

JOURNALS

OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Tuesday, October 17, 1972

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Thirtieth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of Colonel the Honourable JOHN R. NICHOLSON, P.C., O.B.E., Q.C., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 21st day of September 1972, the members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

Colonel the Honourable JOHN R. NICHOLSON, P.C., O.B.E., Q.C., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *Ernest Hall*, Provincial Secretary, said:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that he does not see fit to declare the cause of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. *Graham R. Lea*, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *Patrick L. McGeer*, that *Gordon Hudson Dowding*, Esquire, member for Burnaby-Edmonds Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly.

Mr. *Chabot* moved, seconded by Mr. *Phillips*, that *Garde B. Gardom*, Esquire, second member for Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly.

Upon Mr. *Gardom* declining the nomination, the motion for his nomination as Speaker was ruled out of order.

The motion that Mr. *Dowding* be elected Speaker was carried *nem. con.*

E. K. DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared Mr. *Gordon Hudson Dowding* duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

Prayers by Mr. *Wesley H. Wakefield*.

The letters of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read by *E. G. MacMinn*, Esquire, the Clerk Assistant, as follows:

“OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

“VICTORIA, B.C., October 2, 1972.

“*Mr. E. K. DeBeck*,

“*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*,

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“*Re General Election, August 30, 1972*

“SIR,—His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by His Proclamation issued on the 24th day of July 1972, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill vacancies caused by such dissolution.

“The elections were duly held pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Elections Act*.

“I transmit herewith a certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer and Registrar-General of Voters setting forth the names of members who have been elected in the electoral districts indicated on the certificate.

“Yours very truly,

“*L. J. WALLACE*

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*”

(ENCLOSURE)

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF VOTERS,

“VANCOUVER, B.C., September 29, 1972

“*L. J. Wallace, Esq.*,

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*,

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“*General Election, August 30, 1972*

“SIR,—The Twenty-ninth Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on July 24, 1972, and writs were issued on that date, calling for a general election. The writs were made returnable on September 30, 1972.

“Because of a request made under section 122 (1) (c) of the *Provincial Elections Act* for a recheck in the Vancouver-Little Mountain Electoral District, the date for the return of the writ from this district was amended to October 10, 1972, and then further amended to October 12, 1972.

"October 12, 1972, was also the date set for the return of the writ of the South Peace River Electoral District. The extension of time was made necessary after a judicial recount was sought and granted under section 131 of the aforementioned Act.

"August 16, 1972, was designated as the day for the nomination of candidates, and August 30, 1972, was designated as polling-day.

"All writs, with the exception of those of the aforementioned Vancouver-Little Mountain and South Peace River Electoral Districts, have been returned.

"I hereby certify that the following members have been elected to represent their respective electoral districts as set out hereunder:

ALBERNI.....	Robert Evans Skelly.
ATLIN.....	Frank Arthur Calder.
BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN.....	Francis Xavier Richter.
BURNABY-EDMONDS.....	Gordon Hudson Dowding.
BURNABY NORTH.....	Eileen Elizabeth Dailly.
BURNABY-WILLINGDON.....	James Lorimer.
CARIBOO.....	Alexander Vaughan Fraser.
CHILLIWACK.....	Harvey Wilfred Schroeder.
COLUMBIA RIVER.....	James R. Chabot.
COMOX.....	Karen Sanford.
COQUITLAM.....	David Barrett.
COWICHAN-MALAHAT.....	Robert Martin Strachan.
DELTA.....	Carl Liden.
DEWDNEY.....	Peter Carson Rolston.
ESQUIMALT.....	James Henry Gorst.
FORT GEORGE.....	A. Alfred (Alf) Nunweiler.
KAMLOOPS.....	Gerald Hamilton Anderson.
KOOTENAY.....	Leo Thomas Nimsick.
LANGLEY.....	Robert H. McClelland.
MACKENZIE.....	Donald Frederick Lockstead.
NANAIMO.....	David Daniel Stupich.
NELSON-CRESTON.....	Lorne Nicolson.
NEW WESTMINSTER.....	Dennis G. Cocke.
NORTH OKANAGAN.....	Patricia Jane Jordan.
NORTH PEACE RIVER.....	Dean Edward Smith.
NORTH VANCOUVER-CAPILANO.....	David Maurice Brousseau.
NORTH VANCOUVER-SEYMOUR.....	Colin Stuart Gabelmann.
OAK BAY.....	George Scott Wallace.
OMINECA.....	Douglas Tynwald Kelly.
PRINCE RUPERT.....	Graham Richard Lea.
REVELSTOKE-SLOCAN.....	William Stewart King.
RICHMOND.....	Harold Steves.
ROSSLAND-TRAIL.....	Christopher D'Arcy.
SAANICH AND THE ISLANDS.....	Hugh Austin Curtis.
SHUSWAP.....	Donald Emerson Lewis.
SKEENA.....	Hartley Douglas Dent.
SOUTH OKANAGAN.....	William Andrew Cecil Bennett.
SOUTH PEACE RIVER.....	
SURREY.....	Ernest Hall.
VANCOUVER-BURRARD.....	Rosemary Brown.
	Norman Levi.

VANCOUVER CENTRE.....	Emery Oakland Barnes. Gary Vernon Lauk.
VANCOUVER EAST.....	Alexander Barrett Macdonald. Robert Arthur Williams.
VANCOUVER-LITTLE MOUNTAIN.....	
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY.....	Garde Basil Gardom. Patrick Lucey McGeer.
VANCOUVER SOUTH.....	Jack Radford. Daisy Webster.
VICTORIA.....	Newell R. Morrison. David Alexander Anderson.
WEST VANCOUVER-HOWE SOUND.....	Louis Allan Williams.
YALE-LILLOOET.....	William Leonard Hartley.

