

Tuesday, March 12, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Scott Leith*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

During the Oral Question Period, by leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following: Copy of a memorandum from the Chairman of the Purchasing Commission to all Deputy Ministers relating to inventory of office furniture; a description of the Crown corporations' inventory control system.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 1974

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

Responding to a point of order raised during the afternoon sitting, Mr. Speaker stated that the Speaker decides questions of order only when they actually arise and not in anticipation, and quoted Beauchesne's *Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, 4th edition, page 60.

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *J. Lancaster*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 70) intituled *Transit Services Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 8, 1974

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 71) intituled *Department of Economic Development Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 8, 1974

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

The following Bills were 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. *Cummings*, Bill (No. 76) intituled *An Act to Amend the Minimum Wage Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 66) intituled *Prejudgment Interest Act*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Without the Committee rising, the Chairman reported that during debate on Vote 11, the member for Saanich and the Islands raised a matter involving legislation, and the Chairman had ruled that debate involving matters of legislation was out of order in the Committee of Supply.

The Chairman's ruling was challenged.

The Chairmans' ruling was sustained on the following division:

YEAS—32

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Levi</i>

NAYS—14

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>		

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Chairman further reported that on Mr. *Bennett's* motion that the Committee rise and report progress the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—16

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>

NAYS—30

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>		

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. *Phillips* moved—

That this House is of the opinion that a Royal Commission should be established forthwith to investigate the probability that unreported "insider positions" have been a characteristic of Government initiatives related to purchases of shares trading on the open market.

Upon a point of order being raised, Mr. Speaker ruled that as the House has no power to appoint a Royal Commission, the motion is out of order, and quoted the ruling of Mr. Speaker Keen, *Speakers' Decisions*, volume 2, page 64.

Motion *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly*, the following Notice of Motion standing in her name on the Order Paper was withdrawn:

Be it resolved, That the question as to whether or not the Honourable Member for South Peace River has been guilty of contempt of, and in breach of the privileges of, this House and its members when he did in this House on the 20th day of February 1974 make allegations against unnamed members of the House in the following words:

1. "On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that possible impropriety taxpayer's money of this Province is an urgent matter at any time. Just as it is now."

2. "However, a matter of incompetency and the misuse of public funds has arisen and I must take my time this afternoon in the budget debate to discuss this very important matter."

3. "Now we're faced in this Province already, Mr. Speaker, with the questioning of some of these deals which our Premier and Minister of Finance has made outside the walls of this Legislature . . . under-the-table deals made by the Minister of Finance."

4. "Well, I'll withdraw the phrase 'under-the-table deals' . . . but I would suggest that they're deals where all of the dealings have not been on the surface and bear very close, very close scrutiny indeed. I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, in some of the deals that our Minister of Finance has made that they're not necessarily in the best interest of the Province of British Columbia, and that there could be some problems and some cases of impropriety arising from them."

5. "Mr. Speaker, we now learn that prior to this Order in Council being passed, there could have been leaks of the proposed Order in Council to allow certain persons with privileged information to make windfall profits at the expense of the taxpayers of British Columbia."

6. "Was there indeed a leak of information? . . . Was there dishonesty in this Province? That's what I want to know."

7. "We are dealing with a very, very, very serious matter here this afternoon."

8. "I intend, this afternoon, to lay before this House certain facts that would lead me to believe that indeed it did happen . . . I want to outline the facts; I want to give the history behind it."

9. "Now the very, very serious question that I am asking in this House this afternoon is, is the Minister of Finance, (Hon. Mr. Barrett) guilty of incompetence or impropriety? Was there indeed a leak?"

10. "Did these people have access to information?"

11. "Who were the purchasers, Mr. Speaker? . . . Do you think, Mr. Speaker, this is a coincidence? Mr. Speaker, I don't think so, but I have to ask the question, was there corruption in high places? . . . Well, I can't answer it, I don't know all the facts! I want the facts! . . . Well, I'll tell you, Mr. Speaker, I'm asking a question. I'm merely pointing out to the House some facts."

12. "I'm not giving innuendoes. Now if somebody's conscience over there is bothering them and they think I'm giving them an innuendo that's their business. I'm laying before this House questions and I'm asking questions. I'm laying some facts before the House."

13. "They made a killing in selling their shares to the Government at an excessively high price and now they've negotiated themselves another third of a million to run the corporation for two years.

"Who bought the shares? Mr. Speaker, you wanted to know, I'll tell you. December 7, 1973, 300 shares at \$1.65 were bought by Wolverton through a C. M. Oliver, salesman, Burns Bros. Co. Ltd. We don't know who the actual transferee was, there were 300 shares on certificate No. CB00435; another 200 sold at \$1.95 on share certificate No. CB00434.

"On December 11, 1973, 1,100 shares changed hands—C. M. Oliver & Co. Ltd., Jerry Dolburg, 614 Hawstead, West Vancouver. He is vice-president of marketing for Dunhill. He purchased 1,100 shares on December 11. I think you'll understand with me, Mr. Speaker, why I ask these questions. On December 17, another 4,000 shares were purchased, same as above, Jerry Dolburg. On December 17 another 4,000 shares were purchased by Jerry Dolburg, who is the vice-president of marketing for Dunhill.

"Another 4,000 shares were purchased and, get the date, January 17." AN HON. MEMBER: "December."

MR. PHILLIPS: "On December 17, I'm sorry. . . . On January 10, 1974, 500 shares were purchased by Estella Woodbridge."

14. "The question is, did somebody have inside information? . . . are the Minister of Finance's advisers incompetent? . . . is the Minister of Housing incompetent? . . . or is there dishonesty somewhere? . . . No one would want to insinuate, Mr. Speaker, that there was fraudulent dealings with the taxpayers' dollars. But what I want to know is where did this leak come from? Why did a select few persons reap windfall profits when the Government purchased this public corporation?"

15. "And how close did they get to people in the Premier's office? . . . I don't know. Maybe they were card-carrying NDP people, Mr. Speaker, I have no way of knowing. But I would say it is more than coincidence. What

I am trying to point out to the House, Mr. Speaker, is that there seems to be more than one case where one might suspect in confidence a leak of information."

16. "First we have the Dunhill deal, then we have a possible leak on Bill 31, and then we have somebody sending the budget off by carrier pigeon to be printed in North Vancouver a day before it's tabled in the House with the Legislature. I realize . . . the Cabinet has taken unto itself fantastically sweeping powers that it barely needs to call the Legislature to conduct the business of the Province of British Columbia. However, that portion which is conducted here should certainly at least be done with propriety."

17. "But, Mr. Speaker, the sad part of it is that here in British Columbia we will not be able to sue the Minister of Finance because he, with his crushing majority in this Legislature, passed legislation against severe opposition to take unto himself these powers without recourse to the Legislature and without recourse to those whose pensions he may squander. He reigns supreme as an investor in this Province. This is what bothers me, Mr. Speaker, when I see what is happening. Dunhill; a leak on a Bill; a possible leak with the budget."

18. "Will there be an annual report as to what happened with the inside trading of Dunhill?"

19. "How will we ever know how much land is being purchased by the Land Commission from friends of this Government at exorbitantly high prices? How will we ever know? How will we ever know that the people who are getting these assets without bids are not friends of the Government? In a government where today it seems to me you have to be card-carrying NDP before you get a promotion, the Government would be capable of anything.

"How many more relatives are there? Who will ever know?"

"That's the problem with that type of socialist government, no one ever knows. It's a bureaucracy unto itself. To break down those walls of secrecy and find out exactly what is happening to the people's business is a monumental task.

