Trust – A Report of the Investigation into the Complaint Against the City of Surrey.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members Statements" called.

21 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 21 with respect to the importance of access to broadband technology to the economic development of rural communities.

Motion agreed to.

67 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 67 with respect to the high school completion rate for Aboriginal students.

Motion agreed to.

68 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 68 with respect to support for volunteers.

Motion agreed to.

104 By leave, Mr. *MacKay* moved—

Be it resolved that this House identifies the need to increase Annual Allowable Cuts in order that damaged wood may be salvaged in forest districts decimated by the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, October 4, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) made a statement regarding the experience of the Sons of Freedom Doukhobor Children in New Denver.

The Hon. *S. Bond* (Minister of Advanced Education and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 60) intituled *University Amendment Act, 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
October 1, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *R. Harris* (Minister of State for Forestry Operations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 57) intituled *Range Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
September 30, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 64) intituled *Justice Modernization Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
October 1, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 62) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
September 30, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Community Living Authority Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Forests) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 65) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
October 1, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Community Living Authority Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 45) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to section 33 (3) of the *Constitution Act*:

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Surrey-Panorama Ridge (Dr. *Cheema*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly effective May 23, 2004, was delivered to the Speaker.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Advanced Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Agricultural Land Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
BC Assessment Annual Service Plan Report, 2003;
BC Games Society Annual Report, 2003-2004;
BC Housing Annual Report, 2003/04;
BC Hydro Annual Report, 2004;
BC Pavilion Corporation Annual Report, 2003/2004;
BC Public Service Agency and BC Leadership Centre Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
BC Transit Annual Report, 2004;
British Columbia Arts Council Annual Report, 2003/2004;
British Columbia Buildings Corporation Annual Report, 2003-2004;
British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 2003/2004;
British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 2003/2004;
British Columbia Railway Company Annual Report, 2003;
British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/2004;
British Columbia Transmission Corporation Annual Report, 2004;
British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Child and Youth Officer for British Columbia Annual Report, 2003/04;
Children and Family Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Columbia Power Corporation Annual Report, 2003/04;
Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Energy and Mines Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Finance Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
First Peoples' Heritage, Language & Culture Council Annual Report, 2003/04;
Forest Practices Board Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. Annual Report, 2003-2004;
Forests Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Government Annual Strategic Plan Report, 2003-2004;
Health Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Homeowner Protection Office Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Human Resources Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Industry Training Authority Annual Report, 2003-04;
Innovation and Science Council of British Columbia Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/2004;
Land and Water British Columbia Inc. Service Plan Report, 2003-2004;

Legal Services Society Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/2004;
Management Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Mica Stator Replacement Major Capital Project Plan, June 2004;
Ministerial Accountability Report, 2003-2004;
Office of the Merit Commissioner Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Office of the Premier Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Oil and Gas Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/2004;
Okanagan Lake Bridge Project Disclosure Statement, May 2004;
Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Partnerships British Columbia Annual Report, 2003-04;
Peace Canyon Stator Replacement and Rotor Remediation Major Capital Project Plan, June 2004;
Provincial Capital Commission Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Provincial Revenue Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Public Accounts, 2003/2004;
Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Quarterly Report (First Quarter April to June 2004);
Rapid Transit Project 2000 Ltd. Annual Report, 2003-2004;
Royal British Columbia Museum Annual Report, 2003-2004;
Skills Development and Labour Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Small Business and Economic Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Sustainable Resource Management Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Tourism British Columbia Annual Report, 2003/04;
Transportation Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2004;
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd.'s Major Capital Project Plan for the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project; and
Water, Land and Air Protection Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Trumper*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 57) intituled *Range Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 57) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.46 a.m.

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 69) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 70) intituled *Property Transfer Tax Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 67) intituled *Expropriation Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Sustainable Resource Management) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 68) intituled *Land Title and Survey Authority Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2004;

Public Service Pension Plan Annual Report, 2003;

College Pension Plan Annual Report, 2003;

Municipal Pension Plan Annual Report, 2003;

Teachers' Pension Plan Annual Report, 2003;

Pension Corporation Annual Report, 2003/2004;

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Annual Report, 2003; and

British Columbia Investment Management Corporation Annual Report, 2003-2004.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 60) intituled *University Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 60) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Community Living Authority Act* was committed.

Ms. *Kwan* moved two amendments to section (1) of Bill (No. 45) which were both defeated, on division.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cobb*.

The Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of Transportation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 58) intituled *B.C. Rail Benefits (First Nations) Trust Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
September 30, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of Transportation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 59) intituled *Northern Development Initiative Trust Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. C. Richmond (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2004/2005 Report 3: Preventing and Managing Diabetes in British Columbia.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 69) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled *Property Transfer Tax Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 70) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 62) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled *Justice Modernization Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 64) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Community Living Authority Act* was again committed.

