

## Monday, May 17, 1976

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *C. R. McKnight*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, Bill (No. 43) intituled *Restriction of the Use of Spring Traps Act, 1976* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN L. FARRIS  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Guaranteed Available Income for Need Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 13, 1976*

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

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Agriculture) tabled the 1975 Annual Report of Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries and World Disaster Areas Fund.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement relating to a meeting on Tuesday, May 18, with Governors of the States of Alaska, Oregon, and Washington.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) made a statement relating to the detention of juveniles at Haney Correctional Centre.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 18, 1976**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Joseph Jackson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Gibson* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, new evidence of hardships which have arisen as a result of the current hospital strike.

Mr. Speaker stated that urgency within the meaning of Standing Order 35 does not apply to the matter itself but rather to the urgency of debate. He further stated the Minister of Health had advised the House that he had been closely monitoring the situation, in close liaison with the Department of Labour.

Mr. Speaker further drew the members' attention to the 17th edition of Sir *Erskine May* at page 365 and observed that a motion under Standing Order 35 is not acceptable when facts are in dispute.

Quoting from the same authority, Mr. Speaker stated that the fact that new information has been recently received regarding a matter which has been continuing for some time, does not, in itself, make the matter one of urgency.

Based on the above authorities, Mr. Speaker stated the honourable member's motion, in his opinion, did not satisfy the requirements of Standing Order 35.

Mr. *Gibson* stated he wished to appeal the Speaker's decision. Mr. Speaker stated that as his decision was based on an opinion, it was not subject to appeal and quoted *Beauchesne*, 4th edition, at page 90.

Mr. *Gibson* appealed the Speaker's ruling that his opinion was not subject to appeal.

Ruling sustained on the following division:

YEAS—28

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>

NAYS—18

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

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 \$126,940 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1977.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,922,992 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Departmental Administration and Support Services, to 31st March 1977.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$523,492,978 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Basic Education K-XII Program, to 31st March 1977.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$171,973,112 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Post-secondary Education—Universities, to 31st March 1977.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$106,623,567 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Post-secondary Education—Community Colleges and Others, to 31st March 1977.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,584,747 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Student Aid Programs, to 31st March 1977.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Pension Fund, to 31st March 1977.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$119,972 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Metric Conversion, to 31st March 1977.

47. *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 1977.

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

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement relating to a meeting today with Governors of the States of Alaska, Oregon, and Washington.

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

By leave, the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* (Minister of Human Resources) made a statement relating to a newspaper article today on Mincome benefits.

And then the House adjourned at 6.09 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 18, 1976**

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EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement relating to the increase in oil prices announced by the Federal Government today.

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 in the course of debate of Vote 48, the Member for Prince Rupert accused the Minister of Environment of deliberately misleading the House. He further reported that the Member for Prince Rupert refused to withdraw the offensive words when requested to do so by the Chair.

Mr. Speaker, upon completion of the report, asked the Member for Prince Rupert to withdraw the offensive words. Upon the member refusing Mr. Speaker's request, the Speaker ordered the member to withdraw the offensive words. Upon the member again refusing to withdraw the words complained of, Mr. Speaker stated that refusal to obey the direction of the Chair constituted gross disorder and accordingly, under Standing Order 20, he had no alternative other than to order the Member for Prince Rupert to withdraw from the Chamber for the remainder of the sitting.

The Member for Prince Rupert withdrew from the Chamber.

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

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, the Order for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Public Works Fair Employment Act Repeal Act* was discharged.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

And then the House adjourned at 11.03 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19, 1976

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Alex Shook*.

