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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Thirty-third Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable HENRY P. BELL-IRVING, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 7th day of June 1983, the members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

The Honourable HENRY P. BELL-IRVING, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, 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 reason for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *F. Howard*, that *Kenneth Walter Davidson*, Esquire, Member for Delta, do take the Speaker's Chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

Ian M. Horne, Esquire, Q.C., the Clerk of the House, having declared *Kenneth Walter Davidson* 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 Captain *E. W. Taylor*.

By unanimous consent, it was *Ordered*, That the second Member for Vancouver-Little Mountain be permitted to vote on divisions in this House, and in any committee thereof, during the Thirty-third Parliament by raising his right hand.

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the correspondence 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 the Clerk Assistant, as follows:

“OFFICE OF DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
“VICTORIA, B.C. June 1, 1983

“*Ian M. Horne, Q.C.*,
“*Clerk of the House*,
“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“*Re: General Election, May 5, 1983*

“DEAR SIR—His Honour the Lieutenant Governor by His Proclamation issued on the seventh day of April 1983, 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 *Election 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 district indicated on the certificate.

“Yours very truly

“NORMAN SPECTOR
“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*”

(ENCLOSURE)

“OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER AND REGISTRAR GENERAL OF VOTERS
“Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4, May 31, 1983

“*Dr. Norman Spector*
“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*
“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: Provincial General Election—1983*

“DEAR SIR—The thirty-second Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on April 7th, 1983, and Writs were issued on that date calling for a Provincial general election. The Writs were returnable on or before May 30th, 1983.

“April 22nd, 1983, was designated as the day for the nomination of candidates and May 5th, 1983, was designated as Polling Day.

“Requests were made under section 122 (1) (c) of the Provincial *Election Act* for partial or complete rechecks in six Electoral Districts, namely,

Comox
Burnaby-Willingdon
Dewdney
Maillardville-Coquitlam
Surrey
Vancouver-Little Mountain

"The rechecks were performed in conjunction with the final count. Because of the rechecks and/or a delay in the final count completion in certain instances, Writ return dates were amended for the following Electoral Districts:

Electoral District	Writ Return
Dewdney.....	May 31st, 1983
Maillardville-Coquitlam.....	June 3rd, 1983
North Island.....	May 31st, 1983
Okanagan South.....	May 31st, 1983
Surrey.....	May 31st, 1983
Vancouver East.....	May 31st, 1983
Vancouver-Little Mountain.....	May 31st, 1983

"Because of a request made under section 130 (1) of the Provincial *Election Act* for a Judicial Recount, the date of Writ return for the Electoral District of Maillardville-Coquitlam cannot be established at this time.

"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.....	Al Lawrence Passarell
BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN.....	Jim Hewitt
BURNABY-EDMONDS.....	Rosemary Brown
BURNABY NORTH.....	Eileen Dailly
BURNABY-WILLINGDON.....	Elwood Veitch
CARIBOO.....	Alexander Vaughan Fraser
CENTRAL FRASER VALLEY.....	Bill Clayburn Ritchie
CHILLIWACK.....	Harvey Wilfred Schroeder
COLUMBIA RIVER.....	James R. Chabot
COMOX.....	Karen E. Sanford
COQUITLAM-MOODY.....	Mark Rose
COWICHAN-MALAHAT.....	Barbara Brookman Wallace
DELTA.....	Walter Davidson
DEWDNEY.....	F. C. Austin Pelton
ESQUIMALT-PORT RENFREW.....	Frank John Mitchell
KAMLOOPS.....	Claude Harry Richmond
KOOTENAY.....	Terry Segarty
LANGLEY.....	Robert H. McClelland
MACKENZIE.....	Don Lockstead
NANAIMO.....	David Daniel Stupich
NELSON-CRESTON.....	Lorne James Nicolson
NEW WESTMINSTER.....	Dennis Geoffrey Cocke
NORTH ISLAND.....	Colin Stuart Gabelmann
NORTH PEACE RIVER.....	Anthony J. Brummet
NORTH VANCOUVER-CAPILANO.....	Angus Ree
NORTH VANCOUVER-SEYMOUR.....	John Jack Davis
OAK BAY-GORDON HEAD.....	Brian Ray Douglas Smith
OKANAGAN NORTH.....	Don Campbell
OKANAGAN SOUTH.....	William Richards Bennett
OMINECA.....	Jack Joseph Kempf