"What is the entire story behind the purchase of Kootenay Forest Products? What is the entire story? Who will ever know? Who will ever know? . . .

"What is the story behind the purchase of Canadian Cellulose?"

20. "Again, I must ask was there inside information? Was there indeed a leak, because all of a sudden the shares of Canadian Cellulose jumped from an average of 30,680 shares trading in a month to, in the month of January 1973, 294,976 shares traded on the market. . . .

"Is this a coincidence? Was there inside information? Was there indeed incompetence on the part of the Ministers involved and on the part of the Minister of Finance?"

"Oh, is indeed, is there corruption in high places?"

"Who sold the shares, who bought the shares, and why? What was the price the shares were sold at? How much money was made by whom? Who were these people who made money?"

21. "Did the Cabinet have access to this information? Did the NDP caucus have access to this information? Were people who bought these shares friends of the caucus? These are the questions that every British Columbian is asking. These are the questions that must be answered."

22. "I am merely asking questions based on the evidence of the number of shares traded which I have outlined here this afternoon."

HON. MR. BARRETT: "He asked the specific question after naming the number of shares traded."

MR. PHILLIPS: "Did the Cabinet Ministers, did the NDP caucus members, have that information?"

23. "However, Mr. Speaker, I am certainly pleased that the Minister of Finance is so concerned. And if he feels that I implied some innuendo, if he feels that way, well, certainly, I'll withdraw.

"But, knowing full well that if he is so concerned, Mr. Speaker. . . .

"Well, as I have pointed out, Mr. Speaker, it is a case of interpretation. If the Premier feels that way, if the Minister of Finance feels that way, if he is that concerned, as I am indeed, I will withdraw.

"Certainly, if he feels there was an innuendo."

24. "I have outlined to the House, Mr. Speaker, the number of shares that started moving in another acquisition, Columbia Cellulose. I think I have pointed out several cases here this afternoon that concern me, or things that I question. Things that I question that are happening in the Department of Finance.

"The preferred value of these shares of Columbia Cellulose went from \$2.95 a share, at the start of the negotiations, to \$8.38 a share in three months.

"I want to know, who made the profit. Who made the profit? How did they make the profit and why did they make the profit? Is it a filthy matter? It sure doesn't smell very good to me."

25. "We're dealing with some pretty high stakes here. We're talking about \$5.8 million in Dunhill and we're talking about. . . ."

26. "I would like to know if there were any undisclosed connections with civil servants in the purchase of the Vancouver Coachline deal. You see, this is the problem when the Government goes and delves into the marketplace. We warned the Premier of this. He's out there in a very tough market, he's inexperienced, and he's treading on very thin ice; he's over his head, and I would suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, incompetent in this particular job.

"I'll tell you, there are too many questions left unanswered. When did negotiations start with Dunhill? Who actually bought a lot of the shares that were registered with brokerage firms? And I could go on and on and on. I could ask questions about that deal from now until 6 o'clock.

"I would like to file with the House documents with regard to the purchase of Dunhill Corporation, an interim report for the six-month period from Dunhill Corporation, ended April 30, 1973; an interim report for the three-month period ended January 31, 1973, Dunhill Development Corporation."

27. "Mr. Speaker, I have brought up some very serious matters in this Legislature this afternoon, matters that certainly do not give me any pleasure as a legislator to bring up, matters that raise very serious questions of impropriety in the Government."

28. "Mr. Speaker, if it's been incompetence it can be forgiven, but the people of this Province want to know."

be referred to a Special Committee on Privileges to be named by the Committee of Selection appointed under Standing Order 68, that the Special Committee so appointed be empowered to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear representations from such organizations and individuals as may, in their discretion, appear necessary, and report its findings to the House by the end of the current Session.

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

Mr. *Chabot* raised a point of order relating to the use by the Chairman of Committee of the cut-off button.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the point raised.

And then the House adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Venables*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 75) intituled *Residential Premises Interim Rent Stabilization Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13, 1974

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 69) intituled *Agricultural Credit Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 8, 1974

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 6.05 o'clock p.m. today.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* (Minister of Education) presented A Report to the Governments of Alberta and British Columbia—Toward a System of Post-secondary and Adult Education for Northwestern Alberta and Northeastern British Columbia.

112 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Consumer Services the following questions:

1. Have any employees been added to the staff of the Consumer Services office since April 1, 1973?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the date of employment and (b) what are the names of the employees?

The Hon. *Phyllis F. Young* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Mrs. R. Lalik, Executive Assistant, November 15, 1973; Mrs. M. Christian-sen, Secretary, November 15, 1973; Mrs. P. M. Ballard, Clerk-Stenographer 4, January 1, 1974; Mrs. N. F. Black, Clerk-Typist 1, November 15, 1973; Mr. W. A. W. Neilson, Deputy Minister, November 20, 1973; Mrs. E. L. Beyer, Deputy Minister's Secretary, November 22, 1973; Miss V. A. Bennett, Clerk-Stenographer 1, March 1, 1974; Mrs. M. L. Albert, Clerk-Stenographer 1, March 1, 1974; Miss S. MacLean, Clerk 6, March 7, 1974; Miss M. E. Stanyer, Clerk-Stenographer 1, March 1, 1974; Mr. A. A. Parker, Administrative Officer 3, November 15, 1973; Miss D. J. MacMillan, Clerk-Stenographer 2, January 7, 1974; Mr. M. Hanson, Administrative Officer 3, January 1, 1974; Mr. D. R. Nicholls, Clerk 5, January 1, 1974; Mrs. K. R. Rose, Clerk-Stenographer 3, January 1, 1974; Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Clerk-Stenographer 1, January 1, 1974; Miss C. L. Woodward, Clerk-Stenographer 2, January 1, 1974; Miss L. A. Bentley, Clerk-Typist 1, February 11, 1974."

115 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Consumer Services the following question:

What expenditure, if any, has the Department of Consumer Services made since August 31, 1973?

The Hon. *Phyllis F. Young* replied as follows:

"The Department of Consumer Services made no expenditure prior to November 15, 1973. During the period from November 15, 1973, to March 8, 1974, the net expenditure of the Department of Consumer Services has been \$40,578.53."

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 1974

FIVE MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Without the Committee rising, the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker that, upon a motion being made that the Committee rise and report progress, the Chairman had ruled pursuant to Standing Order 44, that such a motion at the time made was an abuse of the Rules and that he had declined to propose the question.

The Chairman's ruling was challenged.

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

YEAS—29

<i>Liden</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Culder</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Cummings</i>			

NAYS—16

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.02 p.m.

Friday, March 15, 1974

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Paul Hawkes*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* (Minister of Education) tabled *Towards the Learning Community*, a working paper on the community college in British Columbia.

The following Bills were 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. *Phyllis F. Young*, Bill (No. 72) intituled *Blind Persons' Rights Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *McGeer*, Bill (No. 78) intituled *An Act to Amend the Audit Act*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. *D. D. Stupich* (Minister of Agriculture) tabled the programme and correspondence relating to the B.C. Provincial Seed Fair and Seminar, March 7, 1974.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Gardom* tabled copy of a letter from the Hon. *D. D. Stupich* (Minister of Agriculture) to Mr. *W. Janzen*, Chairman of the B.C. Egg Marketing Board.

And then the House adjourned at 1.02 p.m.