The Hon. *Jack Davis* (Minister of Transport and Communications) tabled a reply to a question asked by the Member for North Vancouver-Capilano on May 11, relating to proposed transfer of certain operations of Pacific Western Airlines Ltd. to Alberta.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the Report of the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia on Extra-Judicial Use of Sworn Statements.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$114,053 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Minister's Office to 31st March 1977.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,064,489 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, General Administration, to 31st March 1977.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,993,166 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Land Management Branch, to 31st March 1977.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,773,413 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Surveys and Mapping, to 31st March 1977.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, *University Endowment Lands Administration Act*, to 31st March 1977.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$265,522 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, University Endowment Lands Golf Course, to 31st March 1977.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,351,840 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Water Resource Administration, to 31st March 1977.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,792 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Dykes Maintenance, to 31st March 1977.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Planning and Development, to 31st March 1977.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,433,024 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Waste Management, to 31st March 1977.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,546,770 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Environmental Laboratory, to 31st March 1977.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,768,020 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Environment and Land Use Committee Secretariat, to 31st March 1977.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$608,580 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Environment, Provincial Land Commission, to 31st March 1977.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

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**Thursday, May 20, 1976**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. E. F. Moulden*.

By leave, Mr. *Wallace* rose on a matter of privilege with respect to the publication of statements of Government policy in a Government-sponsored magazine prior to the introduction of the legislation relating thereto.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his decision on the matter raised.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) advised the House that an Order in Council had been passed today, pursuant to section 73 of the *Labour Code of British Columbia*, establishing a 21-day cooling-off period in the labour dispute affecting a number of hospitals in the Province.

Mr. *King* made a statement relating to the same matter and tabled a copy of a telex message sent by him to the Minister of Labour, the Minister of Health, and the parties to the subject dispute.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Provincial Home-owner Grant Amendment Act, 1976* a debate arose.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—41

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>
<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Kerster</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kempf</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Levi</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Loewen</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. 8) intituled *Revenue Amendment Act, 1976* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. King, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement relating to a meeting on Wednesday, May 26, with members of the Yukon Legislative Council, to discuss the Alaska Highway pipeline proposal and other areas of mutual concern.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.06 p.m.

## Thursday, May 20, 1976

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Revenue Amendment Act, 1976*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—26

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		

## NAYS—12

*Barber*  
*Brown*  
*Lockstead*

*D'Arcy*  
*Skelly*  
*Sanford*

*Levi*  
*Nicolson*  
*Lea*

*Cocke*  
*Stupich*  
*King*

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.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

## (IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

Mr. *Mussallem* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

## REPORT NO. 1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
MAY 20, 1976

MR. SPEAKER,

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

That the Standing Orders have been complied with relating to the respective petitions for leave to introduce the following Private Bills:

*The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster Incorporation Act.*

*British Columbia Association of Colleges Incorporation Act.*

*Vancouver Stock Exchange Act Amendment Act, 1976.*

Your Committee recommends that the respective petitioners be allowed to proceed with the said Bills.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE MUSSALLEM, *Chairman*

The report was read and received.

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

*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, May 21, 1976

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Harold Pendray*.

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) made a statement relating to the completion of the first Legislative Intern Program.

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* 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. 15) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
May 20, 1976*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Without the Committee rising, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) introduced His Excellency Haim Zadok, Minister of Justice of Israel, and Mrs. Zadok, accompanied by Simuel Ounot, Consul-General of Israel.

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

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* 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. 45) intituled *Auditor General Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
May 21, 1976*

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

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 25, 1976**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Joseph Ponti*.

Mr. Speaker advised the House of the death of Roy T. Cummings, Esq., a former member of the Legislature during the previous Parliament, and stated that he would convey to the family of the late Mr. Cummings the condolences and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Upon being advised of the recent death of Robert C. Steele, Esq., a former member of the House, Mr. Speaker stated he would convey an expression of sympathy to the late Mr. Steele's family on behalf of all the members of the Legislature.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Jack Davis* (Minister of Transport and Communications) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Transport and Communications for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1975.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the matter of privilege raised by the Member for Oak Bay on May 20, as follows:

*Honourable Members*,—On Thursday last the Honourable Member for Oak Bay raised as a matter of privilege the fact that the Government had, in the words of the honourable member, "revealed a very substantial amount of Government policy before the Bill was even introduced to the House." The Bill in question was the *Guaranteed Available Income for Need Act*, introduced in the House on May 17.