Ms. Kwan moved a proposed amendment to section 5 (3) as amended, of Bill (No. 45) which was defeated, on division.

Ms. Kwan moved an amendment to section 12 (2) of Bill (No. 45) which was defeated, on division.

Ms. Kwan moved an amendment to section 18 of Bill (No. 45) which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 45) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 5.22 p.m.

Thursday, October 7, 2004

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Nijjar.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 69) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled *Property Transfer Tax Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled *Justice Modernization Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled *Expropriation Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 67) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

Bill (No. 65) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, October 7, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 71) intituled *Safe Streets Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 6, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 72) intituled *Trespass Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 6, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LANCE FINCH
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 63) intituled *Charitable Purposes Preservation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Victoria Law Courts,
September 30, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *J. Murray* (Minister of Management Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 73) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 6, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *K. Falcon* (Minister of Transportation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 75) intituled *Transportation Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 6, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) tabled the following documents:

Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2004;

Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2003/2004;

British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for the period August 11, 2003 to March 31, 2004;

Final Report of the 2004 British Columbia Judges Compensation Commission;

Report of the Judicial Justices Compensation Commission, September 1, 2004;

Letter to the Ministry of Attorney General from the 2004 Judges Compensation Commission; and
Crown Proceeding Act Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2004.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) referred Members to the provisions of section 6 (3) of the *Judicial Compensation Act* and the procedure established therein, relative to Compensation Commission Reports.

By leave, Mr. *Penner* moved —

That Hon. *Brenda Locke*, MLA be substituted by Mr. *Blair Suffredine*, MLA as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and that Mr. *Richard Lee*, MLA also be appointed to serve as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Mayencourt* moved —

That Bill M 202 intituled *Safe Streets Act* and Bill M 203 intituled *Trespass to Property Act* be withdrawn from the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 59) intituled *Northern Development Initiative Trust Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled *B.C. Rail Benefits (First Nations) Trust Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Falcon*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.23 p.m.

Monday, October 18, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Anderson*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

116 By leave, Mr. *Penner* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports initiatives to encourage development of small hydroelectric and other renewable energy projects, as part of a plan to help make British Columbia self-sufficient again in the production of electricity.

On the motion of Ms. *McMahon*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

4 By leave, Ms. *McMahon* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the importance of a sound transportation infrastructure to the economy of British Columbia.

On the motion of Ms. *McMahon*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Monday, October 18, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 66) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 5, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *C. Hansen* (Minister of Health Services) tabled the Medical Services Commission Financial Statement for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 73) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 73) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled *Charitable Purposes Preservation Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 63) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled *Land Title and Survey Authority Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 68) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled *Transportation Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 75) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled *Trespass Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 72) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 71) intituled *Safe Streets Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—35

Wong
Chong
Locke
Hansen
Bruce
van Dongen
Barisoff
Roddick
Wilson

Hagen
Collins
Christensen
Neufeld
Coleman
Penner
Anderson
Jarvis
Nebbeling

Hunter
Chutter
Long
Mayencourt
Trumper
Johnston
Krueger
J. Reid
Hawes

Stephens
Masi
Nijjar
Hayer
Visser
Halsey-Brandt
Whittred
Kerr

NAYS—3

*MacPhail**Kwan**Nettleton*

Bill (No. 71) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 6.08 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *K. Stewart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 60) intituled *University Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled *Land Title and Survey Authority Act* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

Bill (No. 73) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2004* was committed.

In consideration of section 23 of Bill (No. 73), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—39

Les
Wong
Chong
Locke
Hansen
Bell
van Dongen
Barisoff
Wilson
Bray

Cobb
Lee
Thorpe
Hagen
Murray
Brice
L. Reid
Christensen
Abbott
Coleman

Penner
Clark
Anderson
Jarvis
Hogg
Nuraney
Nebbeling
R. Stewart
Mayencourt
Bennett

Hawes
Stephens
Masi
Visser
Halsey-Brandt
K. Stewart
Whittred
Sultan
Manhas

NAYS—1

Kwan

Bill (No. 73) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.48 a.m.

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 74) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 18, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2004*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 66) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 68) intituled *Land Title and Survey Authority Act* was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled *Expropriation Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Trespass Amendment Act, 2004* was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hawes*.

The Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 76) intituled *Social Service Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 19, 2004.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Ms. *MacPhail*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Election Act Amendment Act (An Act Limiting Government Advertising During Elections and By-Elections)* 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Kwan* tabled a petition regarding the *Safe Streets Act* legislation.