Friday, March 15, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$79,652 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March 1975.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,141,484 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration, General Administration, to 31st March 1975.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March 1975.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,411,330 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March 1975.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March 1975.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,653,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Administration of Justice, to 31st March 1975.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$185,740 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Justice Planning and Research Unit, to 31st March 1975.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Development of Justice Systems (Including Transfer of Municipal Responsibility to the Province), to 31st March 1975.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Judicial Conferences, to 31st March 1975.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,820,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, *Provincial Court Act*, to 31st March 1975.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,234,694 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March 1975.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,087,962 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Justice and Courts, Official Reporters, to 31st March 1975.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,741,606 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Registration, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March 1975.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350,898 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Registration, Companies Office, to 31st March 1975.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$685,216 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Trustees, Public Trustee's Office, to 31st March 1975.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$246,548 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Insurance and Real Estate Office, to 31st March 1975.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$449,236 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Securities Commission Office, to 31st March 1975.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$129,356 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Credit Unions Office, to 31st March 1975.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$441,392 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Fire Marshal's Office, to 31st March 1975.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,734 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Film Classification Office, to 31st March 1975.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$162,560 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Regulation and Inspection, Racing Commission, to 31st March 1975.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,651,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Police Services, Policing by Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to 31st March 1975.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Police Services, Sundry Incidental Police Expenses, to 31st March 1975.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,937,429 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, Correction Services, to 31st March 1975.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$92,756 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, British Columbia Parole Board, to 31st March 1975.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$918,020 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Corrections, British Columbia Energy Commission, to 31st March 1975.

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

The Chairman further reported a division on an amendment moved by Mr. *D. A. Anderson*, as follows:

"That the salary of the Hon. the Attorney-General as provided for in Vote 11 be reduced by \$1."

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *D. A. Anderson*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended and the division be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—15

Curtis
Gibson
Gardom
Schroeder

Morrison
McClelland
Richter
Wallace

Williams, L. A.
Anderson, D. A.
McGeer
Jordan

Smith
Bennett
Chabot

NAYS—29

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Cummings</i>			

The Chairman further reported that on Mr. *Chabot's* motion that the Committee rise and report Resolutions the Committee divided.

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—10

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>		

NAYS—24

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Levi</i>

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

Monday, March 18, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. J. Norsworthy*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 77) intituled *Debtor Assistance Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 15, 1974*

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The following Bills were 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. 2) intituled *Administration of Justice Act*.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Administration Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Occupiers' Liability Act*.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Frustrated Contracts Act*.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Crown Proceedings Act*.

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Legal Professions Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill (No. 43) intituled *Coroners Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Professional Corporations Amendment Act, 1974*.

Bill (No. 49) intituled *Unified Family Court Act*.

Bill (No. 66) intituled *Prejudgment Interest Act*.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Special Funds Appropriation Act, 1974*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—42

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Radford</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Phillips</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>		

NAYS—5

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>McGeer</i>
<i>Gardom</i>			

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Municipalities Aid Amendment Act, 1974*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. L. A. Williams, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

8 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to the *British Columbia Economic Research Fund Act*—

1. Has a fund been established pursuant to the Act?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, then (a) what is the amount of the fund, (b) how much revenue has been generated by the fund's investments from the date of its establishment to December 31, 1973, (c) how many studies or research projects have been financed by the fund and how much money has been paid in respect of each, and (d) how many persons have been employed in any capacity under the Act and how much money has been paid to each?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$5,000,000; (b) \$258,527.39; (c) two research projects, \$2,123.41 and \$651.72; and (d) two persons, \$17,639.14 and \$4,802.87."

31 Mr. Bennett asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

With respect to the Provincial Home-owner Grant, what was the aggregate of grants paid to each municipality by the Provincial Government in 1973?

The Hon. David Barrett stated that, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House, and thereupon presented such Return.

34 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With respect to the projected budget made to cover the first year of operations of the automobile insurance plan of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia—

1. What is the estimated revenue from (a) sales of insurance, (b) the proceeds or a part of the proceeds of charges or surcharges for driver's licences, (c) the proceeds or a part of the proceeds from vehicle registration fees, (d) transfer from the Consolidated Revenue or any department or agency of the Provincial Government in the form of (i) advances, (ii) loans, (iii) investments, or (iv) subsidies?
2. What is estimated expenditure on (a) claims made in respect of automobile insurance policies issued by the ICBC, (b) administrative and operating expenses, and (c) transfers to the Consolidated Revenue or to any department or agency of the Provincial Government?

The Hon. R. M. Strachan replied as follows:

"1. The Board of Directors has not yet approved the budget for the first year of operations of the Automobile Insurance Plan.

"2. As above."

36 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to the acquisition of shares of (a) the Bank of British Columbia, (b) B.C. Tel., and (c) Westcoast Transmission by or on behalf of the Government of the Province or any of its departments, agencies, or enterprises—

1. At the most recent date for which information is available, how many shares of each company had been acquired?

2. How much money had been spent in acquiring the shares mentioned in No. 1?

3. What average price per share was paid for the shares of each company?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. March 1, 1974, (a) Bank of British Columbia common, 51,055 shares; (b) B.C. Telephone common, 99,330 shares; and (c) Westcoast Transmission common, 1,157,125 shares.

"2. (a) Bank of British Columbia common, \$1,142,737.88, excluding commission; (b) B.C. Telephone common, \$5,140,505.04, excluding commission; and (c) Westcoast Transmission common, \$25,051,756.25, excluding commission.

"3. (a) Bank of British Columbia common, \$22.38; (b) B.C. Telephone common, \$51.75; and (c) Westcoast Transmission common, \$21.65."

39 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With respect to aircraft operated by or on behalf of the Provincial Government—

1. How many and what type of aircraft are (a) owned, (b) leased, or (c) operated by the Provincial Government?

2. How many persons are engaged in (a) flying and operating, (b) servicing and maintaining, and (c) supervising and administering the operations of such aircraft?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. (a) Department of Transport and Communications owns seven; two Cessna Citations, one Beechcraft Turbo-prop, two Beechcraft D18's, one DeHavilland Beaver, one DeHavilland Otter (two Beechcraft Super King Air 200's are on order). Department of Education at British Columbia vocational school owns eight; three Harvard Mk II, one Piasecki Hup III Helicopter, one CF100 Mk IIID, one Cessna 180, one Cessna 172, one Beechcraft D18; (b) Department of Recreation and Conservation leases one Cessna 185; and (c) seven owned by Department of Transport and Communications and one leased by Department of Recreation and Conservation.

"2. (a) Fifteen, including Conservation Officer of Department of Recreation and Conservation; (b) eleven; (c) three, plus one part-time, Department of Transport and Communications aircraft only."

47 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Was one, Robert V. Adams, appointed as Senior Executive, Administration, by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, is Mr. Adams still employed by the Corporation?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is no, what was (a) the total salary paid to Mr. Adams during his term of employment and (b) what was the severance pay allowed to him, if any, upon leaving the Corporation?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. (a) April 16, 1973, to October 19, 1973, \$17,971.11 (gross) and (b) his contract was left in force which will result in \$2,916.67 per month and terminates April 19, 1975."

50 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. With respect to any pension funds under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Finance, what are the shareholdings, if any, in each pension account up to January 31, 1974?

2. For what price was each share held purchased?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Province of British Columbia Public Service Superannuation Fund: (a) Bank of British Columbia common, 51,055 shares; (b) B.C. Telephone common, 85,330 shares; (c) Canadian Pacific common, 1,200 shares; (d) Imperial Oil common, 300 shares; (e) International Nickel common, 450 shares; and (f) United Accumulative Fund, 36 shares.