I will not review in detail what matters constitute a breach of privilege, according to the law of Parliament, as the subject has already been fully expounded by previous Speakers. I refer to the rulings of Mr. Speaker Murray, 1972 Journals at page 192, and Mr. Speaker Dowding, 1975 Journals at page 43, from which it will be seen that the matter raised does not fall within the ambit of privilege.

I also direct the honourable members' attention to the ruling of Mr. Speaker Dowding, 1973 Journals at page 15, where it was stated, and I quote, "The honourable member's complaint is that a member of the Government disclosed a proposed policy to the public before informing the House. No proceedings relating to this policy were in charge of the House or its committees. In examining the authorities no case can be found in the citations presented by the honourable member holding it to be an offence for the Government publicly to announce its intentions. Indeed this practice has been a common occurrence for many years and were it a breach of privilege some ruling must surely be recorded."

Accordingly, I find that no prima facie case of breach of privilege has been established.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

**43** Mr. *Gibson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

For the purpose of energy conservation—

1. Is special budgetary allowance made for surveys in energy consumption by the Government?

2. Has any effort been made to use Government purchasing power to effect better design in so far as energy conservation is concerned?

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

"1. Funds are provided the various departments through the regular departmental votes.

"2. The Government departments are very conscious of energy conservation when drafting specifications for purchases."

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

For the purpose of energy conservation, and general Government economy, has the Minister established guidelines concerning (a) the size and type of vehicles to be purchased, (b) the maximum speed at which Government-owned vehicles can be driven, (c) the type of vehicles that can be leased and rented by the Government, and (d) the lifetime cost of different types of Government-owned vehicles?

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

"(a) The size and type of vehicle is regulated in accordance with need by the departmental mechanical superintendents. Requests when received in the Purchasing Commission are monitored by the chief purchasing agent for proper justification and elimination of nonessential options or accessories. Where feasible, economy-type vehicles are obtained. (b) Highway posted speeds. (c) Same criteria as outlined in (a); and (d) Responsibility of departmental mechanical superintendents. The larger departments maintain centralized records, either by computer entry or by monthly report cards."

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

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**Tuesday, May 25, 1976**

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:

On the motion of Mr. *Chabot*, Bill (No. 52) intituled *Vancouver Stock Exchange Act Amendment Act, 1976*.

On the motion of Mr. *Strongman*, Bill (No. 50) intituled *The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster Incorporation 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.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Anti-Inflation Measures Act*.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 26, 1976**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Bishop *James A. Vance*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 51) intituled *British Columbia Association of Colleges Incorporation Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, 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:

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Interprovincial Subpœna Act*.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Interpretation Amendment Act, 1976*.

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)

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$101,052 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1977.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$409,490 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Deputy Minister's Office and Departmental Support Services, to 31st March 1977.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,507,805 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Community Health Programs, Department Executive and Administrative Support, to 31st March 1977.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,308,535 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Community Health Programs, Local Health Services, to 31st March 1977.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,592,562 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Community Health Programs, Special Health Services, to 31st March 1977.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,561,609 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Community Health Programs, Other Health Care Expenditures, to 31st March 1977.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,230 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Office of Deputy Minister of Medical and Hospital Programs, to 31st March 1977.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$553,184,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Hospital Programs, to 31st March 1977.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,026,269 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Government Institutions, to 31st March 1977.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,775,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Forensic Psychiatric Services, to 31st March 1977.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$192,525,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Medical Services Commission, to 31st March 1977.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,834,434 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health, Emergency Health Services, to 31st March 1977.