PRINCE GEORGE NORTH	John Herbert Heinrich
PRINCE GEORGE SOUTH	Bruce Strachan
PRINCE RUPERT	Graham Richard Lea
RICHMOND	James Arthur Nielsen
ROSSLAND-TRAIL	Christopher D'Arcy
SAANICH AND THE ISLANDS	Hugh Austin Curtis
SHUSWAP-REVELSTOKE	Clifford C. Michael
SKEENA	Frank Howard
SOUTH PEACE RIVER	Donald McGray Phillips
SURREY	Rita Johnston
	Bill Reid
VANCOUVER CENTRE	Emery Oakland Barnes
	Gary Vernon Lauk
VANCOUVER EAST	David Barrett
	Alexander Barrett Macdonald
VANCOUVER-LITTLE MOUNTAIN	Grace Mary McCarthy
	Douglas L. Mowat
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY	Garde B. Gardom
	Patrick L. McGeer
VANCOUVER SOUTH	Russell Fraser
	Stephen Rogers
VICTORIA	Robin Kyle Blencoe
	Gordon William Hanson
WEST VANCOUVER-HOWE SOUND	John Reynolds
YALE-LILLOOET	Thomas Manville Waterland

“Yours very truly,

“HARRY M. GOLDBERG
 “Chief Electoral Officer and
 Registrar General of Voters
 for British Columbia”

On the motion of the Hon. J. R. Chabot, it was *Ordered*—

That the letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the correspondence 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 has 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 the 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. *J. R. Chabot* 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 reasonable 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 extend greetings to you all, on behalf of our Sovereign, on the opening of this First Session of the Thirty-third Parliament of British Columbia. May I express the wish that your goals and aspirations and the needs of the people you represent will be met in the course of your service as individual members and as the Legislature of our magnificent Province.

In March of this year, all British Columbians were honoured by the presence of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. Our memories of the Royal Tour were enriched by the grace of the Royal Family on their visits to various communities in the Province and by the warm reception our people accorded them.

My Government was especially pleased that Her Majesty took the time to extend an invitation to some 156 nations to participate in Expo 86 — a world's fair and international celebration on the themes of transportation and communication. About thirty-five thousand people participated in this ceremony. We were all thrilled to hear seven thousand student voices fill the new domed Stadium at B.C. Place — opened officially this past Sunday — with sounds of the Royal Anthem and O Canada.

It is gratifying that, in the course of your most difficult deliberations during the past Session, you took time to pause and remember those who have gone before you and who have now departed.

You noted the passing last April of Mrs. Isobel Dawson, who sat as a Member of this Assembly through the years 1966 to 1972. You also marked the death last May of Dr. Lorenzo Giovando who served our people as an Assembly Member from 1952 to 1956.

In August of last year, a third former member of this House passed from us. He was William Campbell Moore, who served our people from 1952 to 1956. We were saddened at the passing in July of last year of Mrs. Shirley Owen — widow of our late honoured Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Walter Owen. And in February of this year, we learned of the deaths of two former members — Lydia Arsens, who served from 1953 to 1956, and Leslie Harvey Eyres, who served from 1937 to 1941 and from 1945 to 1949.

Since we last met, the people of British Columbia have elected this new Parliament. It is appropriate at this time for me to offer my congratulations to the Members who now sit in the Assembly. I want particularly to welcome those who are seated here for the first

time, as I am certain their knowledge will benefit the deliberations of this House. I would also like to thank those no longer here who served their Province in the Thirty-second Parliament.

I am advised that the most severe international recession since the 1930s plagued the international economy in 1981 and 1982. Total production in the major industrialized countries is estimated actually to have declined in 1982. The Canadian economy was particularly hard-hit, with real GNP declining by 4.8 per cent and employment by 5.1 per cent.

