

Wednesday, February 13, 1985

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

ROBERT G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *Legislative Assembly (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 1985* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11, 1985.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Monday the Honourable Leader of the Opposition sought, under Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss, as he stated, the formation of a special committee comprised of elected bodies, representatives of business, employee groups and economic groups from all regions of the Province so that such groups and representatives could consult with the Government and Opposition with a view to achieving economic recovery in British Columbia. The Honourable Leader also submitted a proposed motion to appoint such a special committee.

As the Honourable Leader of the Opposition and other Honourable Members are aware, applications under Standing Order 35 are subject, under the rules, to certain well-established restrictions to be found in Speakers' Decisions of this House and in Sir Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice. One such restriction is to be found in the 17th Edition of May, at page 364, namely, that the matter must not be couched in general terms or cover a great number of cases. Examples of matters disallowed on this ground are: the "financial relations" between Great Britain and Ireland and an "enquiry" into the Department of Education.

While the Chair might not be disposed to find the matter stated to be too general in its terms, even although the subject sought to be discussed, namely, "strategies for economic reconstruction" and development of "goals and strategies to achieve economic recovery" are clearly very general in nature and very wide in scope, I am, however, bound by the intent and purpose of Standing Order 35, which, as stated by Sir Erskine May, (page 364, 17th Edition), contemplates the occurrence of some sudden emergency, either at home or abroad.

Honourable Members must recall that the matter of "economic recovery", and the measures which ought to be pursued with respect thereto, has been the subject of debate over a considerable period. Therefore, I cannot find the necessary element, namely, the "occurrence of some sudden emergency" as required by the rules.

Honourable Members will fully realize that this finding in no way whatsoever denies an opportunity to have the very same motion placed on the Order Paper by way of Notice of Motion should any member so desire.

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Expo 86 Corporation Amendment Act, 1985* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Transport of Dangerous Goods Act* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1985*, a debate arose.

A point of order relating to strangers in the gallery was raised.

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

The debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 47) resumed.

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

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* tabled The Annual Report of the Ministry of Intergovernmental Relations, April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984.

By leave, on the motion of Mrs. *Wallace*, Question 50 standing in her name on the Order Paper was withdrawn.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, February 14, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gordon Strain*.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the order for adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Industrial Development Amendment Act, 1984*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom, on behalf of the Hon. D. M. Phillips, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the order for adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 203) intituled *An Act to Regulate Smoking in Public Places*, a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. J. A. Nielsen, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the order for second reading of Bill (No. M 207) intituled *British Columbia Human Rights Code, 1984*, a debate arose.

The Hon. R. H. McClelland rose on a point of order, namely, that Bill (No. M 207) involved the imposition of penalties and imposed an obligation on the Crown, and cited Sections 21 and 22 of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker ruled Bill (No. M 207) out of order on the grounds stated.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1985*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—29

Ree	McGeer	Chabot	Richmond
Reid		Strachan	Hewitt
Reynolds		Parks	Heinrich
Veitch		Fraser, R. G.	McClelland
Segarty	Smith	Johnston	Schroeder
Mowat	Gardom	Pelton	
Kempf	Nielsen	Michael	Brummet
Davis	McCarthy	Ritchie	Waterland
Fraser, A. V.			

NAYS—20

Blencoe	Lockstead	Williams	Dailly
Passarell	Rose	Gabelmann	Cocke
Mitchell	Hanson	Sanford	
Wallace	Brown	Nicolson	
Barnes		Lauk	Macdonald
MacWilliam	Lea	Stupich	

Bill (No. 47) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Education (Interim) Finance Amendment Act, 1985*, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, February 14, 1985

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. R. Chabot* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled the following:

Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1984.

Forty-third Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, year ended December 31, 1983.

Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Municipal) Act*, year ended December 31, 1983.

Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act, (Part 2)*, year ended March 31, 1984.

Eighth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, year ended March 31, 1984.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *Education (Interim) Finance Amendment Act, 1985*.

The debate continued.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 48) was resumed.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—25

<i>Reid</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
		<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
		<i>Parks</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>			<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Davis</i>		<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>			

NAYS—18

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams</i>	
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Rose</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	
<i>MacWilliam</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	
	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	

Bill (No. 48) 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. 37) intituled *Pension (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 1985* 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 Hon. *J. R. Chabot* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled the following:

B.C. Lotteries Branch Annual Report, 1983/84.

British Columbia Heritage Trust Annual Report, 1983/84.

Pacific National Exhibition Report and Financial Statements Ending March 31, 1984.

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

ROBERT G. ROGERS

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 35) intituled *Public Service Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 14, 1985.

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 6.07 p.m.

Friday, February 15, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

Prayers by the Deputy Speaker.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 43) intituled *Commodity Contract Amendment Act, 1985* was read a second time.

By leave, Bill (No. 43) committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *Legislative Assembly (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 1985*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—43

<i>Reid</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Parks</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>
<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Johnston</i>
	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Pelton</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Sanford</i>		<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>		<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>MacWilliam</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Hanson</i>			
<i>Brown</i>		<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>		<i>Waterland</i>

Bill (No. 46) read a second time.