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

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Anti-Inflation Measures Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *D'Arcy* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the year ended December 31, 1975.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

## Thursday, May 27, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) made a statement relating to a press article today on the harassment of elderly citizens at Hedley.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Anti-Inflation Measures Act*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

### YEAS—26

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>		

### NAYS—15

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Lea</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. 45) intituled *Auditor General Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Chabot*, 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.

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

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## Thursday, May 27, 1976

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement relating to his meeting in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, on May 26, and by leave, tabled a copy Resolution passed today by the Yukon Legislative Assembly, conveying to the National Energy Board of Canada and the United States Federal Power Commission its desire that full consideration be given to an Alaska Highway route for transmission of natural gas from Alaska to British Columbia.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, Bill (No. 53) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act, 1976* was introduced, read a first time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Auditor General Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. H. McClelland* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *British Columbia Buildings Corporation Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Lauk*, on behalf of Mr. *Barnes*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1976* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Skelly*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

**Friday, May 28, 1976**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Brig. *Thomas Smith*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, Bill (No. 18) intituled *Extra-Provincial Custody Orders Enforcement Act* was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 49) intituled *Home Purchase Assistance Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 27, 1976*

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

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Auditor General Act*.

The debate continued.

Mrs. *Dailly* moved that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House. Motion negatived.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—37

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>
<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Levi</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Mussallem</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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.05 p.m.

## Monday, May 31, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Wallace* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the possibility of an imminent strike of employees of the B.C. Ferries.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *British Columbia Buildings Corporation Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

### YEAS—38

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Kerster</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>Kempf</i>
<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Levi</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>		

### NAYS—2

*Wallace, G. S.*      *Gibson*

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1976*.

The debate continued.

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

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

By leave, Mr. *Wallace* tabled documents relating to the dispute in the B.C. ferry system.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members*,—Subsequent to Oral Question period today, the Honourable Member for Oak Bay sought to move adjournment of the House on a matter of urgent public importance pursuant to Standing Order 35, namely, an imminent strike of the employees of B.C. Ferries, and I reserved my ruling on the matter.

I refer honourable members to an identical situation which occurred on February 15, 1968, which is recorded in the 1968 Journals of the House, at page 62. On that occasion Mr. Speaker quoted May's 17th edition, page 365, and pointed out that a motion under Standing Order 35 must not be offered when facts are in dispute or before they are available. He stated that while a strike vote may result in the interruption of the ferry service between the Mainland and Vancouver Island, the House had been advised that discussions were presently under way in this matter and, accordingly, he ruled that he would allow the motion to be postponed without prejudice.

Accordingly, I think it appropriate that I should similarly allow the motion to be postponed without prejudice to the member's right to renew the matter should a strike, in fact, occur.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

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**Tuesday, June 1, 1976**

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Bill Hale*.

By leave of the House, the Honourable Daniel J. Evans, Governor of the State of Washington, addressed the Assembly.

The Hon. *Jack Davis* 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. 54) intituled *Energy Amendment Act, 1976* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 1, 1976*

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

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, Bill (No. 13) intituled *Supreme Court Amendment Act, 1976* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Agriculture) tabled the Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1975.

The Hon. *Jack Davis* (Minister of Transport and Communications) tabled the British Columbia Energy Commission Report on Matters Concerning Gasoline Marketing in British Columbia.

The Hon. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Consumer Services) tabled the Annual Report of the Debtor Assistance Division of the Department of Consumer Services for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1975.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1976*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kahl</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Levi</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>			

NAYS—5

<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Skelly</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.

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. 19) intituled *Interprovincial Subpœna Act*.