The British Columbia economy has not remained immune from the effects of the international recession, as was the case during the milder recession of 1980. The downturn began in the third quarter of 1981, when labour-management disputes shut down our Province's forest industry. It deepened as factors beyond our borders reduced foreign demand for our forest and mineral products. And it intensified as excessively high interest rates caused a decline in business investment and housing construction in the Province. Mortgage rates threatened homeowners, interest rates plagued businesses and employment declined severely.

The revenues of my Government plummeted and continue to be depressed — putting maximum stress on the ability to deliver essential services at the very time such services are most in demand. Individuals, families and communities are being tested as seldom have they been before.

I am advised that our people are extending a helping hand to the weakest members of our society, and that my Government has been in the lead in this regard. Although Government revenues were severely curtailed by recessionary forces, Health expenditures increased last year by thirteen per cent and Human Resources by thirty-two per cent.

My Government has undertaken strong, positive measures to deal with the effects of the international recession. It has demonstrated leadership in fostering economic recovery in Canada by introducing a comprehensive Restraint on Government program — including a *Compensation Stabilization Act* that has served as a model for other jurisdictions.

The maintenance of existing jobs and creation of new ones requires that our national government demonstrate economic leadership. My Government believes that federal-provincial co-operation is essential, and calls upon the federal administration to convene at an early date a First Ministers' Conference on the Economy.

Despite the strong policies pursued by my Government, the severity of the international recession necessitated borrowing in the past year to meet essential obligations. I am advised that this transpired in a year in which my Government had the lowest overall increase in spending of any government in Canada, and in which actual expenditures were lower than originally had been forecast.

I am advised that since the introduction of the Restraint on Government program some progress has been achieved in restoring the fundamental prerequisites to economic health and prosperity. And it is most gratifying to be able to report to this Legislature that we are now witnessing the advent of several positive signs in the resumption of economic activity.

Inflation in British Columbia has been cut by more than half and is now below the national average. In recent months, mortgage rates have been reduced by about seven points and housing starts have increased both in Canada and in the United States. Interest

rates have been lowered by more than five points and we have witnessed actual declines in the cost of living. Recent reports indicate that there has been a perceptible increase in the level of consumer confidence. Above all, I am pleased to report to the Members of this House that since January, 67,000 jobs have been created in British Columbia.

As we begin to emerge from the winter of our adversity, I am pleased to observe that British Columbians are proving equal to the challenge. Rather than sinking into despondency and pessimism, our people are demonstrating pride, resilience and strength. Our institutions are withstanding the strain and British Columbians are today beginning to exude a cautious optimism. We are witnessing a restored sense of the co-operative spirit and a renewed recognition of the rewards of working together. Both are fundamental for economic recovery.

For those who are employed and those on fixed incomes, declining inflation and other signs of economic progress to date are welcome news. However, for those without employment — especially those whose unemployment insurance benefits have expired — continued progress is essential.

The foundations of enduring economic recovery are being laid by my Government. A continuation and intensification of these bold policies is required if the recovery gains we have achieved to date are not to be lost and if British Columbians are to reap the full rewards of economic prosperity. Our task at this time is two-fold: to preserve existing jobs and to create the environment within which new jobs can be created. Members of this Assembly will be asked to approve many of these policies as part of the budget to be considered during this first Session.

The prospect of continuing deficits looms for the next several years. The task at this stage is to manage our expenditures so as to restore balance over time within our financial affairs.

The mandate entrusted to my Government by the people of British Columbia is to pursue economic recovery through restraint on the public sector and encouragement of the private sector.

- It is a mandate to down-size government by eliminating some programs that may be desirable but are not essential and by transferring other activities to the private sector.
- It is a mandate to reduce the duplication of government activities — including the multiplicity of boards and commissions that surround government — and to strive for maximum efficiency and effectiveness in delivering programs.
- It is a mandate to improve our industrial relations so as to foster greater productivity and international competitiveness — the only sure ways to preserve existing jobs and create new employment.
- And it is a mandate to encourage private sector confidence — by eliminating regulatory roadblocks, allowing greater scope for the free play of market forces, and creating a stable investment climate so that business, small and large — and existing and new industries — can create permanent jobs in our Province.