“Yours truly,

“K. L. MORTON
“*Chief Electoral Officer
and Registrar-General of Voters*”

“OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

“VICTORIA, B.C., October 10, 1972

“*Mr. E. K. DeBeck,*

“*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“*Re General Election, August 30, 1972*

“SIR,—I transmit herewith a certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer and Registrar-General of Voters setting forth the names of the members who have been elected to represent the South Peace River Electoral District and Vancouver-Little Mountain Electoral District.

“Yours very truly,

“L. J. WALLACE
“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*”

“CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF VOTERS,

“VANCOUVER, B.C., October 10, 1972

“*L. J. Wallace, Esq.,*

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary,*

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“SIR,—The return of the writs of the South Peace River and Vancouver-Little Mountain Electoral Districts now being complete, I hereby certify that the following have been elected to represent the aforementioned electoral districts:

SOUTH PEACE RIVER.....	Donald McGray Phillips.
VANCOUVER-LITTLE MOUNTAIN.....	Roy Thomas Cummings. Phyllis Florence Young.

“Yours truly,

“K. L. MORTON
“*Chief Electoral Officer
and Registrar-General of Voters*”

On the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, seconded by the Hon. *E. E. Dailly*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the letters of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members be entered on the Journals of the House.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House and took his seat on the Throne. The Speaker, standing on His Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* then said:

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I address you today probably for the last time as Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia. In bidding you welcome to this first, but special Session of the Thirtieth Parliament of British Columbia, I express the earnest hope that the wise counsel of my Ministers and the support of the Legislature will remedy some of the emerging and difficult problems in our Province today. I desire also to express at this time on your behalf and on that of all British Columbians our good wishes to my successor.

It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of Mr. Harold Merilees, Member of this Legislature and the Twenty-ninth Parliament, who fought long and hard against adversity and ill health. The sudden passing of Mr. Dudley Little, Member of this Legislature for the Constituency of Skeena for the past 12 years, has saddened all his associates throughout the Province.

This special Session will see the first guaranteed minimum income of \$200 per month for senior citizens established anywhere in North America. It is this Government's sincere attempt to pioneer legislation for the senior citizens of this Province. Without their energy, dedication, and commitment to the Province in its early days, none of us would be in a position to enjoy our great Province as much as we do today.

This programme will cost a substantial amount of money, but this wealthy Province has the funds available, and it is a matter of some urgency that these funds be put into the hands of our senior citizens as a right as quickly as possible.

You will be asked by my Government to consider the following bills at this special Session of the Legislature:

- (1) *An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act.*
- (2) *An Act to Amend the Gift Tax Act.*
- (3) *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act.*
- (4) *Handicapped Persons Income Assistance Act.*
- (5) *An Act to Amend the Mediation Commission Act.*
- (6) *An Act to Amend the Male Minimum Wage Act.*
- (7) *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act.*
- (8) *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act.*
- (9) *Tobacco Advertising Restraint Act Repeal Act.*
- (10) *Tobacco Products Act.*
- (11) *An Act to Amend the Government Liquor Act.*
- (12) *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act.*
- (13) *Sessional Allowances Reduction Act, 1972.*

Honourable Members, I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties in full confidence that your deliberations will be in the best interests of all our citizens, and may Divine guidance attend your labours.

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

The Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Douglas T. Kelly*, seconded by Ms. *Rosemary Brown*, it was *Ordered*,—

That *Hartley Douglas Dent*, Esquire, member for Skeena Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 12) intituled *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Tobacco Advertising Restraint Act Repeal Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 9) intituled *Tobacco Advertising Restraint Act Repeal Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Tobacco Products Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 10) intituled *Tobacco Products Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Government Liquor Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 11) intituled *An Act to Amend the Government Liquor Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Gift Tax Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gift Tax Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Male Minimum Wage Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 6) intituled *An Act to Amend the Male Minimum Wage Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Mediation Commission Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Amend the Mediation Commission Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 7) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 8) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 3) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Handicapped Persons Income Assistance Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled *Handicapped Persons Income Assistance Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Moved by the Hon. *David Barrett*, seconded by the Hon. *Ernest Hall*—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Mr. *Richter* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smith*—

That the motion be amended by striking out the words “at the next sitting of the House”, and substituting therefor the word “forthwith”, so that the motion will read:

“That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration forthwith and that this order have precedence over all other business except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—14

Gardom
Schroeder
Morrison
McClelland

Phillips
Fraser
Williams, L. A.
Anderson, D. A.

McGeer
Smith
Jordan

Chabot
Bennett
Richter

NAYS—39

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

Mr. *D. A. Anderson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *L. A. Williams*,—

That the motion be amended by adding after the word “Bills”, the words: “oral questions by members for a period of thirty minutes to commence immediately following the introduction of Bills”

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that it offended the rule against anticipation.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, seconded by the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, it was *Ordered*,—

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18, 1972

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Barner*.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, seconded by the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, it was *Ordered*—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;

5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare and Education;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *A. B. Macdonald*, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan*, the Hon. *D. G. Cocke*, and Messrs. *Richter* and *D. A. Anderson*.

Mrs. *Webster* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lea*—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

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

A debate arose.

Mr. *Chabot* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Phillips*—

That the motion be amended by adding the words: “But this House regrets that the Speech fails to disclose any proposals for maximizing the job-producing capacity of our Provincial economy in either the public or private sector and, in particular, provides no incentive programme for the encouragement of secondary industry or for the processing of agricultural products within the Province of British Columbia.”