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Extra-Provincial Custody Orders Enforcement Act*.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Interpretation Amendment Act, 1976*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 2, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. D. Ross*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

WALTER S. OWEN  
*Lieutenant-Governor*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 48) intituled *Ombudsman Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 2, 1976*

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

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Prospectors Assistance Amendment Act, 1976* a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—29

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Shelford</i>			

## NAYS—14

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</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.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Supreme Court Amendment Act, 1976* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Extra-Provincial Custody Orders Enforcement Act*.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Interprovincial Subpœna Act*.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Interpretation Amendment Act, 1976* was committed.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Revenue Amendment Act, 1976* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 2 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—40

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Fraser</i>

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 1 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—26

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

## NAYS—14

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Provincial Home-owner Grant Amendment Act, 1976* was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 23) intituled *British Columbia Buildings Corporation Act* was committed.

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

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Gibson's* proposed amendment to section 2 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—15

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	

## NAYS—24

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Fraser</i>

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Wallace's* proposed amendment to section 4, line 8, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—13

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>			

## NAYS—24

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Wallace's* proposed amendment to section 4 (2) (e) the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—13

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>			

## NAYS—24

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>

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

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

With regard to proposed changes in the catering facilities on the ferries—

1. From available statistics relating to those ferries which have dining-room facilities, by what percentage would dining-room meals have had to be increased in order to have the dining-room budget break even financially?

2. As of the date on which the Price Waterhouse report on the ferry system was received by the Minister, what was the total number of staff employed in the dining-room service?

3. What is the annual financial deficit incurred by the cafeteria service on the ferry system?

4. Of all the employees in the dining-rooms (a) how many have less than two years service, (b) how many are to be re-employed in the cafeteria service, and (c) how many cannot be re-employed in other positions within the ferry system?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

"1. Between 90 and 110 per cent on route 1 vessels—New York steak approximately \$16; between 195 and 210 per cent on route 2 vessels—New York steak approximately \$23.

"2. 210.

"3. Approximately \$4,000,000 on routes 1 and 2 vessels based on 1975/76 fiscal year-end estimates.

"4. (a) 73, (b) not known at this time until senior employees indicate alternative job preference, and (c) not known at this time until senior employees indicate alternative job preference."

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

With regard to free passes made available for families of British Columbia Ferries' employees—

1. How many employees' families have such passes made available to them?
2. Are the passes available to spouses and children of British Columbia Ferries' employees only?
3. If the answer to No. 2 is no, what is the relationship of other family members entitled to receive free passes?
4. What is the total number of passes made available to employees and family members?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

"1. As at April 1, 1976, 2,387 family pass books have been issued for 1976.

"2. Yes.

"3. Not applicable.

"4. As at May 1, 1976, 3,243 individual employee passes have been issued."

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

## Wednesday, June 2, 1976

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1976* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

### YEAS—19

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	

### NAYS—13

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Shelford</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>			

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act, 1976* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.



Bill (No. 45) intituled *Auditor General Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Anti-Inflation Measures Act* was committed.

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

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 1, as amended, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—23

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	

## NAYS—13

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>			

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Lauk's* proposed amendment to section 5 (b) the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—13

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>			

## NAYS—23

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.02 p.m.

**Thursday, June 3, 1976**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Wee Chong Tan*.

The Hon. *Jack Davis* 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. 24) intituled *British Columbia Ferry Corporation Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 26, 1976*

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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, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) made a statement relating to the appointment of Hugh Ladner as Industrial Inquiry Commissioner in the dispute between the Government Employees' Union of British Columbia and the British Columbia Ferries.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Supreme Court Amendment Act, 1976* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The committal of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Interpretation Amendment Act, 1976* was resumed. Bill committed, reported complete with amendments. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Prospectors Assistance Amendment Act, 1976* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The committal of Bill (No. 16) was resumed. Bill committed, reported complete with amendment.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of section 6 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

## YEAS—28

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Fraser</i>

## NAYS—15

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* that the Bill as reported be considered forthwith, leave was not granted.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, 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.

By leave, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) tabled the Report on the Impact of the Labour Dispute on the Learning Situation in School District No. 68 (Nanaimo).

By leave of the House, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) made a statement relating to difficulties in Nanaimo and Ladysmith with respect to municipalities and school districts.