The Hon. *R. Neufeld* (Minister of Energy and Mines) tabled the System Control Modernization Project Major Capital Project Plan for British Columbia Transmission Corporation, October 15, 2004.

By leave, the Hon. *G. Collins* (Minister of Finance) tabled copies of 41 advertisements from provincial and federal election campaigns.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 59) intituled *Northern Development Initiative Trust Act* a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—51

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Wong</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Brice</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Neufeld</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	

NAYS—1

Nettleton

Bill (No. 59) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled *B.C. Rail Benefits (First Nations) Trust Act* a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Wong</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Brice</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>MacKay</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Belsey</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Sahota</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>		

NAYS—1

Nettleton

Bill (No. 58) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 65) intituled *Forests Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled *Transportation Statutes Amendment Act, 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2004* a debate arose.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 74) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 63) intituled *Charitable Purposes Preservation Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Trespass Amendment Act, 2004* was again committed.

In consideration of section (2) of Bill (No. 72) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—22

*Coell
Harris
van Dongen
Wilson
Cobb
Thorpe*

*Plant
Coleman
Penner
Hogg
Nuraney
Nebbeling*

*R. Stewart
Chutter
Johnston
Belsey
Stephens*

*Masi
Nijjar
Bhullar
Lekstrom
Manhas*

NAYS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

Section 5 of Bill (No. 72) passed, on division.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 8.59 p.m.

Thursday, October 21, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cobb*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled *Social Service Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 76) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 74) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General 2004/2005 Report 4: Internal Audit in Health Authorities: A Status Report.

Bill (No. 66) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2004* was committed.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved a proposed amendment to section 2 of Bill (No. 66), which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

NAYS—40

Falcon

Thorpe

Orr

Masi

Wong

Plant

Hogg

Nijjar

Santori

Brice

Nuraney

Bhullar

Bell

de Jong

Nebbeling

Lekstrom

van Dongen

Christensen

Johnston

MacKay

Roddick

Abbott

Krueger

Halsey-Brandt

Wilson

Coleman

J. Reid

K. Stewart

Bray

Penner

Hawes

Suffredine

Cobb

Anderson

McMahon

Kerr

Lee

Jarvis

Stephens

Nettleton

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, October 21, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 66) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2004* was again committed.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved two proposed amendments to section 2 of Bill (No. 66), which were defeated, on division.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved a proposed amendment to section 10 of Bill (No. 66), which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

MacPhail

Kwan

NAYS—33

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Brice</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Hayer</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Trumper</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Lee</i>			

Ms. *MacPhail* moved a proposed amendment to section 18 of Bill (No. 66), which was defeated, on division.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved a proposed amendment to section 20 of Bill (No. 66), which was defeated, on division.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved a proposed amendment to section 22 of Bill (No. 66), which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—2

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>
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NAYS—29

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Wong</i>	<i>Brice</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Hayer</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
<i>Cobb</i>			

Bill (No. 66) was reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 59) intituled *Northern Development Initiative Trust Act* was committed.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved a proposed amendment to section 5 of Bill (No. 59), which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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NAYS—24

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Wong</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Hayer</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Brice</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>Barisoff</i>	<i>Abbott</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Kerr</i>

In consideration of the title of Bill (No. 59), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—27

Falcon
Coell
Wong
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Cobb

Lee
Plant
Brice
de Jong
Abbott
Coleman
Penner

Jarvis
Hogg
Nuraney
Nebbeling
MacPhail
Kwan
Johnston

Stephens
Bhullar
Hayer
Halsey-Brandt
Suffredine
Kerr

NAYS—1

Nettleton

Bill (No. 59) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 58) intituled *B.C. Rail Benefits (First Nations) Trust Act* was committed.

Ms. *MacPhail* moved a proposed amendment to section 3 of Bill (No. 58) which was defeated, on division.

In consideration of the title of Bill (No. 58), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—25

Falcon
Wong
Locke
Santori
Barisoff
Bray
Cobb

Lee
Plant
Brice
de Jong
Abbott
Penner

Jarvis
Hogg
MacPhail
Kwan
Johnston
Krueger

Stephens
Bhullar
Hayer
Halsey-Brandt
Suffredine
Kerr

NAYS—1

Nettleton

Bill (No. 58) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled *Trespass Amendment Act, 2004* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Deputy Speaker declared a short recess.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 45) *Community Living Authority Act*.

Bill (No. 57) *Range Act*.