"2. (a) Bank of British Columbia common, *see* Schedule A; (b) B.C. Telephone common, *see* Schedule B; (c) Canadian Pacific common, \$16.50; (d) Imperial Oil common, \$42.37; (e) International Nickel common, \$31.87; and (f) United Accumulative Fund, \$5.12."

"Schedule A—Bank of B.C. Shares

Date Purchased 1968	Number of Shares	Price \$	Date Purchased	Number of Shares	Price \$
April 10	150	22.00	September 18	115	22.75
April 16	100	22.00	September 23	2	23.00
April 16	200	22.50	October 9	100	22.50
April 26	200	22.25	October 11	100	22.50
April 28	500	22.50	October 11	100	22.50
April 30	200	23.00	November 5	100	22.50
May 2	200	23.00	November 12	100	22.50
May 3	500	23.00	November 29	100	22.50
May 6	300	23.00	December 4	100	22.50
May 8	100	23.00	December 10	300	22.50
May 13	200	23.00			
May 14	700	23.00	1969		
May 22	200	22.50	February 21	600	21.50
May 23	200	22.50	February 24	100	21.50
May 30	100	22.50	February 24	100	21.50
July 26	100	23.50	February 25	200	21.50
July 26	100	23.50	March 5	100	20.75
July 26	1,000	24.00	March 7	200	20.75
September 3	100	22.75	March 13	200	20.75
August 28	10,000	24.58	March 18	100	20.75
September 5	17	22.75	March 24	300	20.75
September 5	5	23.00	April 8	100	20.75
September 9	104	23.00	April 3	100	20.25
September 9	100	22.75	April 7	200	20.25
September 9	75	22.625	April 8	700	20.25
September 16	50	22.75	April 21	200	20.00
September 16	32	22.625	April 22	100	20.00
September 16	400	23.00	April 23	400	20.00

Date Purchased 1969	Number of Shares	Price \$	Date Purchased 1970	Number of Shares	Price \$
April 24	100	20.00	June 15	400	18.50
April 25	100	20.25	June 19	200	18.50
May 2	100	20.25	June 30	100	18.50
May 20	12	20.00	July 27	100	18.50
May 22	100	20.25	July 29	100	18.50
May 22	300	20.25	August 13	200	18.50
May 26	100	20.25	August 14	100	18.50
May 27	100	20.25	August 17	100	18.50
May 29	200	20.25	August 31	100	18.50
June 20	100	20.25	September 14	100	18.50
June 23	100	20.25	September 15	200	18.50
July 15	88	20.25	September 21	300	18.25
August 20	200	20.00	September 28	400	18.25
September 24	100	20.00	October 7	100	18.25
October 6	40	20.00	November 26	500	18.25
October 7	50	20.00			
October 7	40	19.75	1971		
October 9	20	20.00	January 21	100	18.75
October 9	20	20.00	January 29	400	19.00
October 9	40	20.00	March 24	500	19.00
October 9	20	20.00	April 15	400	19.00
October 10	100	20.00	April 15	100	18.875
October 10	5	19.75	April 16	500	19.00
October 10	400	20.00	May 11	200	18.75
October 20	100	20.25	May 13	100	18.75
October 20	65	20.25	May 17	100	18.75
October 20	200	20.25			
November 18	350	20.00	1973		
November 19	100	20.00	August 3	4,000	25.00
November 20	100	20.00	August 16	75	25.00
November 21	200	20.00	August 16	1,000	25.00
November 24	100	20.00	August 23	287	24.50
November 26	200	20.00	August 24	110	25.00
November 27	1,000	20.00	August 27	73	25.00
			August 27	100	24.50
1970			August 27	425	24.75
January 12	800	19.00	August 28	50	24.50
January 23	100	19.75	September 4	100	24.875
January 23	100	19.75	September 5	204	24.50
January 28	800	19.75	September 6	205	24.50
January 30	200	19.75	September 13	12	24.875
February 5	400	19.75	September 14	15	24.875
February 5	100	19.75	September 17	100	24.875
February 9	100	19.75	September 19	100	24.875
February 17	100	19.75	September 20	100	24.875
February 26	200	19.75	September 24	100	24.875
March 2	100	19.75	October 15	125	25.00
March 4	100	19.75	October 17	25	25.00
March 6	100	19.75	October 19	250	25.00
March 11	200	20.00	October 24	99	25.00
March 18	200	19.75	October 25	395	25.00
March 24	800	19.875	October 26	25	25.00
April 27	100	19.75	October 29	20	25.00
April 28	100	19.75	October 30	16	25.00
May 6	200	19.75	October 31	70	25.00
May 8	600	19.50	November 1	59	25.00
May 15	100	19.00	November 2	62	25.00
May 20	50	18.75	November 5	25	25.00
May 26	250	19.00	November 5	54	25.00
June 8	1,000	18.50	November 6	25	25.00
June 10	300	18.50	November 7	24	25.00

Date Purchased 1973	Number of Shares	Price \$	Date Purchased 1973	Number of Shares	Price \$
November 6	100	53.50	December 12	625	52.50
November 8	125	53.50	December 12	175	52.50
November 9	125	53.25	December 12	4,000	52.00
November 15	75	53.25	December 13	425	51.50
November 15	210	53.50	December 14	150	51.50
November 20	100	53.25	December 17	450	51.50
November 22	3,850	53.25	December 18	475	51.50
November 23	100	53.00	December 18	3,500	50.25
November 27	250	53.00	December 19	1,500	50.00
November 28	200	52.875	December 20	2,000	49.875
November 28	150	53.00	December 20	1,000	49.875
November 28	25	52.75	December 21	535	49.625
November 29	760	53.00			
December 3	150	53.00	1974		
December 4	850	53.00	January 8	200	49.25
December 4	50	52.75	January 8	200	49.50
December 5	200	52.75	January 10	6,000	49.50
December 6	50	52.75	January 11	2,000	49.25
December 6	200	52.875	January 22	200	49.25
December 6	225	53.00	January 25	1,100	50.50
December 7	900	52.50	January 30	450	53.00
December 10	75	52.50	Total	85,330	

51 Mr. Bennett asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

What, if any, have been the total interest payments on loans authorized for the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia received from the Corporation up until January 31, 1974?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

“\$77,493.83.”

52 Mr. Bennett asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. What is the total number of Special Warrants authorized by Order in Council between November 7, 1973, and January 31, 1974?

2. What is the total expenditure authorized by Special Warrant between November 7, 1973, and January 31, 1974?

3. For what purpose and in what amount was each Special Warrant authorized between November 7, 1973, and January 31, 1974?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

“Details of the Special Warrants authorized by Order in Council between November 7, 1973, and January 31, 1974, are reported on pages P17 to P20 in the Report of the Comptroller-General 1973/74 pursuant to the provisions of the *Audit Act*, chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1960, *Interim Financial Statements for the Nine Months Ended December 31, 1973* tabled in the House on February 11, 1974.”

58 Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With regard to the furnishing of the offices of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia—

1. Were competitive bids sought before purchase of the furnishings?

2. What is the cost of these furnishings to date or the latest date for which figures are available?

3. What further costs will be incurred for furnishings?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes, with the exception of an initial quantity of rented furnishings which were subsequently purchased.

"2. Cost of furnishings to February 5, 1974, \$508,904.

"3. The estimated cost of further furnishings to December 31, 1974, \$862,000.