And then the House adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

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**Thursday, June 3, 1976**

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

**Friday, June 4, 1976**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Ronald C. Nelson*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$636,598 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Executive Council to 31st March 1977.

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

The Committee further reported that during consideration of Vote 2 the Committee had divided on a motion that the Chairman leave the chair, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

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

YEAS—13

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>			

NAYS—26

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Fraser</i>
<i>Bawlf</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) made a statement relating to the appointment of an Industrial Inquiry Commission with respect to the Nanaimo District schools dispute.

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* 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. 30) intituled *Mineral Amendment Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 17, 1976*

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

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* 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. 57) intituled *Mineral Resource Tax Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*June 4, 1976*

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.08 p.m.

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**Monday, June 7, 1976**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Barner*.

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. *Gibson*, Bill (No. 67) intituled *Public Officials and Employees Conflict of Interest Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. J. A. Nielsen, Bill (No. 26) intituled *Pollution Control (1967) Amendment Act, 1976*.

On the motion of the Hon. J. A. Nielsen, Bill (No. 27) intituled *Water Amendment Act, 1976*.

On the motion of the Hon. J. A. Nielsen, Bill (No. 29) intituled *Land Amendment Act, 1976*.

On the motion of the Hon. T. M. Waterland, Bill (No. 25) intituled *Petroleum and Natural Gas (1965) Amendment Act, 1976*.

On the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom, Bill (No. 47) intituled *Societies Act*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave of the House, the Hon. G. B. Gardom (Attorney-General) replied to a question asked by the Member for Oak Bay on June 2, relating to prices of liquor at Habitat.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

By leave, the Hon. D. M. Phillips (Minister of Economic Development) replied to a question asked by the First Member for Vancouver Centre during oral question period today relating to Rail West.

By leave, the Hon. L. A. Williams (Minister of Labour) made a statement relating to the appointment today of a five-man Industrial Inquiry Commission with respect to the Nanaimo District schools dispute.

**42** Mr. Gibson asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following question:

With regard to energy consumption in Government, has any consideration been given to using Government parking regulations as a means of encouraging energy conservation, i.e., car pools, higher parking fees, etc.?

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

"Yes. Since the inception of the Government parking regulations, car pools have been encouraged, with members in each pool totalling their years of service to establish a priority for a parking billet. In three newly developed parking areas in Victoria the parking is being administered on a 'going-rate' policy. Agreement with the City of Victoria for new construction has been along similar lines for car parking. Discussions are presently proceeding with the Public Service Commission with a view to negotiating revisions to the existing parking scheme with the BCGEU."

44 Mr. Gibson asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With regard to energy conservation in Government buildings—

1. Has any work been done to analyse the energy systems in Government buildings with a view to determining optimum energy savings and establishing conservation guidelines?

2. If so, (a) what are the major recommendations of the study, (b) which of the major recommendations have been implemented, (c) what conservation guidelines have been established with respect to energy use during working-hours and silent hours, and (d) what conservation guidelines have been established with respect to energy use in winter and summer?

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

"1. Yes. 1.1 The Department has developed 'Standards for Energy Conservation.' The standards are based upon the 'Energy Conservation in New Building Design' developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE 90-75), but modified in both heating and cooling temperatures and illumination requirements to conserve more energy, but not to exceed the limits of human comfort conditions. 1.2 The Department has purchased a computer program, APEC (an energy-demand program), and participated in the development of the ESI and ESII programs which, from a mathematical model of a project, projects the energy use and annual consumption, and a modification of this program, ESW, for preliminary estimating energy use and annual consumption. These programs are vital aids to energy conservation in new design.