Bill (No. 58) *B.C. Rail Benefits (First Nations) Trust Act*.

Bill (No. 59) *Northern Development Initiative Trust Act*.

Bill (No. 60) *University Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 62) *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 63) *Charitable Purposes Preservation Act*.

Bill (No. 64) *Justice Modernization Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 65) *Forests Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004*.

Bill (No. 66) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 67) *Expropriation Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 68) *Land Title and Survey Authority Act*.

Bill (No. 69) *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 70) *Property Transfer Tax Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 72) *Trespass Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 73) *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2004*.

Bill (No. 74) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2004*.

Bill (No. 75) *Transportation Statutes Amendment Act, 2004*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Monday, October 25, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Cobb*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for "Private Members' Statements" called.

4 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 4 with respect to the importance of a sound transportation infrastructure to the economy of British Columbia.

Motion agreed to.

104 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 104 with respect to the need to increase Annual Allowable Cuts in order that damaged wood may be salvaged in forest districts decimated by the Mountain Pine beetle epidemic.

Motion agreed to.

116 By leave, the House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 116 with respect to development of small hydroelectric and other renewable energy projects.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, October 25, 2004

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. *Penner* moved—

That Hon. *Brenda Locke*, MLA be substituted by Mr. *Dave Hayer*, MLA as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Education; and

That Hon. *Patrick Wong*, MLA be substituted by Mrs. *Gillian Trumper*, MLA as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, by Mr. *John Nuraney*, MLA as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and by Mr. *Barry Penner*, MLA as a Member of the Special Committee of Selection.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) made a statement regarding the release of a Report of the Auditor General.

Bill (No. 76) intituled *Social Service Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled *Safe Streets Act* was committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 71), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—46

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Hayer</i>
<i>Wong</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Mayencourt</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Locke</i>	<i>Brice</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>		

NAYS—2

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>
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In consideration of section 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 71), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—46

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Coell</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Hayer</i>
<i>Wong</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Locke</i>	<i>Brice</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Masi</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Bray</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>		

NAYS—3

<i>MacPhail</i>	<i>Kwan</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
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Bill (No. 71) was reported complete with amendment.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Kerr*.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report 5: Salmon Forever: An Assessment of the Provincial Role in Sustaining Wild Salmon.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 71) intituled *Safe Streets Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—49

<i>Falcon</i>	<i>Cobb</i>	<i>Nebbeling</i>	<i>Masi</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>R. Stewart</i>	<i>Nijjar</i>
<i>Wong</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Bhullar</i>
<i>Chong</i>	<i>Plant</i>	<i>Chutter</i>	<i>Visser</i>
<i>Locke</i>	<i>Brice</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Lekstrom</i>
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>K. Stewart</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>L. Reid</i>	<i>Krueger</i>	<i>Bloy</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Penner</i>	<i>J. Reid</i>	<i>Suffredine</i>
<i>Santori</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Hawes</i>	<i>Whittred</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>	<i>McMahon</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>van Dongen</i>	<i>Orr</i>	<i>Brenzinger</i>	<i>Kerr</i>
<i>Roddick</i>	<i>Nuraney</i>	<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Manhas</i>
<i>Bray</i>			

NAYS—2

*Kwan**Nettleton*

Bill (No. 71) read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair —

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 71) *Safe Streets Act*.

Bill (No. 76) *Social Service Tax Amendment Act (No. 2), 2004*.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *G. Plant* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Fifth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to

And then the House adjourned at 10.46 a.m.

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Bloy*.

The certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of a Member was read by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Clerk of the House, as follows:

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER,
“ELECTIONS BC
“VICTORIA, B.C., NOVEMBER 19, 2004

“*The Honourable Claude Richmond*
“*Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,*
“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“Mr. Speaker:

“On May 26, 2004, this office received a Speaker’s Warrant advising of the vacancy in the membership of the Legislative Assembly resulting from the resignation of *Gulzar Cheema*, MLA for the electoral district of Surrey-Panorama Ridge.

“On direction from the Lieutenant Governor in Council, I issued a Writ of Election on September 30, 2004, ordering a by-election be held to fill the vacancy. The Writ specified General Voting Day as October 28, 2004.

“The by-election was held in accordance with the provisions of the *Election Act*, and the completed Writ of election has been returned to me.

“In accordance with section 147 (2) of the Act, I hereby certify the election of *Jagrup Brar* as the Member to represent the electoral district of Surrey-Panorama Ridge in the Legislative Assembly.

“Sincerely,

“HARRY NEUFELD,
“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER”

On the motion of the Hon. *G. Plant* (Attorney General), it was *Ordered* —

That the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of the Member be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Jagrup Brar*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by Ms. *MacPhail*, and took his seat.