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, the debate on the amendment 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 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, October 19, 1972

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Metzger*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, the notice of Bill intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Tax*, standing in his name on the Order Paper, was withdrawn.

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 of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, Bill (No. 14) intituled *An Act to Repeal the Probate Fees Act.*

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, Bill (No. 15) intituled *An Act to Repeal the Succession Duty Act.*

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, Bill (No. 16) intituled *An Act to Repeal the Gift Tax Act.*

On the motion of Mr. *Phillips*, Bill (No. 17) intituled *British Columbia Development Corporation Act.*

On the motion of Mr. *McClelland*, Bill (No. 18) intituled *Open Space Preservation Act.*

On the motion of Mr. *Fraser*, Bill (No. 19) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act.*

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, Bill (No. 20) intituled *An Act Respecting Mobile Homes.*

On the motion of Mr. *Schroeder*, Bill (No. 21) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Guarantee by the Province of Loans for Feeding Cattle for Market.*

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 22) intituled *Training on the Job Act.*

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 23) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia Act.*

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:

YEAS—16

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

NAYS—37

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

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—6

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

Moved by the Hon. *David Barrett*, seconded by the Hon. *Ernest Hall*—

That on Thursday the 19th day of October 1972 and on all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. *L. A. Williams* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gardom*—

That the motion be amended by deleting the word “adjournment” from the third line thereof and substituting therefor “11 p.m.”.

The amendment was agreed to by the mover and seconder of the main motion.

Motion agreed to.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Amend the Land Registry 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Friday, October 20, 1972

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. W. Chapman*.

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 of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 24) intituled *An Act Respecting Proceedings Against the Crown*.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, Bill (No. 25) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Act*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 26) intituled *Christ Church Cathedral Historic Site Grant Act*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan*, Bill (No. 27) intituled *Recreation Facilities Grant Act*.

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal 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 the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Amend the Mediation Commission Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—42

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Calder</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>		

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</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.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

I have now had an opportunity to examine the questions placed on the Order Paper since the commencement of this Session, and wish to make several observations for the guidance and assistance of all honourable members.

Questions on the Order Paper are specifically authorized by Standing Order 47 which states, in part, as follows: "Questions may be placed on the Order Paper seeking information from the Ministers of the Crown relating to public affairs . . . but in putting any such question, no argument or opinion is to be offered nor any fact stated." It would be difficult indeed to improve upon the language employed by a former Speaker of this House, Mr. Speaker Davie, who canvassed the matter in considerable detail in a decision appearing in the Journals of this House, March 2, 1932. The learned Speaker concludes that the question procedure is founded upon the desirability of obtaining from Ministers and members information not otherwise obtainable.

Mr. Speaker Davie further enumerates 46 rules applicable to questions, and in order to assist all honourable members, I have made available a limited number of copies of those rules. In any event, the members may find the rules in the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, 1932, at page 22.

I have applied these rules to the questions appearing on the Order Paper of October 20, and have the following observations to make:

Question 2 is a question based on an extract from a newspaper, which in itself offends the first rule outlined by Mr. Speaker Davie. Generally speaking, statements made outside the House through any of the news media are not within the knowledge of the House and, accordingly, cannot be made the foundation for a question directed to a Minister or a member of this House.

These remarks apply with equal force to questions numbered 3, 5, 6, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, 34, 35, 36, 40, 41, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 64, 65, 66, and 67.

Question 9, this question is based on an assumption and, for this reason, is out of order and will be struck from the Order Paper. The same flaw is applicable to questions numbered 11, 15, 24, 61, and 62, and for the reasons stated will be treated in the same manner as Question 9.

Question 12, this question raises matters of policy too large to be dealt with in the limits of an answer to a question (*see* 1932 Journals, page 24). The question, in addition, would also appear to offend Rule 29 as quoted by Mr. Speaker Davie.

I am allowing Question 13, part 2, although it may well be a matter of statistics for the Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce.

Question 21 is predicated on a purported fact of which the House could have no knowledge.

Questions numbered 37, 38, 39, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 69, and 70 are irregular in that the questions enumerated, by implication, are asking what advice a Minister proposes to give the Crown (*see* 1932 Journals, page 24).

The authorities are clear to the effect that the Speaker may rule out any question which he deems to be out of order in the same manner he deals with

irregularities in motions and amendments. Accordingly, for the reasons stated, the offending questions will be struck from the Order Paper.

GORDON H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

10 Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Premier and Minister of Finance the following question:

Which Ministers have now been provided with Government vehicles?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“The situation with regard to the Ministerial use of Government vehicles is as follows:

“1. Premier and Minister of Finance—The black Cadillac used by the former Premier is no longer in use, and the present Premier is providing his own transportation.

“2. Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement—The three cars (two 1968 Oldsmobiles and a 1965 Chevrolet) used by the former Minister have been returned to the departmental pool, and the present Minister is providing his own transportation.

“3. In the case of the following Ministries, cars allocated to the former Ministers have been reallocated to the new Ministers: Attorney-General; Education; Health Services and Hospital Insurance; Labour; Lands, Forests, and Water Resources; and Municipal Affairs.

“4. No Government vehicles have been allocated to the following Ministers: Agriculture; Mines and Petroleum Resources; Highways; Public Works; Provincial Secretary; and the Minister Without Portfolio.

“5. Travel Industry; Commercial Transport; Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce; and Recreation and Conservation, being parts of double portfolios, no cars are allocated to the Ministers.”