My Government will continue to pursue job creation in the public sector by accelerating highway construction, bridge replacement and dyking and drainage projects. These projects convey a continuing economic return to our people, and it is good business to undertake them at this time.

In addition, several short-term job creation activities are continuing and training programs will be emphasized during this period of high employment. British Columbians must have the necessary skills, both in the traditional trades and in new technology, to contribute to the prosperity of our Province and to their own individual and family satisfaction.

My Government believes, however, that it is only through private sector investment that existing employment can be secured and permanent jobs created. During the course of my Government's mandate you will be asked to approve measures that will maintain a stable environment for private sector activity.

Continued restraint on government spending — a hallmark of my Government's management — is essential if economic health is to be restored and the progress we have seen to date not lost. My Government believes that an intrusive and overweight public sector — far from being part of the solution to our economic difficulties — is in fact part of the problem.

Members of this Assembly have shown leadership in restraint. And I am advised that over the past year my Government has put in place the most stringent controls on Ministerial travel and expenses to be found anywhere in Canada.

My Government remains committed to the principles of the Compensation Stabilization Program introduced last Session. I am advised that considerable progress has been achieved in moderating public sector wages in a fair and equitable manner. It is gratifying to note that, in contrast to other jurisdictions, collective bargaining is continuing within the public sector of British Columbia, and that to date all settlements under the CSP have been achieved through the voluntary guidelines.

However significant are these achievements, a great deal remains to be accomplished if British Columbians are to benefit fully from the economic recovery that is within our grasp. Accordingly, you will be asked to approve amendments to the *Compensation Stabilization Act* to reflect the restrained ability of the taxpayer to support public services.

You will also be asked to approve amendments to this Act to enlarge the scope for productivity bargaining in the public sector. While restraint will continue to be the overriding principle of public sector management, productivity must be given equal significance now and in future years if our taxpayers are to be well served.

Many of those working in the private sector have been subject to marketplace controls — bankruptcies, unemployment, layoffs, low or non-existent wage increases — and in many cases actual decreases. And the weakest members of our society have been sheltered as far as possible through the provision by my Government of essential social programs.

On the other hand, those working in the public sector largely have been sheltered from the impact of the recession. While wage increases have moderated, it is evident that taxpayers and the unemployed can no longer support the level of public services, including attendant employment levels, that has grown up in the last thirty years.

My Government has developed a plan for reducing the size of the public service in the next few years. It is the intention to develop a leaner, more productive government which can meet the needs of the people of British Columbia at a lower cost. You will be asked to approve legislative measures to realize this objective. Individual public servants will be expected to do more with less, but strong efforts will be made to simplify procedures and eliminate obstacles to higher productivity. The result should be a greater level of job satisfaction as well as improved service to the public.

My Government has given careful attention to the successive layers of agencies, boards and commissions that have grown up around governments within the last fifteen years. Measures will be introduced to streamline the operations of some of these bodies, eliminate those whose functions have become unnecessary in light of market conditions, better define the respective responsibilities of agencies and the courts, and introduce restraint measures where such bodies continue to exist.

As part of general efforts to increase efficiency and to encourage the growth and development of the private sector, my Government will be proposing opportunities for transferring to the private sector activities currently undertaken by the public sector. A wide range of commercial functions and many government-produced services which are, or could be, produced privately will be candidates for privatization.

The promotion of a leaner, more affordable and more productive public service is not restricted to internal operations. My Government will continue to seek the commitment to restraint of those in the education and health systems, municipalities, school boards and all agencies that spend taxpayer dollars either directly or indirectly.

Strong measures have been pursued by my Government to induce restraint on the part of all those who spend tax dollars, and these measures have borne fruit. My Government will introduce at this Session a Bill to revise the system of property assessment and taxation in the Province. The legislation produces a more locally sensitive and equitable method of financing municipal services, and permits municipalities in 1983 to hold the line on property taxation for general municipal purposes. These measures will prevent a recurrence of the large and unacceptable shifts in tax burden caused by fluctuations in property values in the past few years.