By leave, Bill (No. 46) committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1985* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Public Service Act*, a debate arose, which was on the motion of the Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 37) intituled *Pension (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 1985* was committed, reported complete without amendments, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 12.15 p.m.

Monday, February 18, 1985

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Public Service Act*, a debate arose, which was on the motion of Mr. *Stupich*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker tabled the Annual Report of the Legislative Library for 1984.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *David W. Widdicombe*.

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Public Service Act*.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Blencoe* moved the following amendment:

That the word "now" be deleted and add the words, "six months hence".

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 1985

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) tabled the following:

The British Columbia Petroleum Corporation Annual Report, 1983/1984.

The British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Annual Report for the year 1983/1984.

Annual Report, 1984, British Columbia Place.

The Annual Report of the British Columbia Utilities Commission for the year 1982.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Public Service Act*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—19

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Rose</i>		<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Hanson</i>		
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>MacWilliam</i>	<i>Williams</i>		

NAYS—32

	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Lea</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Mowat</i>		<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

Bill (No. 35) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 47) intituled *Constitution Amendment Act, 1985* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Chairman further reported that on the motion that Bill (No. 47) be reported complete without amendment, 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. *D'Arcy*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—30

<i>Ree</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
		<i>Pelton</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>			

NAYS—19

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Rose</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Hanson</i>		<i>Howard</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Brown</i>		
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>MacWilliam</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	

Bill (No. 47) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intitled *Education (Interim) Finance Amendment Act, 1985* was committed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20, 1985

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mrs. *Wallace* presented the petition of Gail Carter, Anne Slaby and Linda Burns, and others, relating to funding for education, School District No. 65.

The Hon. *K. W. Davidson* (Speaker) tabled Special Report No. 9 of the Ombudsman (Supreme Court of Canada decision *re* British Columbia Development Corporation).

The Hon. A. J. Brummet (Minister of Lands, Parks and Housing and Minister of Environment) tabled the following:

Sixteenth Annual Report of the Activities of the Fraser River Joint Advisory Board for the period April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984.

Activities on the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area and Related Projects for the fiscal year 1983-1984.

Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing Annual Report, 1983-1984.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 48) intituled *Education (Interim) Finance Amendment Act, 1985* was again committed.

Bill (No. 48) was reported complete, with amendment.

By leave, on the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 48), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—32

Ree	McGeer	Chabot	Richmond
Reid	Phillips	Strachan	Hewitt
Reynolds	Curtis	Parks	Heinrich
Veitch	Bennett	Fraser, R. G.	McClelland
Segarty	Smith	Johnston	Schroeder
	Gardom	Pelton	Rogers
Kempf	Nielsen	Michael	Brummet
Davis	McCarthy	Ritchie	Waterland
Fraser, A. V.			

NAYS—19

Blencoe	Lockstead	Williams	Dailly
Passarell		Gabelmann	Cocke
Mitchell	Hanson	Sanford	Howard
Wallace	Brown	Nicolson	Skelly
	D'Arcy		Macdonald
MacWilliam		Stupich	

Bill (No. 48) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled *Law Reform Amendment Act, 1985* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1985* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Transport of Dangerous Goods Act* was committed.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 45) complete without amendment, the House divided.

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

YEAS—49

<i>Ree</i>	<i>Veitch</i>		<i>Parks</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>		<i>Davis</i>	<i>Johnston</i>
<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Wallace</i>		<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Barnes</i>		<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>MacWilliam</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	
	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

Bill (No. 45) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1985* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Expo 86 Corporation Amendment Act, 1985* was committed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Thursday, February 21, 1985

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John T. Stone*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 73 (6), *Ian D. Izard*, Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the following Report:

REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
February 21, 1985

MR. SPEAKER:

In the matter of the petition presented to the House on the 20th day of February 1985 by the Honourable Member for Cowichan-Malahat, it is reported, pursuant to Standing Order 73 (6), that granting of the prayer of the petition would involve an expenditure of public money for which provision would have to be made in the Estimates, and accordingly the said petition is irregular. (Speakers' Decisions, Volume 1, page 112.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IAN M. HORNE, Q.C., *Clerk of the House*

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 44) intituled *Expo 86 Corporation Amendment Act, 1985* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled *Financial Information Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled *Real Estate Amendment Act, 1985* was committed reported complete without amendment.

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of section 3 of Bill (No. 41) 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>Ree</i>		<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Phillips</i>		<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>		<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Schroeder</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Michael</i>	
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>			

NAYS—16

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams</i>	
<i>Passarell</i>		<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Howard</i>
	<i>Brown</i>		<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Barnes</i>			<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>MacWilliam</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	

Bill (No. 41) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Public Service Act* was committed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, February 21, 1985

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *J. H. Heinrich* (Minister of Education), made a ministerial statement relating to funding for School District No. 37 (Delta), and by leave, tabled documents referred to during this statement.

Mr. *Lauk* made a statement relating to the same matter.

By leave, Mr. *Lea* made a statement relating to the same matter.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* tabled the Official Administrators' Annual Returns for the calendar year ended December 31, 1984, *Estate Administration Act*, section 51.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 35) intituled *Public Service Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments.