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Monday, October 23, 1972

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev *Ward F. DeBeck*.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *An Act to Amend the Male Minimum Wage 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 the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act* a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>			

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</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 Hon. *Ernest Hall* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

JOHN R. NICHOLSON
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Sessional Allowances Reduction Act, 1972*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 1972

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 13) intituled *Sessional Allowances Reduction Act, 1972*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

J. O. WILSON
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gift Tax Act*, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 23, 1972

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 2, clause (d), line 1: By striking out the words and letters “(f) and (g)” and substituting the words and letters “(f), (g), and (h)”, and by adding, after clause (g), the following as clause (h):

“(h) An absolute and indefeasible gift to a donee who is either a nonprofit corporation or a nonprofit organization as those expressions are defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), where the entire gift is used or expended for any work or object that is of benefit to the community generally and is approved by the regulations.”

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gift Tax Act*, a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Administrator, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 2).

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.

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. *Curtis*, questions numbered 73 and 74 standing in his name on the Order Paper were withdrawn.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24, 1972

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Paul Hawkes*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gardom*, Bill (No. 28) intituled *An Act to Amend the Supreme Court Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry 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 the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Tobacco Products Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—42

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>		

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</i>		

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Tobacco Advertising Restraint Act Repeal Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Rolston</i>			

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</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 8 o'clock p.m. today.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. M. Strachan* made the following statement:

Question 10 on the Order Paper, answered by the Hon. the Premier on October 20, indicated that no Government vehicle had been allocated to me as Minister of Highways.

That answer was essentially true. However, last night, while in Vancouver, I was informed that there is a Government vehicle in Vancouver which had been allocated to the previous Minister of Highways for his use.

I am taking this opportunity of informing the House of this correction to the answer to Question 10. The vehicle in Vancouver is at the present time still in the name of the Minister of Highways.

23 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

As of August 31, 1972, how many people in British Columbia were receiving—

1. Social assistance benefits?
2. Old-age pension benefits?
3. Canada Assistance Plan benefits?
4. Provincial supplementary old-age assistance benefits?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

“1. The number of persons in British Columbia receiving Social Allowance as of July 1972 was 106,173.

“2. The number of persons receiving Supplementary Social Allowance (i.e., supplement to Old-age Security, Disabled Persons' Allowance, Blind Persons' Allowance) at July 1972 was 20,797.

“3. Not applicable.

“4. Answered by No. 2.”

27 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With respect to the Provincial Alliance of Businessmen—

1. How many jobs were provided during 1972 by this service?
2. What was the average length of employment for people employed through this office?
3. How many people were employed full time by the Provincial Alliance of Businessmen?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

“1. No complete records available.

“2. No record kept.

“3. Twenty-six.”

68 Mr. *Schroeder* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With respect to employees of the Provincial Alliance of Businessmen—

1. Does the Government intend to seek employment elsewhere in the Civil Service for these employees?
2. Are the recipients of welfare who were part of the operational staff of the programme being given an opportunity to seek useful employment elsewhere?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

“1 and 2. Yes.”

72 Mr. *Schroeder* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement received a reply to the pension proposals put before Norman Cragg, Director General of the Canada Assistance Plan, on October 4, 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, would the Minister undertake to file a copy of the reply with the House at the earliest possible date?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

"1 and 2. No."

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24, 1972

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gift Tax Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—45

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

NAYS—7

<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>McGeer</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</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. 11) intituled *An Act to Amend the Government Liquor 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 the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Assistance Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mrs. Jordan, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Sessional Allowances Reduction Act, 1972*, 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. 8) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Amend the Mediation Commission Act* was committed.

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

Report adopted.

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

60 Mr. Chabot asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:
Is it the intention of the Government to provide each executive assistant to each Minister with a departmental vehicle?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

"No."

63 Mr. Chabot asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:
1. Does the Government intend to increase the *per diem* allowance to Ministers while absent from Victoria?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the new scale of *per diem* allowances to be?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

"1. Yes, the first increase since 1952.

"2. \$25 per day."

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25, 1972

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. L. M. Carlson.

On the motion of Mr. Chabot, Bill (No. 29) intituled *An Act to Amend the Labour Relations Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave of the House the Hon. *Norman Levi* withdrew the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 3) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act*, standing in his name on the Order Paper.

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

J. O. WILSON
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 3) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act*, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 25, 1972

(ENCLOSURE)

Section 1, line 2, of the definition of "guaranteed minimum income assistance": By deleting the words "of two hundred dollars each month".

Section 1: By adding, after the word "(Canada)" at the end of the definition of "income", the words ", and such other income or financial resources as are determined under the regulations."

Section 2: By deleting section 2 and substituting the following:

"Payment of Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance

"2. Subject to this Act and the regulations, where a person, resident in the Province, is entitled to, and receives, a monthly guaranteed income supplement payable under the *Old Age Security Act (Canada)*, the minister, upon being satisfied that such payment was made and having determined the amount thereof, may pay monthly to or for such person in respect of each month that he receives the monthly guaranteed income supplement under the *Old Age Security Act (Canada)* an amount of guaranteed minimum income assistance that, together with

- (a) the amount received by that person in that month under the *Old Age Security Act (Canada)* including the guaranteed income supplement under Part II thereof;
- (b) the amount received by that person in that month under the *Social Assistance Act*; and
- (c) the monthly income of that person,

will result in that person receiving a guaranteed minimum income not exceeding two hundred dollars each month."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 3) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act*, a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Administrator, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 3).