"(The above figures are estimated furnishing costs for all ICBC offices, claims centres, warehouses, etc.)"

73 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With respect to Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Claims Centres—

1. (a) Upon what sites have clinics been completed and (b) what is the actual cost of each completed claims centre?

2. (a) Upon what sites are claims centres under construction and (b) what is (i) the estimated cost and (ii) the estimated completion date of claims centres under construction?

3. (a) Upon what sites does ICBC intend to construct claims centres and (b) what is (i) the estimated cost, (ii) the estimated date of starting construction, and (iii) the estimated completion date of each prospective claims centre?

4. (a) What completed, constructing, and prospective claims centres are located on (i) Crown land and (ii) purchased land and (b) what was the cost of obtaining land for each completed, constructing, and prospective claims centre?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. (a) None; (b) not applicable.

"2. (a) and (b):

	(i) \$	(ii)
North Vancouver (east).....	749,942	May 1974
Vancouver (Kootenay and Charles).....	1,262,821	May 1974
Vancouver (West Broadway).....	1,140,566	May 1974
Burnaby.....	1,318,173	June 1974
Vancouver (Kingsway).....	1,252,305	Apr. 1974
Vancouver (Southwest Marine Drive).....	1,318,043	May 1974
New Westminster.....	1,085,659	Apr. 1974
Coquitlam.....	1,113,718	May 1974
Matsqui.....	744,390	May 1974
Nanaimo.....	950,827	Apr. 1974
Trail.....	830,647	Apr. 1974
Kamloops.....	826,994	Apr. 1974
Kelowna.....	885,606	Apr. 1974
Prince George.....	895,124	Apr. 1974

"3. It is the intention to complete those as listed under No. 2 (a) and (b) above, plus:

(a)	(i)	(b) (ii)	(iii)
North Vancouver (west).....	\$1,076,647	Mar. 1974	Sept. 1974
Vancouver (1150 Raymur Street).....	500,000	May 1974	July 1974
Richmond.....	812,468	Apr. 1974	Oct. 1974

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Ladner.....	807,798	Apr. 1974	Sept. 1974
Surrey.....	1,138,604	Apr. 1974	Dec. 1974
Haney.....	Not yet developed	-----	-----
Langley.....	Not yet developed	-----	-----
Chilliwack.....	Not yet developed	-----	-----
Victoria.....	\$1,049,114	June 1974	Mar. 1975
Vernon.....	Not yet developed	-----	-----

"4. Completed claims centres, *nil* for all categories. Constructing claims centres, as follows:

Location	Crown Land (Cost)	Purchased Land (Cost)
North Vancouver (east).....	-----	Yes (\$323,350)
Vancouver (Kootenay and Charles).....	-----	Yes (\$527,355)
Vancouver (West Broadway).....	-----	Yes (\$775,000)
Burnaby.....	Yes, to be determined	-----
Vancouver (Kingsway).....	-----	Yes (\$680,000)
Vancouver (Southwest Marine Drive).....	Yes, to be determined	-----
New Westminster.....	-----	Yes (\$391,020)
Coquitlam.....	Yes (partial) to be determined	Yes (remainder, \$540,000)
Matsqui.....	-----	Yes (\$123,750)
Nanaimo.....	Yes, to be determined	-----
Trail.....	-----	Yes (\$152,500)
Kamloops.....	-----	Yes (\$370,000)
Kelowna.....	-----	Yes (\$284,700)
Prince George.....	Yes, to be determined	-----

"Prospective claims centres, as follows:

Location	Crown Land (Cost)	Purchased Land (Cost)
North Vancouver (west).....	-----	Yes (\$1,386,000)
Vancouver (1150 Raymur Street).....	-----	Yes (\$800,000)
Richmond.....	-----	Yes (\$550,000)
Ladner.....	-----	Yes (\$366,000)
Surrey.....	-----	Not completed
Haney.....	-----	Yes (\$394,000)
Langley.....	-----	Yes (\$312,500)
Chilliwack.....	-----	Yes (\$70,200)
Victoria.....	-----	Yes (\$925,500)
Vernon.....	-----	Yes (\$140,000)"

75 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Has the Provincial Government purchased shares of Westcoast Transmission Company Limited on the open market?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, was a brokerage commission paid?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, (a) what was the amount of the commission paid, (b) to what firm or individual was the commission paid, and (c) was the commission paid a negotiated arrangement?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. (a) \$404,993.75, (b) Wisener and Partners Company Limited, and (c) yes."

78 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With respect to the provision of automobile insurance premium rebates—

1. Has a formula been developed by which such rebates will be calculated?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, then (a) what is the formula, (b) in what manner, if any, does the formula vary when applied (i) to different classes of drivers or (ii) to different classes of vehicles, and (c) in what way, if any, is the premium paid in the most recent insurance period preceding March 1, 1974, reflected in the formula?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) To be eligible for a refund: The same vehicle must have been insured under Autoplan by the same owner in the same insurance territory and for the same or less expensive use as for a 12-month continuous period between August 1, 1972, and March 1, 1974, inclusive.

“Where the insured is eligible for a refund: If the insurance coverage is identical, then the 12 months cost of the previous insurance is compared to the 1974 ICBC premium plus \$10 (for the minimum annual driver's premium); where the 1974 premium is higher, the difference will be refunded by cheque.

“Where the coverage is not identical, then the premium paid previously is adjusted to the premium that would have been paid previously for the same coverage as purchased under Autoplan; the refund will be calculated using the adjusted previous premium compared to the actual 1974 premium as above.

“(b) (i) Not applicable and (ii) where a vehicle is eligible, the formula will be applied uniformly to all classes of vehicles.

“(c) If more than one policy is used to evidence the 12-month continuous coverage prior to March 1, 1974, then the applicant may select any policy issued after July 31, 1972, which will be pro-rated to an annual basis for comparison purposes.”

86 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

1. What are the total out-of-Province expenses incurred to date by Members of the Executive Council while travelling in their official capacities as representatives of the Government of British Columbia?

2. What part of the total in No. 1 was incurred individually by each Member of the Executive Council?

3. What is the total out-of-Province expenses incurred to date by the Hon. the Speaker while travelling in his official capacity?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1, 2, and 3. As is normal practice, travel expenses for the Members of the Executive Council and the Hon. the Speaker will be available in the Public Accounts of the Province.”

89 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions: With regard to the Power and Telephone Line Beautification Fund—

1. Have any grants been made since March 1, 1973?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many grants have been made?

3. What has been the amount of each individual grant, and to which community, incorporated area, or regional district?

4. Are any commitments for payment from this Fund outstanding?

5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, what are the commitments in dollars, and to which communities, incorporated areas, or regional districts?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Two.

"3. City of Dawson Creek, \$17,558; City of Kamloops, \$9,855.

"4. Yes.

"5. District of North Vancouver, \$13,350; District of North Vancouver, \$15,330; District of North Vancouver, \$129,193; District of North Vancouver, \$1,935; City of Prince Rupert, \$4,930; City of Vancouver, \$13,933; City of Vancouver, \$127,200; City of Victoria, \$6,700; City of Victoria, \$998,000; Town of Fort St. John, \$22,600; Town of Fort St. John, \$3,544; District of Kitimat, \$3,632; District of Kitimat, \$74,000; District of Maple Ridge, \$38,666.67; Village of 100 Mile House, \$13,110; City of White Rock, \$155,043; City of Kamloops, \$10,652."