"2. (a) Reference Question 1.1: The 'Standards for Energy Conservation' are to be applied to new buildings. The question of modifying existing buildings and the cost to approach these standards has yet to be gone into. Reference Question 1.2: Analysis of actual energy use in existing buildings has started. This forms a base upon which energy-saving efforts can be evaluated. (b) Reference Question 1.1: Generally, the standards established by ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers) are recommended to be adopted with a few minor amendments, such as limits to wattage per floor unit for various spaces with specific tasks, day lighting, and switching. There are at present no Canadian standards on energy conservation; however, the proposed British Columbia standards are almost ready for final reading within the committee and will be presented to the Government in due course. These standards will also be presented at a meeting in August of Ministers and Deputy Ministers from all provinces and the Federal Government. (c) Reference Question 1.1: The standards establish that during the occupied hours a building be maintained at 20°C; during the unoccupied hours the building temperature be maintained at 15°C. During the cooling mode the cooling will be cut off during the unoccupied hours. (d) Same as 2 (c): Heating mode—Occupied hours building space maintained at 20°C; unoccupied hours building space maintained at 15°C. Cooling mode—Unoccupied hours building space maintained at 25°C; unoccupied hours building space, no cooling.

"Action taken by Operations and Services Division to conserve energy, as recommended in the Energy Conservation Report tabled March 1975:

"1. Install night set-back thermostats in buildings.

"2. Install time-limit switches on large exhaust fans.

"3. Upgrade insulation in buildings.

"4. Install fuel-flow mixture controls on boilers in large heating plants (Essondale, for example).

"5. Attempt to make clients aware of energy conservation by means of notices on bulletin boards and word of mouth.

"6. Ensure that air-conditioning units are shut off during nonoperating hours.

"7. Modify existing heating systems to more sophisticated control so more efficient."

**48** Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With regard to the four Government buildings currently under construction in Victoria at 1551 Blanshard, 810 Blanshard, at the corner of Courtney and Blanshard Streets, and at the Provincial Law Courts Building, 850 Burdett—

1. What were the original projected costs of each of the buildings?
2. What is the total cost, as at April 26, 1976, of each of the projects?
3. What is the anticipated total cost of each of the projects upon completion?
4. Upon completion of the three Government office buildings, what will be the total square footage of office space available (to the Government)?
5. What are the anticipated dates of completion for each of the four construction projects?

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

"1. 1551 Blanshard Street: Estimate April 22, 1974, of \$13,342,250, including construction cost, design and management salaries and fees, tenant improvements and furnishings. Corner of Courtney and Blanshard Streets: Estimate February 6, 1975, of \$21,289,000, including construction cost, design and management salaries and fees, tenant improvements and furnishings. 810 Blanshard Street: Estimated at \$1,850,000, including construction cost, design and management salaries and fees, tenant improvements and furnishings. Victoria Law Courts, Phase I: Estimated at \$1,870,000, including construction cost only.

"2. 1551 Blanshard Street: \$6,715,021.28 paid as of April 26, 1976. Corner of Courtney and Blanshard Streets: \$1,913,049.60 paid as of April 26, 1976. 810 Blanshard Street: \$1,714,157.50 paid as of April 26, 1976. Victoria Law Courts, Phase I: \$835,325 paid as of April 26, 1976.

"3. 1551 Blanshard Street: Estimate as of April 26, 1976, of \$13,565,000, including items in 1 above, but excluding land or building purchase. Corner of Courtney and Blanshard Streets: Estimate as of April 26, 1976, of \$22,408,796, including items in 1 above, but excluding land purchase. 810 Blanshard Street: Estimate as of April 26, 1976, of \$1,894,157.50, including items in 1 above, but excluding land purchase. Victoria Law Courts, Phase I: Estimate as of April 26, 1976, of \$1,880,000, including construction cost only.

"4. 1551 Blanshard Street: 215,500 square feet gross plus 28 parking spaces within the building. Corner of Courtney and Blanshard Streets: 182,418 square feet gross office space, 49,378 square feet gross commercial space, and 540 parking spaces. 810 Blanshard Street: 30,000 square feet gross plus 19 parking spaces. Victoria Law Courts, Phase I: 29,000 square feet gross.