By leave, on the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 35), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—26

<i>Ree</i>		<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
	<i>Curtis</i>		<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Fraser, R. G.</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Segarty</i>		<i>Johnston</i>	
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Pelton</i>	
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Michael</i>	
<i>Davis</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser, A. V.</i>			

NAYS—16

	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Williams</i>	
<i>Passarell</i>		<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	
<i>Barnes</i>			<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>MacWilliam</i>		<i>Stupich</i>	

Bill (No. 35) read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

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

- (No. 15) *Elevating Devices Safety Act.*
- (No. 20) *Election Amendment Act, 1984.*
- (No. 33) *Mental Health Amendment Act, 1985.*
- (No. 35) *Public Service Act.*
- (No. 36) *Financial Information Act.*
- (No. 37) *Pension (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 1985.*
- (No. 38) *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1985.*
- (No. 39) *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1985.*
- (No. 40) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1985.*
- (No. 41) *Real Estate Amendment Act, 1985.*
- (No. 42) *Law Reform Amendment Act, 1985.*
- (No. 43) *Commodity Contract Amendment Act, 1985.*
- (No. 44) *Expo 86 Corporation Amendment Act, 1985.*
- (No. 45) *Transport of Dangerous Goods Act.*
- (No. 46) *Legislative Assembly (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 1985.*
- (No. 47) *Constitution Amendment Act, 1985.*
- (No. 48) *Education (Interim) Finance Amendment Act, 1985.*

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

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

As this Second Session of the Thirty-third Parliament comes to a close, I commend you for your continuing efforts and determination to ease the burden of these difficult economic times.

In this Chamber, as an example of the care and prudence you have exhibited during these troubled times, you approved a budget of my Government that reflected our economic situation.

You debated and approved legislation designed to guarantee that our people will be free to practise their trades and skills without discrimination.

In doing so, you paved the way for Expo 86, the most exciting event ever staged in British Columbia, and one in which we will welcome the world to our great Province.

You are to be congratulated for your amendments to the *Labour Code*. An enlightened, more democratic approach to labour-management relations will do much to improve the atmosphere in this important sector as we build towards economic renewal.

The improved *Human Rights Act* passed by this Assembly ensures that individual rights will be fully safeguarded and, at the same time, allows for speedy resolution of disputes through the removal of cumbersome procedures.

You are also to be congratulated for your approval of the *Residential Tenancy Act*, legislation which is appropriate to the times and which simplifies procedures for both landlords and tenants alike.

You also adopted significant measures to ensure uninterrupted transit service in the Lower Mainland and Victoria.

All Members are to be commended for their unanimous acceptance of the major revisions to the Standing Orders of this Assembly.

The new rules, the most substantive amendments to the procedures of the Legislature in more than 50 years, will do much to ensure that this Assembly functions efficiently and in the best Parliamentary tradition as you work towards renewal for our people.

We also extend our congratulations to the new leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition in this Assembly.

My Government was extremely gratified in the spring of last year with the landmark decision of the Supreme Court of Canada that the seabed of the Georgia Strait between Vancouver Island and the provincial mainland belongs to the people of British Columbia.

And I am also pleased that in the past year agreements were signed between British Columbia and the City of Seattle, between Canada and the United States of America and between British Columbia and our federal government, to preserve our Skagit Valley from flooding.

You will shortly be returning to this Chamber to once again accept the responsibility of leadership of our people.

The major task before you will be the careful consideration of measures to be brought forward by my Government to foster and encourage renewal of our economy.

Because my Government has laid the groundwork, this Assembly is now well-positioned to implement positive initiatives and policies in order to get British Columbians back to work and restore economic vibrancy to our private sector.

British Columbians, we have together weathered and borne the worst of times; together, sharing the new challenges that lie ahead, we can participate in the better times.

Within the new atmosphere of cooperation between British Columbia and the federal government, there are solid indications that together, working as partners, we can develop policies at the provincial and national level that will benefit all Canadians.

This can only come about if elected representatives demonstrate the continued strength, determination and leadership required to bring about economic activity, investment and, most importantly, new employment opportunities for the people of our Province.

That kind of leadership was exhibited earlier this year when my First Minister led a delegation of British Columbia business people on a trade mission to the People's Republic of China.

Closer ties, expanded trade and increased exports are essential to our Province's growth and economic well-being and my Ministers will continue to travel to foreign lands to seek new customers for our products and new investment for our Province.

Honourable Members, I now relieve you of your legislative duties, and I trust the blessing of Divine Providence will be with you as you shortly resume those responsibilities.

The Hon. *J. R. Chabot* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m., Monday, March 4, 1985, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 4.13 p.m.

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

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R. G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

CANADA: PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, at Our City of Victoria—GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

G. B. GARDOM *Acting Attorney General* { KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on Thursday the twenty-first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five at Our City of Victoria.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, the Honourable ROBERT G. ROGERS, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, and in the thirty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

J. R. CHABOT
*Provincial Secretary and Minister of
Government Services*