93 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Has the Province instructed any of the pension funds it controls to purchase the shares of B.C. Telephone, Westcoast Transmission, the Bank of British Columbia, or any other company in preference to the securities of municipalities or other public bodies?

2. What investment policy guidelines are observed by the pension funds and (a) who sets such guidelines and (b) how explicit are they?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. Set by statute. (a) The Legislature and (b) detailed in statute."

94 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

1. Has one, Bruno Gerussi, been employed with respect to any advertising authorized on behalf of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the amount payable for Mr. Gerussi's services?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. \$7,000."

110 Mr. *Chabot* asked the Hon. the Premier, as President of the Council, the following question:

What is the total employment under the following designations as of January 31, 1974: (a) Public Service employees, (b) B.C. Railway employees, (c) B.C. Hydro employees, (d) Insurance Corporation of British Columbia employees, (e) Petroleum Corporation of British Columbia employees, (f) Ocean Falls Corporation employees, (g) Canadian Cellulose employees, (h) Plateau Mills employees, (i) B.C. Harbours Board employees, and (j) Workmen's Compensation Board employees?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“(a) Public Service, 33,768; (b) British Columbia Railway Company, 2,628; (c) British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, 8,816 regular, 1,030 temporary; (d) Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, 990 regular, 138 temporary; (e) British Columbia Petroleum Corporation, 4; (f) Ocean Falls Corporation, 325; (g) British Columbia Cellulose Company, 2,848; (h) Plateau Mills, 300; (i) B.C. Harbours Board, 3; and (j) Workmen’s Compensation Board, 938.”

117 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Have any grants been authorized under the B.C. Cultural Fund between August 31, 1972, and January 30, 1974?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) to what person or groups was each grant authorized and (b) what was the amount of grants authorized in each case?

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

119 Mr. *Gardom* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

For the period from November 1, 1972, to October 31, 1973, (a) in what capacity in addition to that of M.L.A. did any member of the Legislature serve in matters related to the Government of British Columbia and its related bodies and (b) what remuneration or expenses, if any, was received by each such person in each such capacity?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“(a) Member of Cabinet, Standing Committees of the House, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, British Columbia Cellulose Company, British Columbia Railway Company, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, Development Corporation of British Columbia, and (b) remuneration *nil* other than that as laid out in the *Constitution Act* and normal travelling expenses.”

135 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

With respect to the ownership of agricultural land in British Columbia—

1. Has the Provincial Government commissioned or undertaken any studies of (a) Provincial ownership of agricultural land, (b) acquisition by the Provincial Government of agricultural land, or (c) the leasing of Provincially owned land to farmers?

2. If the answer to any part of No. 1 is yes, (a) by whom was each study performed and (b) how many studies are (i) complete or (ii) yet to be completed?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1. (a), (b), and (c) No.

“2. (a) and (b) Not applicable.”

139 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With respect to Government ferry service between Campbell River and Quadra Island—

1. Were there difficulties regarding overtime operation of the vessel *Quadra Queen* earlier this winter?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, was the Minister attempting to meet passenger demands for increased service or "extra trips"?

3. Did ferry workers on the *Quadra Queen* comply with the Minister's request or instruction?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"1. Working of overtime in Government service, except in emergency situations, is not mandatory to any employees. Negotiations were entered into for scheduled overtime but have not yet been concluded satisfactorily to all parties.

"2. See No. 1.

"3. See No. 1."

144 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase of an interest in Fruit Growers' Mutual Insurance by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?
2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?
3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?
4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. September 11, 1973.

"2. *Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Act*.

"3. \$736,625.

"4. Not applicable."

145 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase of an interest in Ocean Falls Corporation by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?
2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?
3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?
4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. April 30, 1973.

"2. *Ocean Falls Corporation Appropriation Act*.

"3. \$4,789,952.06.

"4. Investment in Crown corporations: Ocean Falls Corporation, \$789,952.06; advances to Ocean Falls Corporation Account, \$4,000,000."

146 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase of an interest in Plateau Mills by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?
2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?

3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?

4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1. June 25, 1973.

“2. *British Columbia Cellulose Company Act*.

“3. \$7,416,250.

“4. Advances to British Columbia Cellulose Company Account.”

147 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase of an interest in Vancouver Island Coach Lines by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?

2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?

3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?

4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1. No financial commitment.

“2, 3, and 4. Not applicable.”

148 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase of an interest in Westcoast Transmission Company by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?

2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?

3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?

4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1. January 16, 1974.

“2. *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, chapter 341, as amended section 9, subsection (d).

“3. \$25,456,750.

“4. Non-budgetary expenditure (revenue surplus account).”

149 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase of an interest in the B.C. Telephone Company by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?

2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?

3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?

4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

- "1. August 1, 1973.
- "2. *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, chapter 57, section 13, subsection (d).
- "3. March 1, 1974, \$5,191,196.75 (including commission paid).
- "4. Public Service Superannuation Fund."

150 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase or offer to purchase of an interest in Dunhill Developments by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?
2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?
3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?
4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

- "1. January 24, 1974.
- "2. *Department of Housing Act*.
- "3. \$5,800,000.
- "4. Advance to Housing Fund."

151 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase or offer to purchase of an interest in Kootenay Forest Products Limited by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?
2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?
3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?
4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

- "1. February 20, 1974.
- "2. *British Columbia Cellulose Company Act*.
- "3. \$9,000,000.
- "4. Advances to British Columbia Cellulose Company Account."

152 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase of an interest in Pacific Poultry Producers Co-operative by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?
2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?
3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?
4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

- "1. The Provincial Government has made no financial commitment to purchase an interest in Pacific Poultry Producers Co-operative.
- "2, 3, and 4. Not applicable."

157 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the purchase of an interest in Can-Cel by the Provincial Government—

1. On what date was a financial commitment first made?
2. What was the legislative authority for the financial commitment?
3. How much money has been committed to this date by the Provincial Government for itself or on behalf of any of its Crown corporations or trust accounts?
4. To what legislative votes or accounts have these funds been charged?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1. June 29, 1973.

“2. *British Columbia Cellulose Company Act*.

“3. None. Government committed a guarantee of the payment of First Mortgage and Collateral Trust Bonds of Canadian Cellulose Company, Limited, totalling \$62,000,000 U.S.

“4. Not applicable.”

158 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following questions:

With respect to the use of Cessna Citation aircraft as air ambulances—

1. How many such aircraft are presently being operated by the Provincial Government?
2. Were they purchased on the basis of any objective, impartial, and technical analysis of their qualities as compared to other aircraft of roughly similar size, cost, or performance characteristics?
3. Has the Provincial Government received any complaints about the aircraft on the grounds of (a) safety, (b) cost, (c) dependability, and (d) medical suitability?
4. Is any re-evaluation of the role of the aircraft being contemplated and, if so, what is the target date for completion of the re-evaluation?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

“1. Two.

“2. Yes.

“3. (a), (b), (c) No, and (d) no specific complaint, but physical dimensions of aircraft restrict use of certain bulky medical support equipment.

“4. No.”

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

With respect to the advertisement entitled “1974 Budget Highlights” which appeared on or about February 20, 1974—

1. In how many newspapers did the advertisement appear?
2. What was the total cost to the Province of this advertisement?
3. How many copies of the 1974 Budget (a) have been printed and (b) at what cost, in anticipation of public response to the advertisement?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1. 130.

“2. \$27,544.42.

“3. A total of 25,000 copies of the 1974 Budget Speech were printed in anticipation of the over-all demand for this publication.”