The Hon. *C. Richmond* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General 2004/2005 Report 6: Leading the Way – Adopting Best Practices in Government Financial Reporting – 2003/2004;

Auditor General 2004/2005 Report 7: Monitoring the Government’s Finances;

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2003;

Auditor General 2004/2005 Report 8: Follow-up of 2002/2003 Report 5: Managing Contaminated Sites on Provincial Lands;

Auditor General 2004/2005 Report 9: Follow-up of Two Health Risk Reports: A Review of Performance Agreements; Information Use in Resource Allocation; and

Auditor General 2004/2005 Report 10: Building a Strong Public Service: Reassessing the Quality of the Work Environment in British Columbia’s Public Service.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this Fifth Session of the Thirty-Seventh Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you on the accomplishments of the past year. This session has seen the passage of measures

of wide-ranging and significant importance to the people of our province. On behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention that you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your duties.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon *G. Plant* (Attorney General) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Pursuant to section 33 (3) of the *Constitution Act*:

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Vancouver-Fairview (Mr. *Collins*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective December 16, 2004, was delivered to the Speaker.

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of West Kootenay-Boundary (Mr. *Santori*) of his intention to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective January 31, 2005, was delivered to the Speaker.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre Project — Project Report, February 2005;

Academic Ambulatory Care Centre at Vancouver General Hospital Capital Project Plan, October 2004;

Advanced Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;

Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;

Agricultural Land Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;

Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;

BC Assessment Annual Service Plan Report, 2003;

BC Games Society Annual Report, 2003-2004;

BC Housing Annual Report, 2003/04;

BC Hydro Annual Report, 2004;

BC Pavilion Corporation Annual Report, 2003/2004;

BC Public Service Agency and BC Leadership Centre Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;

BC Transit Annual Report, 2004;

British Columbia Arts Council Annual Report, 2003/2004;

British Columbia Buildings Corporation Annual Report, 2003-2004;

British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;

British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 2003/2004;

British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 2003/2004;

British Columbia Railway Company Annual Report, 2003;

British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/2004;

British Columbia Transmission Corporation Annual Report, 2004;

British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;

Child and Youth Officer for British Columbia Annual Report, 2003/04;

Children and Family Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;

Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;

Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Columbia Power Corporation Annual Report, 2003/04;
Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Energy and Mines Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Finance Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
First Peoples' Heritage, Language & Culture Council Annual Report, 2003/04;
Forest Practices Board Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. Annual Report, 2003-2004;
Forests Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Government Annual Strategic Plan Report, 2003-2004;
Health Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Homeowner Protection Office Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Human Resources Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Industry Training Authority Annual Report, 2003-04;
Innovation and Science Council of British Columbia Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/2004;
Kicking Horse Canyon Project — Phase 2 — *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*
Disclosure, October 2004;
Land and Water British Columbia Inc. Service Plan Report, 2003-2004;
Legal Services Society Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/2004;
Management Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Mica Stator Replacement Major Capital Project Plan, June 2004;
Ministerial Accountability Report, 2003-2004;
Non-compliance statement under section 17 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*
with respect to the major capital project plan for the Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre
Project;
Office of the Merit Commissioner Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Office of the Premier Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Oil and Gas Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/2004;
Okanagan Lake Bridge Project Disclosure Statement, May 2004;
Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Partnerships British Columbia Annual Report, 2003-04;
Peace Canyon Stator Replacement and Rotor Remediation Major Capital Project Plan, June 2004;
Provincial Capital Commission Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Provincial Health Officer's Annual Report, 2003;
Provincial Revenue Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Public Accounts, 2003/2004;
Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Quarterly Report (First Quarter April to June 2004);
Rapid Transit Project 2000 Ltd. Annual Report, 2003-2004;
Royal British Columbia Museum Annual Report, 2003-2004;
Skills Development and Labour Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Small Business and Economic Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Sustainable Resource Management Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Tourism British Columbia Annual Report, 2003/04;
Transportation Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04;
Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2003 — released Sept. 30/03;

Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2004;
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Annual Report, 2003/2004;
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd.'s Major Capital Project Plan for the
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project; and
Water, Land and Air Protection Annual Service Plan Report, 2003/04.

And then the House prorogued at 10.14 a.m.

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO
*Lieutenant Governor*CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING

To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, at Our City of Victoria—GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on the eighth day of February, two thousand five at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at Our City of Victoria.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, the Honourable Iona V. Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-fifth day of January, two thousand five and in the fifty-third year of Our Reign.

By Command.

SUMMARY

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