"5. 1551 Blanshard Street: Move in January 30, 1977. Corner of Courtney and Blanshard Streets: Move in October 20, 1977. 810 Blanshard Street: Partially occupied, proceeding. Victoria Law Courts, Phase I: Move in beginning September 1976, ending December 1976."



**49** Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With regard to carpeting being installed or to be installed in the rooms of the west wing of the Parliament Buildings—

1. What was the purchase price per square yard of carpeting for the west wing?
2. What is the total price of carpeting for the total carpeted area in the west wing, including the Cabinet room?
3. Was the carpeting used made in Canada?
4. If the answer to No. 3 is no, in what country was the carpeting manufactured?
5. Were competitive bids for the carpeting sought from Canadian manufacturers?

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

"1. Two qualities of carpet are installed: 'A' quality (second floor), \$26 per square yard, 'B' quality, \$22.89 per square yard.

"2. \$23,381.14.

"3. No.

"4. United Kingdom.

"5. Yes. Carpet bids sought on open tender through the Purchasing Commission. Requisition No. 125-653, April 19, 1974."

**50** Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With regard to the costs of restoring and refurbishing the Parliament Buildings—

1. What sum of money has been spent to date on the project?
2. What is the anticipated total cost when the project is completed?
3. What sum of money in consultants' fees has been paid to the architect between the date of the onset of the total project and March 31, 1976?

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

"1. \$8,751,205.60.

"2. \$12,000,000.

"3. \$612,147.11."

**52** Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With regard to the furniture being installed in the west wing of the Parliament Buildings—

1. How many desks have been purchased?
2. What is the unit cost of each desk?
3. How many chairs have been purchased?
4. What is the total cost for all the chairs purchased?

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

"There have been no furniture items purchased specifically for this area; furniture has come from stock purchased in bulk over the past several years.

"1. 23 desks have been installed.

"2. One existing from elsewhere in building, no cost available.

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February 26, 1975, four at \$238.90.....	955.60
February 26, 1975, four at \$288.30.....	1,153.20
September 26, 1974, three at \$622.....	1,866.00
February 7, 1974, one at \$1,600.....	1,600.00
April 11, 1975, one at \$738.91.....	738.91
April 11, 1975, nine at \$674.55.....	6,070.95
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5 per cent Provincial sales tax.....	619.23
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"3. 89 chairs.

"4. \$13,295.52, including 5 per cent Provincial sales tax."

**53** Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With regard to renovations and refurbishing of the west wing of the Parliament Buildings—

1. What was the initial total projected cost?
2. How much has been spent to date?
3. What is the anticipated final cost?

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

"1, 2, and 3. Costs of the West Annex were projected as part of the total Parliament Buildings project. The West Annex was never considered as a separate project, and thus individual items have not been separated. Costs attributable to the West Annex over the past two years, including the Executive Council Chamber and the Press Interview Theatre, two very specialized areas, are approximately \$423,000 to date. Work is 90 per cent complete. As of April 28, 1976, further costs should reflect this and be minimal."

**56** Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With regard to certain furniture required for Opposition offices—

1. What was the cost of the couch ordered and approved by order of the Speaker's office in January 1975 for the suite occupied by the Progressive Conservative Leader and staff?

2. On what date was the couch delivered to the Public Works Department?

3. Where is the couch presently located?

4. When is it anticipated that the couch will be delivered to the suite of the Progressive Conservative Leader?

5. Was the couch ordered from a Canadian manufacturer?

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

"1. \$500 estimated.

"2. The couch was never delivered to Department of Public Works. A requisition (No. 243068) was issued March 18, 1975. The requisition was returned by the Purchasing Commission in accordance with Treasury Board directive of April 29, 1975. No purchase order was issued.

"3, 4, and 5. Not applicable."

And then the House adjourned at 6.08 p.m.