Resolution reported.
Report adopted.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Norman Levi*, it was *Ordered* that there be substituted, in lieu of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Handicapped Persons Income Assistance Act*, the Bill in revised form for consideration on second reading.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act*.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Amend the Mediation Commission Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *L. A. Williams'* proposed amendment to section 11, the Committee divided.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *L. A. Williams*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on the proposed amendment to section 11 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—15

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

NAYS—36

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

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *Chabot's* proposed amendment to section 12 the Committee divided.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Chabot*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on the proposed amendment to section 12 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</i>		

NAYS—41

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Young</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>			

The Committee further reported that in consideration of Mr. *L. A. Williams'* proposed amendment to section 12 the Committee divided.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *L. A. Williams*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the division on the proposed amendment to section 12 be recorded in the Journals of the House as follows:

YEAS—17

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

NAYS—33

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

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 5) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—41

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>			

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *An Act to Amend the Male Minimum Wage Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 7) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—43

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Young</i>	

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Tobacco Products Act* was committed. The Committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled *An Act to Amend the Government Liquor Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 11) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—43

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Young</i>	

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

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

1. Does the Government have any plans to renovate and to refurnish the suite of the Speaker?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the estimated cost of (a) the renovations and (b) the furnishings?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Not yet determined."

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

1. Does the Government have any plans to place all Ministers of the Crown in the Main Parliament Buildings?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the estimated cost of the project?

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

"1 and 2. No."

22 Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. Does the Provincial Government intend to dismantle the First Citizens' Fund set up for the Indian people of British Columbia?

2. What is the total amount of money available in the Fund at this time for distribution to projects submitted by the Indian people?

3. Is it the intent of the NDP Government to honour the approved projects submitted between August 1, 1972, and September 12, 1972?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. The purpose of this Fund will be studied with a view to the best method of aid to the Indian people of British Columbia.

"2. At September 30, 1972, \$2,795,106.

"3. Yes, if found to be feasible."

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

With reference to the Columbia River power development—

1. What was the total amount expended to August 31, 1972?

2. How much was spent up to August 31, 1972, beyond the total payment received from the United States of America under the Columbia River Treaty, including flood-control benefits?

3. What are the latest estimates as to the total capital cost of (a) Duncan Storage, (b) Arrow Storage, (c) Mica Storage, (d) Mica at-site generation, and (e) transmission-lines to connect the power to load centres within British Columbia?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. \$524,004,679 on Treaty storage projects.

"2. \$55,479,991 on Treaty storage projects.

"3. (a) \$32,039,000, (b) \$195,543,000, (c) \$337,531,000, (d) \$399,800,000, and (e) \$151,188,000."

28 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:

1. How many people were unemployed in British Columbia as of June 30, 1972, July 31, 1972, and August 31, 1972?

2. How many people were receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits for those three periods?

The Hon. *W. S. King* replied as follows:

"1. Information is not available for the dates given. Information for the nearest dates is: June 17, 1972, 75,000; July 22, 1972, 69,000; and August 19, 1972, 62,000 persons unemployed.

"2. Information is not available as Unemployment Insurance comes under Federal jurisdiction."

29 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

What were the detailed investments of the following Funds as at August 31, 1972: (a) The Municipal Superannuation Fund, (b) the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, (c) the Provincial Home-acquisition Fund, (d) the Queensborough Bridge Account, (e) the Burrard Inlet (Third Crossing) Fund, (f) the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Superannuation Fund, (g) the British Columbia Railway Employees' Superannuation Fund, (h) the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Sinking Fund, (i) the British Columbia Railway Sinking Fund, (j) the British Columbia Ferry Authority Sinking Fund, (k) the Teachers' Pensions Fund, (l) the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sinking Fund, (m) the Centennial Cultural Fund, (n) the Workmen's Compensation Fund, (o) the British Columbia School Districts Capital Financing Authority Sinking Fund, and (p) the Drug, Alcohol, and Cigarette Education, Prevention, and Rehabilitation Fund?

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

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

With respect to the "Special Perpetual Funds," what is the investment portfolio at the present time for each of the Special Perpetual Funds, and what is the interest rate for each of the bond issues represented in the portfolios?

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

46 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:

With respect to the Government's electrical consumption conservation programme—

1. What is the cost per year for the decorative lights operated on the Parliament Buildings?

2. Are these lights to be turned out on occasions other than the "tourist season"?
3. What is the time of the year which the Government will consider to be "tourist season"?

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

- "1. \$184 per year, or approximately 49.5 cents per night.
- "2. No.
- "3. Not applicable."

47 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Does the Government intend to order British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority to extinguish the illumination of the Hydro Building during the evening hours?
2. What is the cost to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority for the purpose of keeping the lights on during the hours of "darkness"?
3. Does the illumination in the Vancouver headquarters of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority contribute in any way to the heating of the building?
4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what is the value of the heating component represented by the lights being operational during the hours of darkness?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

- "1. The matter is under study.
- "2. No savings in winter months. Savings of \$52 a day would result in summer months if lights turned off at 5 p.m., minus lighting that may be used by janitor and other staff working at night.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. See answer to No. 2."

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

1. Has the Minister of Finance authorized any Government department to exceed its budget votes as provided by the 1972 Session of the Provincial Legislature?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the authorized over-expenditure for each of the departments of Government from September 15, 1972, to this date?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

- "1. Not since September 15, 1972.
- "2. Not applicable."

76 Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Does the Provincial Government intend to participate in the financing of a fish-processing plant at Port Simpson?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the amount of grant to be made available to the North Coast Council of Indians?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

- "1. This matter is under study.
- "2. Not applicable."

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

1. Have renovations been recently carried out with respect to the Premier's suite?
2. Have new furnishings been supplied for the Premier's suite?
3. If the answer to Nos. 1 and 2 is yes, what is the total cost of the renovations and furnishings to date?

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

"Yes, but not completed."

And then the House adjourned at 6.06 p.m.