163 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following question:

Has the Minister met with his Federal counterpart with a view to negotiated Federal financial assistance for B.C. Ferries and, if so, what is the amount of such assistance and, if not, when will the meeting be held?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"The matter of Federal financial assistance for British Columbia Ferries has been raised with the Federal Minister of Transport. A formal submission is being prepared and a further meeting is contemplated although no firm date has yet been set."

164 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Transport and Communications the following question:

Has the Provincial Government commissioned or undertaken any studies of the possible use of hydrofoils or hovercraft on any B.C. Ferry routes?

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* replied as follows:

"No specific studies, but development of these types of craft has been closely followed to determine their general feasibility for British Columbia Ferry operations."

And then the House adjourned at 6.04 p.m.

Monday, March 18, 1974

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 6) intituled *Crown Proceedings Act*, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 8, 1974

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 6, line 2: By striking out the words "execution or".

Section 6, marginal note: By striking out the words "execution or".

Section 13, subsection (1), line 1: By inserting after the word "Crown," the words "and proceedings in which the Crown is a party,".

By leave of the House, *Resolved*, That the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 6).

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

18 Mr. *Bennett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

With reference to the social assistance cost-sharing formula between the Government and the municipalities—

1. What was the total amount paid by the Government under this formula in the fiscal year 1972/73?

2. What was the total amount paid by the municipalities in the fiscal year 1972/73?

3. In the case of each individual municipality, what was the amount paid by (a) the Government and (b) the municipality?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

“1. 1972/73, \$106,878,035.87.

“2. 1972/73, \$18,726,000.20.

“3. See following table:

Municipality	(a) Amount Paid by the Government During the Fiscal Year 1972/73 \$	(b) Amount Paid by the Individual Municipalities in the Fiscal Year 1972/73 \$
Abbotsford.....	469,039.63	74,947.97
Armstrong.....	103,408.33	18,126.85
Brocklehurst.....	533,356.10	93,494.05
Burnaby.....	7,884,885.53	1,382,172.04
Campbell River.....	627,477.76	109,993.00
Castelgar.....	192,761.17	33,789.85
Central Saanich.....	322,272.58	56,492.40
Chilliwack City.....	573,200.93	100,478.61
Chilliwack District.....	1,490,322.43	261,244.37
Comox.....	249,736.15	43,777.21
Coquitlam.....	3,340,064.12	585,492.74
Courtenay.....	448,960.34	78,699.99
Cranbrook.....	752,973.31	131,991.60
Creston.....	201,043.87	35,241.76
Dawson Creek.....	745,757.32	130,726.68
Delta.....	2,877,613.01	504,427.90
Duncan.....	275,337.24	48,264.93
Enderby.....	72,661.92	12,737.19
Esquimalt.....	810,826.76	142,132.95

Municipality	(a) Amount Paid by the Government During the Fiscal Year 1972/73	(b) Amount Paid by the Individual Municipalities in the Fiscal Year 1972/73
	\$	\$
Fernie	277,470.67	48,638.90
Fort St. John	522,688.97	91,188.41
Golden	1,188,870.81	33,107.89
Grand Forks	199,098.69	34,900.78
Greenwood	54,465.07	9,547.39
Hope	197,843.74	34,680.79
Kamloops	1,641,983.80	287,829.68
Kelowna	1,218,059.83	213,518.41
Kimberley	479,455.76	84,045.65
Kinnaird	178,580.17	31,304.01
Kitimat	740,612.00	129,824.74
Ladysmith	230,535.33	40,411.43
Langley City	293,910.58	51,520.72
Langley District	1,376,435.21	241,280.64
Maple Ridge	1,535,814.57	269,218.87
Matsqui	1,477,961.12	259,077.51
Merritt	331,872.99	58,175.30
Mission	641,282.27	112,412.85
Nanaimo	937,953.76	164,417.54
Nelson	589,829.09	103,393.42
New Westminster	2,687,800.98	471,155.02
North Cowichan	763,640.43	133,861.48
North Saanich	225,954.74	39,608.48
North Vancouver City	1,998,328.42	350,294.71
North Vancouver District	3,630,649.07	636,430.50
Oak Bay	1,156,190.52	202,673.10
Penticton	1,138,621.14	199,593.50
Port Alberni	1,258,908.63	220,678.96
Port Coquitlam	1,227,346.50	215,146.31
Port Moody	676,295.53	118,550.46
Powell River	861,275.97	150,976.39
Prince George	2,081,908.46	364,235.07
Prince Rupert	988,089.23	173,205.98
Quesnel	392,675.58	68,783.34
Revelstoke	305,393.43	53,533.59
Richmond	3,897,954.59	683,287.52
Rossland	244,465.34	42,853.27
Saanich	4,081,115.35	715,394.47
Salmon Arm	488,993.42	85,717.54
Sidney	305,456.17	53,544.59
Smithers	242,457.41	42,501.30
Squamish	384,079.14	67,326.72
Summerland	348,312.90	61,057.11
Surrey	6,186,993.46	1,084,541.98
Terrace	626,913.03	109,894.01
Trail	699,574.95	122,631.20
Valleyview	237,625.83	41,654.35
Vancouver	26,746,616.01	4,688,517.42
Vernon	841,196.69	146,861.64
Victoria	3,875,365.39	679,327.77
West Vancouver	2,286,528.96	400,814.49
White Rock	649,376.73	113,831.76
Williams Lake	255,508.94	44,789.15
	<u>106,878,035.87</u>	<u>18,726,000.20</u>

"Includes amounts received in 1972/73 less estimated credit granted April 1973 for over-billings for 1972/73."

82 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following question:

What has been the total expenditure under the Mincome Programme to January 31, 1974?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

“Mincome, \$43,625,927; HPIA, \$20,810,362; total, \$64,436,289.”

And then the House adjourned at 11.03 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19, 1974

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. Culbertson*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 81) intituled *Farm Products Industry Improvement Amendment Act, 1974*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 19, 1974

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

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order “Public Bills and Orders.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Municipalities Aid Amendment Act, 1974*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—47

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	

NAYS—4

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>McGeer</i>
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Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19, 1974

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Real Property Tax Deferment Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 19, 1974*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. Klassen.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 82) intituled *Human Resources Facilities Development Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 19, 1974*

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 84) intituled *Community Resources Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 19, 1974

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 83) intituled *Lotteries Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 19, 1974

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

By leave of the House, Mr. *McGeer* presented a petition as follows:

*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
in Legislature Assembled:*

The petition of the undersigned, all of the City of Vancouver, humbly sheweth:

More than 11,000 residents of the Lower Mainland have signed a petition circulated by your petitioners to preserve the greatest part of the University Endowment Lands as a Lower Mainland regional park for the following reasons:

- (1) The University Endowment Lands will be of inestimable value as a regional park for the present and future generations of the Lower Mainland:
- (2) As the density of population in the Lower Mainland increases such a park will be desperately required within the reach of rapid transit to provide relief, rest, and recreation:
- (3) In the Lower Mainland the University Endowment Lands are the only substantially forested flatlands within such reach, and the lands contain unique ecological features which would be destroyed if the lands were broken up.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to recommend the necessary legislation to preserve substantially all of the undeveloped portion of the University Endowment Lands as a Lower Mainland regional park.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Dated the 20th day of March 1974.