I am pleased to note that my Government's policies in regard to education financing have enabled school boards, too, to hold the line on school property taxation in 1983.

For those who are unemployed there are no quick fixes, no magical solutions. My Government believes that we must earn our way out of the recession — because we cannot spend our way out of it. And my Government believes that the road to recovery lies through the private sector. Our markets are external and we must compete against other suppliers if we are to protect existing jobs and create new ones. In order to compete successfully, moderate demands and increased productivity are absolutely essential.

As British Columbia and the rest of Canada begin to emerge from the depths of one of the most severe economic recessions experienced in modern times, my Government is undertaking a number of bold and innovative endeavours to ensure that our Province leads the country in economic recovery.

My Government will emphasize balanced economic growth in all areas of the Province, enhanced encouragement for manufacturing and processing companies with concentration on high technology opportunities, increased trade and export activity and substantial support for the small business sector. Those goals will be achieved in the context and spirit of the restraint program, through a judicious reallocation and re-dedication of existing resources.

To keep British Columbia manufacturers competitive in a rapidly changing technological world, my Government will be implementing significant new initiatives to encourage the development and expansion of high technology industries in British Columbia.

In the northeastern sector of the Province, development of mines, rail lines, the new community of Tumbler Ridge and all related infrastructure is progressing on schedule. In

these difficult times, the only mega-project underway in Canada will be providing 2,230 permanent operating jobs in mining, transportation and port-handling, as well as creating thousands of additional supply and service jobs throughout the Province and the rest of Canada. I am advised that the construction of this mammoth project is providing thirteen thousand man-years of direct employment, with a peak work force of 6,800 on the job this year. This represents over 12 per cent of the total construction workforce in British Columbia. I am pleased to note that the first coal deliveries will be shipped from the Northeast later this year.

In the southeastern sector of our Province, massive investment in rail capacity upgrading is planned. This investment — which is crucial to the future of British Columbia as a trading Province and which would dwarf investment in Northeast Coal infrastructure — is on hold pending resolution of the Crowsnest Pass freight rate issue. You will be asked to give your unanimous approval to a resolution expressing British Columbia's interests in this matter.

Members of the House will be aware that a number of other major industrial developments will be assisting the economic recovery of British Columbia. For example, Toyota Motor Corporation of Japan will be constructing an aluminum alloy wheel manufacturing plant that will supply their Japanese assembly works and the North American after-market. In the initial stage, one hundred people will work in this facility when it is completed.

The small business sector is vital for the prosperity of British Columbia. It accounts for about 98 per cent of all registered enterprises and employs half our workforce. As part of my Government's strategy for small business, the recently announced LIFT program has already elicited enquiries from over twelve thousand business people or potential entrepreneurs. The nearly seven hundred projects currently being evaluated will help create or preserve 7,800 jobs.

The vitality of this Province's economy, employment levels and the high standard of living enjoyed by our people are directly and inextricably linked to the ability of our industrial sector to export its goods and services. Canada, together with other developed nations, is becoming increasingly dependent on international trade to maintain its economic well-being. British Columbia as one of the premier trading provinces has a growing portion of its workforce engaged in producing for the export market. To keep these and other British Columbians gainfully employed on the road to economic recovery, we must enhance our cost-competitiveness and ensure that the major driving force — our ability to increase export sales — is encouraged to the greatest extent possible.

To this end, my Government will continue an aggressive and co-ordinated program of export development activities, with particular emphasis on the countries of the Pacific Rim. This not only will maintain markets for British Columbia goods and services, but will also act to counter any moves towards protectionism that could threaten access to our traditional markets.

The agriculture and food industry continues to be a stable and dependable force in our Provincial economy, even in these very difficult times. The industry in British Columbia has fared better than agriculture in Canada as a whole. I am advised that the gross value of agriculture production in British Columbia increased by five per cent and continued to outpace growth in Canada as a whole.