Thursday, October 26, 1972

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Mr. Speaker stated that an error appeared in the Votes and Proceedings of October 25 and the Orders of the Day of October 26 relating to Bill (No. 3), in that the debate on second reading was adjourned by Mr. *D. Anderson*, the honourable second member for Victoria and, accordingly, should have appeared in the Orders of the Day under the heading "Adjourned Debate on Second Reading." The correction will appear in the Journals of the House.

Also, in the Votes and Proceedings, Bill (No. 5) was reported "complete with amendment" whereas it should have been reported "complete without amendment." The House agreed that the necessary corrections should be made in the Journals.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nem. con.* on the following division:

YEAS—51

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

Bill read a second time and, by leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Norman Levi*, it was *Ordered* placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Handicapped Persons Income Assistance Act* a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nem. con.* on the following division:

YEAS—52

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

Bill read a second time and, by leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Norman Levi*, it was *Ordered* placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting of the House.

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

A matter of privilege was raised by the honourable member for North Okanagan.

The Hon. *W. L. Hartley* (Minister of Public Works) presented an interim Annual Financial Report of the Department of Public Works for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972.

1. Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:
With respect to one Lewis G. Madley, Administrative Officer 3, Department of Commercial Transport—

1. Was the position of Lewis G. Madley won through Civil Service competition procedures?

2. Is Mr. Madley still considered to be an employee of the Department of Commercial Transport?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. Mr. Madley applied for the position of Administrative Assistant through the normal Civil Service procedures. There were some 21 applicants for the position but the Civil Service Commission has no records available now to show the qualifications of the various applicants or on what basis Mr. Madley was chosen as the successful applicant.

"2. Yes."

4 Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions: With respect to the appointment of executive assistants to various Ministers' offices—

1. Were these appointments processed through the Civil Service Commission?
2. Are any of these positions given permanent establishment rating within the meaning of the *Civil Service Act*?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1 and 2. No."

32 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has Treasury Board approved the calling of tenders for the replacement of the Tsable River Bridge on the Island Highway?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when are tenders expected to be called?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Early next year."

33 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:

1. Has Treasury Board approved the calling of tenders for the third-phase contract on the Sayward-Port McNeill section of the North Island Highway, being the section between Nimpkish Junction and Woss Camp?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when are tenders expected to be called?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Early November 1972."

51 Mr. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. What are the names of the administrative assistants appointed to the office of each Cabinet Minister since September 15, 1972?
2. What was the previous occupation of each of the administrative assistants appointed to the office of each Cabinet Minister?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1 and 2. Mr. A. Wong, Attorney-General, businessman; Dr. R. S. Rodgers, Attorney-General (since resigned), university professor; Mrs. H. M. Freeze, Minister of Education, nurse; Mr. C. E. Perry, Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, research director; Mr. D. L. Compton, Minister of Labour, teacher; Mr. H. Horn, Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources, teacher; Mr. R. D. Pollard, Minister of Public Works, teacher; Mr. R. F. Wargo, Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement, social worker; Mr. J. Mika, Minister of Highways, reporter; Mr. D. Jantzen, Minister of Municipal Affairs, union representative; Mr. T. R. Kelly, Minister Without Portfolio, Federal civil servant; Mr. H. Beech, Premier, railway yard foreman; and Mr. J. H. Wood, Premier, administrative officer."

71 Mr. *Schroeder* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

With respect to the promise of bringing all mental health services under BCHIS—

1. What is the total estimated cost of bringing all mental health services under BCHIS?

2. Has the NDP Government received assurance from the Federal Government that such a programme would be shareable under existing sharing formulas for health services?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is no, would the NDP Government undertake to redeem its pledge by financing the provision of mental health services under BCHIS completely from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

“Policy decisions in this regard will not be made until the report of the Special Consultant to the Minister of Health, retained to rationalize the health services delivery system, has been received.”

77 Mr. *L. A. Williams* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Have any executive or administrative assistants been employed on the staff of any members of the Executive Council since September 15, 1972?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the names of each such executive or administrative assistant, for which member of the Executive Council is each such assistant employed, and what salary is payable to each such assistant?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. Mr. A. Wong, Attorney-General, \$1,030 per month; Dr. S. Rodgers, Attorney-General (since resigned), \$1,175 per month; Mrs. H. M. Freeze, Minister of Education, \$1,335 per month; Mr. C. E. Perry, Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, \$1,335 per month; Mr. D. L. Compton, Minister of Labour, \$1,335 per month; Mr. H. Horn, Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources, \$1,335 per month; Mr. R. D. Pollard, Minister of Public Works, \$1,335 per month; Mr. R. F. Wargo, Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement, \$1,335 per month; Mr. J. Mika, Minister of Highways, \$1,335 per month; Mr. D. Jantzen, Minister of Municipal Affairs, \$1,335 per month; Mr. T. R. Kelly, Minister Without Portfolio, \$1,335 per month; Mr. H. Beech, Premier, \$1,335 per month; Mr. J. M. Twigg, Premier, \$1,335 per month; and Mr. J. H. Wood, Premier, \$22,000 per annum.”

81 Mr. *Chabot* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

With respect to pension funds in trust with the Minister of Finance, what was the total amount of these funds available for the fiscal year 1971/72?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“\$25,269,144.”

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

1. From the period April 1 to August 31, 1972, were interim receipts above those budgeted for this period of the current fiscal year?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how much were the receipts above estimates for each month up to August 31?

3. If the receipts were above receipts for the fiscal year 1971/72, how much was the increase for each month up to August 31, 1972?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. Revenues are generally budgeted on an annual basis.

"2. Not applicable.

"3. Not applicable."