A. LOW BEER
SARAH J. MCALPINE
ANTHONY H. TRIPP
JANET SUTHERLAND
KEITH PARFITT

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Eileen E. Dailly* (Minister of Education) tabled a pamphlet intituled *The Public School System Directions for Change*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Fraser* rose on a point of privilege relating to the Special Committee on Assessments and the introduction of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Real Property Tax Deferment Act*.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the point of privilege raised.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *David Barrett* (Premier) read a portion of a telegram from the Prime Minister of Canada and tabled the complete telegram and his reply thereto.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,184 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Consumer Services, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1975.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,089,244 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Consumer Services, General Administration, to 31st March 1975.

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

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

68 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:
With respect to the number of persons employed by the Provincial Government—

1. How many were employed as civil or public servants (a) on December 31, 1972, and (b) on December 31, 1973?

2. How many were employed but did not possess civil or public service status (a) on December 31, 1972, and (b) on December 31, 1973?

3. What are the names and positions of persons earning more than \$1,000 per month or \$12,000 per year appointed by Order in Council or otherwise employed pursuant to contracts having durations of at least 30 days?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. See Annual Report.

"2. (a) 1,345 (estimate comprising special and miscellaneous codes) and (b) 2,293 (estimate comprising special and miscellaneous codes).

"NOTE—Appointments under these codes include Ministers, Ministers' staff, staff of the Speaker's Office, staff of political parties, Order in Council appointments, Provincial Court Judges, and special assistance programmes. In 1973 there were approximately 350 persons employed under SP codes in special assistance programmes which were not in existence in December 1972. Persons paid out of the miscellaneous payroll include temporary instructors and markers in the Department of Education, homemakers in the Department of Human Resources (and other temporary or casual persons paid out of project funds).

"3. Question not explicit as to date."

129 Mr. *D. A. Anderson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Do Public Service application forms require women to specify marital status?
2. How many males have been hired during the past 12 months as (a) Stenographer 1 and (b) Clerk 1?
3. How many females have been hired during the past 12 months as (a) Stenographer 1 and (b) Clerk 1?
4. How many women are employed in the British Columbia Public Service?
5. What is the percentage of women in the British Columbia Public Service?
6. How many women in the Public Service earn more than \$10,000?
7. (a) What percentage of public servants earning over \$10,000 are women, (b) what percentage of public servants earning over \$15,000 are women, (c) what percentage of public servants earning over \$20,000 are women, (d) what percentage of public servants earning over \$25,000 are women, (e) what percentage of public servants earning over \$30,000 are women, and (f) what percentage of public servants earning over \$40,000 are women?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2. (a) None (no males applied) and (b) 135.
- "3. (a) 108 and (b) 537.
- "4. 11,500.
- "5. 33.5 per cent.
- "6. 1,375.
- "7. (a) 17.3 per cent, (b) 6.7 per cent, (c) 5.6 per cent, (d) 8.2 per cent, (e) 7.2 per cent, and (f) *nil*.

"NOTE—Answers to Nos. 2 and 3 are based on the 12-month period ended February 28, 1974. Nos. 4 to 7 are from the last available computer data which were produced in October 1973."

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, March 21, 1974

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. A. McLaren*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. A. Williams* (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources) presented the following:

Report of D. B. Turner, P.Ag., on The Eden Fire, Salmon Arm, B.C., September 1973, volumes 1 and 2.

Report of the Forest Service Review Board on The Eden Fire.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members,—The question was raised yesterday by the Hon. Member for Cariboo (Mr. Fraser) as a question of privilege involving the fact that a Message Bill, *Real Property Tax Deferment Act*, had been put on the Order Paper at a time when a Committee is presently, under its terms of reference, working on the subject of the review of assessment procedures, with particular emphasis on making recommendations to the House respecting new assessment legislation, and in the process the Committee is to deliberate and examine existing legislation that bears upon the assessment function at the Provincial and municipal levels.

First of all I would like to indicate that one can find no instance in the books of authority that deals with this question as a breach of privilege. Consequently, since it is a standard rule so far as Parliament is concerned that we have not created new forms of privilege or new breaches of privilege in so far as they are manufactured out of the proceedings and events of the House, it follows that we have to be bound by the precedents that we already have.

In the circumstances I should point out to the honourable members that if there were a conflict the House has its powers to resolve it by several means. To give an illustration, the House could discharge the Committee, change its terms of reference, or indeed commit the Bill at a certain stage to that Committee.

Consequently, the House is always master of its own procedures, and therefore it would not constitute a breach of privilege in any event. But added to that is the additional factor that Bills take precedence over all other forms of business because

it is a question of legislation, which is urgent, generally, and is so declared by the House when it commences its business.

So consequently I cannot see that the point would be well taken that we could deal with this as a breach of privilege.

G. H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

Pursuant to Standing Order 73 (6), E. G. MacMinn, Deputy Clerk, read the following Report:

REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
March 21, 1974

IN THE MATTER OF

The petition of A. Low Beer, Sarah J. McAlpine, Anthony H. Tripp, Janet Sutherland, and Keith Parfitt, dated and presented to the House on the 20th day of March 1974:

While the Standing Orders of the House place no restriction on the right to petition the House on any subject that is not in violation of its Rules or the practice of Parliament, the said petition is irregular in that if the prayer of the said petitioners were to be implemented, such implementation would involve the disposition of Crown lands and the expenditure of public funds, each of which matters require the prior consent of the Crown. *See* Speakers' Decisions, volume 1, page 112; Beauchesne, 4th edition, page 261.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. M. HORNE, *Clerk of the House*

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* (Minister of Health) presented the One Hundredth Annual Report of the Mental Health Branch for the year 1973.

171 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

1. Has the Government leased a warehouse at 8050 King George Highway, Surrey?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) for what purpose or purposes are the premises leased and (b) what are the terms and conditions of the lease?

The Hon. *W. L. Hartley* replied as follows:

"1 and 2. The Department of Public Works has not leased this property."

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, March 21, 1974

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Friday, March 22, 1974

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. G. Patterson*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald* (Attorney-General) presented the following:

Sixty-second Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the year ended December 31, 1972.

Second Report of the Royal Commission on Family and Children's Law.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary) made a statement relating to the investment of Municipal Superannuation Funds in Municipal Finance Authority bonds.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 1.30 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 12.27 p.m.

Friday, March 22, 1974

HALF-PAST ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$77,408 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1975.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,962,616 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Administration, to 31st March 1975.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$654,334 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Education Media Centre, to 31st March 1975.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$801,464 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence School, to 31st March 1975.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,140,308 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Curriculum Resources Branch, to 31st March 1975.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,595,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Jericho Hill School, to 31st March 1975.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$193,082,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Post-secondary Education and Training, to 31st March 1975.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$331,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants to School Districts, to 31st March 1975.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,800,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Superannuation Fund, to 31st March 1975.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$325,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Night School Grants and Training Programmes, to 31st March 1975.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Development Research and Evaluation, to 31st March 1975.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Advances *re* Rural School Taxes, to 31st March 1975.

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

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

“That the salary of the Hon. the Minister of Education as provided for in Vote 39 be reduced by \$1.”

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. M. Strachan*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended and the division be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—13

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>McClelland</i>			

NAYS—27

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of Vote 46 the Committee divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *D. A. Anderson*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on Vote 46 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—31

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Phillips</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	

NAYS—3

<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>McGeer</i>
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Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

The Hon. *R. M. Strachan* (Minister of Transport and Communications) rose on a point of order requesting that the honourable 1st member for Vancouver-Point Grey table an official document from which he had quoted in Committee of Supply.

Upon the question being put to the House, leave to table was not granted.

And then the House adjourned at 8.07 p.m.