I am also pleased to note that over the past decade the number of British Columbia farmers has increased and farmland under cultivation has been expanded at a faster rate than in the rest of Canada. My Government is committed to build on this strength in future years.

British Columbia's financial sector continues to perform strongly, and Vancouver has become an important international financial centre. The raising of venture and risk capital is becoming increasingly competitive and is fundamental to economic recovery, job creation and the development of high technology industry.

The mining industry — a backbone of the provincial economy — has experienced severely depressed markets. However, I am advised that the stable investment climate resulting from the recent election will translate into one of the most active exploration years ever in our Province.

Markets for British Columbia's gas are also depressed. My Government recognizes fully the need to explore alternative markets such as that for liquefied natural gas in the Pacific Rim. And public hearings concerning the Vancouver Island pipeline will also take place during this Session.

My Government is exploring alternative strategies and mechanisms for increasing sales of British Columbia gas in export markets, and will continue to work with the Alberta and federal governments in exploring alternative pricing arrangements that could increase sales abroad.

The forest industry is vital for the economic health of our Province, and the key market for our lumber is the United States residential construction industry which normally consumes approximately 60 per cent of production. For the second consecutive year, United States housing starts barely exceeded one million units in 1982, compared to a cyclical peak of more than two million units in 1978. The prolonged recession in the United States housing market led to numerous sawmill shutdowns on both sides of the border.

I am advised that the severity of the downturn contributed to a concerted effort by a relatively small group of United States lumber producers to have a countervailing duty imposed on Canadian softwood lumber imports into the United States. The imposition of a significant duty would have had a devastating impact upon the British Columbia economy and upon employment in the industry.

I am pleased to report that my Government played an active, measured and responsible role — in co-operation with industry and the federal government — to ensure that the threat of a duty was not realized.

The decline in United States interest rates which commenced in mid-1982 is now fueling the beginnings of an upturn in our forest industry. To date the impact on lumber producers has been felt mainly in the Interior, with coastal mills still operating well below capacity. The consumption of pulp and paper lags many sectors and is closely tied to the overall level of economic activity. As a result, the demand for British Columbia newsprint and market pulp is still weak. It will be several years before the forest industry recovers from the staggering losses it has suffered in the recent past.

My Government is committed to the goal of realizing the maximum contribution of available forest resources, now and in the future, toward the social and economic well-being of British Columbians. The fulfillment of this goal requires the identification of development opportunities.

A surplus of available pulpwood and wood residues in southeastern British Columbia has been identified. To promote the utilization of this fibre, my Minister of Forests has designated this area a new Pulpwood Area and has invited development proposals. Proposals will be considered from both new companies and companies already engaged in the wood-processing business.

A full and enduring economic recovery, the preservation of existing jobs and our future economic strength depend vitally on sound labour-management relations, a co-rative environment, improved productivity and enhanced cost-competitiveness. Accordingly, you will be asked to consider measures to improve the state of industrial relations in our Province.

In the area of housing, consumer confidence has reached an extremely high level and the market factor is taking hold. Moreover, I am advised that vacancies in the rental market are at a level that has not been seen in several years.

The B.C. Home Program introduced in September last year and launched a month later has attracted widespread public interest, and applications have poured in from all areas of the Province. The program provides supplementary mortgage-interest payments for those suffering the effect of high mortgage rates.

In the first six months of the program fifty thousand homeowners received forty million dollars in loans, which were transferred by electronic mail directly into individual bank accounts.

I am advised that substantial progress has been made this year in a major land development project in Coquitlam. In the first of three development phases, the Riverview Heights subdivision will provide 160 single family lots, a townhouse complex and two apartment sites. The first offering of single family lots was well received by the public in February.

When the Riverview Heights project is completed in three years time, it will provide 1,050 housing units, a school site and a sixty-five acre park. The park, with a land value of two million dollars, will be donated to the people of Coquitlam for public recreation as a gift from my Government.