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

1. Would the Minister itemize the total expenses, including selling commissions, issuing fees, advertising, and promotion costs for the following Provincial parity bond issues: British Columbia Hydro, 7 per cent, due September 1, 1975; Pacific Great Eastern Railway, 6½ per cent, due September 15, 1976; and British Columbia Hydro, 6 per cent, due August 15, 1977?

2. Would the Minister outline the total amount of parity bonds purchased by and for Provincial accounts, or by and for accounts controlled by the Province (e.g., Civil Service Superannuation, Municipal Superannuation Fund, Teachers' Superannuation Fund) for the period September 16, 1972, to date?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

"1. British Columbia Hydro, 7 per cent, due September 1, 1975: Selling commissions, \$369,567; issuing fees, \$123,189; and advertising, promotion, and printing costs, \$166,570. Pacific Great Eastern Railway, 6½ per cent, due September 15, 1976: Selling commissions, \$367,163; issuing fees, \$122,387; and advertising, promotion, and printing costs, \$206,047. British Columbia Hydro, 6 per cent, due August 15, 1977: Selling commissions, \$363,443; issuing fees, \$121,147; and advertising, promotion, and printing costs, \$128,901.

"2. \$325,000."

85 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. How many civil servants now employed by the Provincial Government are over 65 years of age?

2. Have any civil servants had their appointments rescinded since September 16, 1972, and, if so, how many persons have been so dealt with and in what departments of the Provincial Government have they been employed?

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* replied as follows:

"1. 246.

"2. Yes; two persons, one in the Department of Commercial Transport and one in the Department of Travel Industry."

91 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:

Does the Minister have any plans to upgrade and improve the principal access road from the Patricia Bay Highway to Victoria International Airport?

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

"The Minister will examine the situation at the earliest possible opportunity."

92 Mr. *Curtis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following question:

Does the Minister have any plans to augment appointments to the Glendale Hospital Board of Directors by adding persons from the Greater Victoria area who are not Civil Service employees?

The Hon. *D. G. Cocke* replied as follows:

“Yes.”

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, October 26, 1972

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

I would ask your leave to express to the family of the late Gerald McIlvenny, who for many years served as an attendant in this House, our condolences at his decease.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had examined the authorities with respect to the point raised by the honourable member for North Okanagan at the close of the afternoon sitting and concluded that the point raised was not a matter of privilege.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gift Tax Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill as reported *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill as reported *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Handicapped Persons Income Assistance Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Tobacco Advertising Restraint Act Repeal Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill as reported *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 9) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—40

<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Calder</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Gorst</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Tobacco Products Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill as reported *Ordered* to be considered forthwith.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Sessional Allowances Reduction Act, 1972*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.40 p.m.

Friday, October 27, 1972

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. Pendray*.

On the motion of the Hon. *David Barrett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *An Act to Repeal the Probate Fees Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member in that it offended Standing Order 67 as interfering with revenue of the Crown.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *An Act to Repeal the Succession Duty Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member in that it offended Standing Order 67 as interfering with revenue of the Crown.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *An Act to Repeal the Gift Tax Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member in that it offended Standing Order 67.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *British Columbia Development Corporation Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member in that it offended Standing Order 67.

The ruling of the Speaker was challenged.

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

YEAS—38

<i>Liden</i>	<i>Rolston</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Gorst</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Nunweiler</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Young</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Anderson, D. A.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Dent</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Cummings</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Hartley</i>
<i>Steves</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Radford</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Anderson, G. H.</i>	<i>Brown</i>		

NAYS—10

<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McClelland</i>	<i>Smith</i>		

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motions for the second reading of the following Bills, Mr. Speaker ruled the Bills out of order in the hands of private members on the ground that they offended Standing Order 67:

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Open Space Preservation Act*.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act*.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *An Act Respecting Mobile Homes*.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Guarantee by the Province of Loans for Feeding Cattle for Market*.

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Training on the Job Act*.

Bills *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member on the ground that it offended Standing Order 67 as it involved an impost.

The ruling of the Speaker was challenged.

The Speaker's ruling was sustained.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *An Act Respecting Proceedings Against the Crown* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motions for the second reading of the following Bills, Mr. Speaker ruled the Bills out of order in the hands of private members on the ground that they offended Standing Order 67:

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Guaranteed Minimum Income Act*.

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Christ Church Cathedral Historic Site Grant Act*.

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Recreation Facilities Grant Act*.

Bills *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *An Act to Amend the Supreme Court Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. R. M. Strachan, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *An Act to Amend the Labour Relations Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. W. S. King, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

Mr. Smith moved—

That this House is of the opinion that the Minister of Highways, when drafting the legislation for Government-operated car insurance, should be instructed to draft the legislation in such a way as to provide that

- (1) no part of the promotional advertising costs, administration, and operating costs or claim liabilities charged against the Government

car insurance plan will be charged to Consolidated Revenue of the Province, but shall come solely from premiums paid by policy holders;

- (2) no part of the promotional advertising costs, administration, and operating costs or claim liabilities charged against the Government car insurance plan will be supported by revenues derived specifically from motive-fuel taxes, vehicles' licence fees, or drivers' licence fees;
- (3) no part of the promotional advertising costs, administration, and operating costs or claim liabilities charged against the Government car insurance plan will be derived through borrowing accounts in the name of the Government car insurance plan or of the Province;
- (4) compulsory Government insurance requiring premiums for general insurance coverage carried by
 - (a) school boards;
 - (b) hospital boards;
 - (c) university boards;
 - (d) Crown corporations;
 - (e) community college councils

shall not be used to offset any of the above-mentioned costs for the operation of the car insurance plan itself;

- (5) the accounts of the car insurance plan shall be presented to the Legislature annually and shall be subject to the scrutiny of the Select Standing Committee of this House on Public Accounts and Printing.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order in the hands of a private member as dictating Government policy.

Mr. Richter moved—

That this House urge the Provincial Government to immediately review the procedures which are used for the care of mental patients having a record of violence and, in particular, to review the procedures currently practised with respect to their discharge back to the community.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

80 Mr. Chabot asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

1. Does the Government intend to provide social assistance benefits for persons in a strike or lockout situation?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, will the benefits be shareable with the Federal Government under the Canada Assistance Plan?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

- "1. This is a matter of Government policy, as and when the situation arises.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

86 Mr. Fraser asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

1. Has the Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement recently made available to a Courtenay resident a supplementary recreation allowance in the amount of \$100 for two boys to purchase hockey equipment?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, does the Government have a plan to award \$100 to all low-income groups, including senior citizens?

3. Does the Government have a plan to establish the \$100 recreation allowance as a precedent and award all family groups on social assistance at the present time a like amount?

The Hon. *Norman Levi* replied as follows:

“This is a matter of future Government policy.”

88 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Was a vehicle available for use, as the official Government car, of the former Premier?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total capital cost incurred for the vehicle and its replacement between August 1, 1952, and September 15, 1972?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1. Yes.

“2. \$19,838.82.”

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

1. Has the Government cancelled any existing advertising account contracts held by any of the following advertising agencies: O'Brien Advertising Ltd., 1030 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.; Baker, Lovick, BBDO Ltd., 1178 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C.; McCann-Erickson Advertising of Canada Ltd., 1030 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, which contracts have been cancelled?

3. Has the Government awarded any of the cancelled contracts to Menehan Dunsy Advertising Company Limited, Montreal?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what is the value of Government advertising contracts awarded to Menehan Dunsy Advertising Company Limited, Montreal, since September 15, 1972?

The Hon. *David Barrett* replied as follows:

“1. No.

“2, 3, and 4. Not applicable.”

The House recessed at 3.28 p.m.

FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

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

E. G. MacMinn, Esq., Clerk Assistant of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:

(No. 1) *An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act.*

(No. 2) *An Act to Amend the Gift Tax Act.*

(No. 3) *Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Act.*

(No. 4) *Handicapped Persons Income Assistance Act.*

(No. 5) *An Act to Amend the Mediation Commission Act.*

- (No. 6) *An Act to Amend the Male Minimum Wage Act.*
- (No. 7) *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act.*
- (No. 8) *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act.*
- (No. 9) *Tobacco Advertising Restraint Act Repeal Act.*
- (No. 10) *Tobacco Products Act.*
- (No. 11) *An Act to Amend the Government Liquor Act.*
- (No. 12) *Legislative Procedure and Practice Inquiry Act.*
- (No. 13) *Sessional Allowances Reduction Act, 1972.*

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

The said assent was announced by *E. K. DeBeck*, Esq., Clerk of the House, in the following words:

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

Then His Honour the Administrator was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

Your deliberations during the First Session of the Thirtieth Parliament have been of great benefit to the citizens of this Province. In his speech to you at the opening of this Session, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor referred specifically to the guaranteed minimum income assistance of \$200 per month for senior citizens as a measure which would pioneer legislation for the senior citizens of this Province, and he expressed the hope that the consideration of this measure would be treated as a matter of some urgency. I express my appreciation at this time that the importance of this measure has received your urgent consideration and that as this Legislature prorogues you will have accomplished, through your legislative duties, the enactment of a measure of which you may be justly proud. Furthermore, in a companion measure, you have guaranteed to our handicapped citizens a similar minimum income of \$200 per month.

By amendments to the *Gift Tax Act* you have exempted and thereby encouraged gifts by our citizens to charitable organizations, hospitals, educational institutions, and to nonprofit organizations whose works are of benefit to the community. You have also approved measures designed to restrain the immoderate and harmful use of liquor and tobacco products by restrictions upon the uncontrolled advertising of those products. Amendments to the *Mediation Commission Act* and the *Male Minimum Wage Act* have effected a change in the titles of each of those Acts to *Mediation Services Act* and *Minimum Wage Act* respectively. Furthermore, the increase in the minimum wage to \$2 per hour, and the reorganization of labour-management mediation methods and services will inaugurate a happier climate of industrial relations in this Province. Changes in the *Public Schools Act* will likewise improve the bargaining processes involving school boards and teachers and will permit school boards to increase operating budgets so that our children will not be deprived of essential educational services. Finally, you have approved a measure instituting a complete inquiry into all aspects of the conduct and governance of this Assembly and its Members, and of the practices and procedure thereof, which will, I am certain, produce recommendations that, in due course, will enable this House to discharge in a much more effective and democratic way its duties, to the advantage of all the people of this Province.

Such legislation will also benefit many citizens in this Province for whom special measures were required to be enacted during this special Session, and will

greatly contribute to their happiness and well-being and point the way to increased benefits in the future.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, I thank you for your earnest deliberations and labours. Honourable Members, I now relieve you of your legislative duties, and I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. *Ernest Hall* (Provincial Secretary) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Administrator's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please the Lieutenant-Governor to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

GORDON H. DOWDING, *Speaker*

SUMMARY OF HOUSE

Duration of Session	11 days
Number of sitting days	9
Number of afternoon sittings	9
Number of evening sittings	2
Total sittings	11
Average length of sittings	3 hours, 3 minutes
Address in Reply, number of sittings	2
Number of Bills introduced (including 12 Message Bills)	29
Number of Bills passed	13
Number of questions answered	36
Divisions	18

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