For seniors, my Government has announced eighteen new projects to provide 595 housing units throughout the Province with an emphasis on small communities where no suitable rental accommodation exists. This new construction will allow our seniors to continue to live in the communities in which they have grown up and still have friends and family.

For the disabled and handicapped, my Government has announced a program of 230 housing units to be provided through non-profit societies. This is part of my Government's commitment to deinstitutionalize those people who can lead productive lives within a community setting.

I am advised that significant progress has been made this year in the release of Crown land for agricultural purposes, principally in the Prince George and Fort Nelson areas.

Four new provincial parks opened last year, including Mount Terry Fox — a towering peak in the Rocky Mountains named after that courageous young man who came to mean so much to us all. And the Province's newest wilderness park — the Valhalla Provincial Park — contains fifty thousand hectares of natural wilderness on the western edge of the Kootenays.

Two smaller parks were established: East Pine Park, which provides boating access to the beautiful Pine River as well as the Peace, and McDonald Creek Park located on the Arrow Lake system.

I am advised that our Provincial parks are gearing up to handle an anticipated sixteen million people this year, up from last year's record of fifteen million.

Tourism's proliferating benefits and its vital contribution as an economic and employment stabilizer during these difficult economic times are well recognized. Confidence in the future of our third-largest industry is demonstrated by the inauguration of flights to Vancouver by two additional international carriers — West Germany's Lufthansa and Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific. My Government welcomes these airlines to British Columbia skies — and is encouraged by the provision of direct, scheduled air service from two of our fastest-growing markets.

My Government is planning a top-calibre exposition that will focus the world's attention exclusively on our Province for at least six months. At least fifteen million visits are expected at Expo 86, creating thousands of jobs in the process. Three years prior to the event, sixteen nations have already indicated they will participate in the world's fair, a major highlight of which will be a World Festival of cultural presentations. Expo 86's theme of transportation and communication will be highlighted by a fully functioning rapid transit system in Vancouver.

I am advised that following Expo 86 Vancouver not only will be regarded as one of the world's most picturesque cities, but also as a world cultural centre, meeting place, vacation destination and gateway to the fascinating and exciting outdoor experiences available throughout our Province.

The tourism ministry is capitalizing on the many opportunities this world's fair offers all regions of our Province by enlarging and intensifying its marketing efforts. At the same time, the ministry is working with the industry to improve and expand its services and facilities as more and more tourists are today insisting on "value for money". Warm hospitality and comfortable amenities are essential if we want to benefit from repeat visits.

Safe, reliable and efficient transportation systems are vital for economic recovery. Accordingly, you will be asked to approve measures to maintain the free flow of people and goods by way of the Province's transportation facilities and services.

My Government's enhanced highway program will include the completion of the new access highway to the Northeast Coal development, major upgrading of the highway and bridges affording access to the Southeast coal mining areas in the Elk Valley, and continuation of major projects in the Coquihalla and at Annacis Island.

New projects throughout the Province will include vital bridge replacements as well as repaving and reconstruction of important sections of existing highways. These activities will not only provide needed jobs at this time, but will reduce future road maintenance costs and provide the fully efficient highway system needed to achieve our economic recovery.

Opening of the Liard Highway from Fort Nelson to Fort Simpson in the Northwest Territories is scheduled for June, 1984. The Provincial section will be completed to an all-weather standard in the current year and completion of the federal section in the Territories will follow. This highway route will attract traffic to the B.C. Railway terminus at Fort Nelson from as far north as the Mackenzie River in the Northwest Territories.

A re-invigorated economy and restored prosperity are fundamental if we are to meet the needs of our people. My Government believes that a sound economic policy is the best means available to secure our social services.

My Government realizes that it has no money of its own and that its programs depend on the ability of the taxpayer to finance them. In this period of fragile and tentative economic recovery, the task at hand is to husband our resources in such a way as to preserve essential services.

British Columbia's education system — already among the finest in Canada — has been undergoing a period of transition. In the years ahead, greater emphasis must be placed on early technological and computer literacy in order to provide our children with the skills that will be required to function successfully in the information society.

New directions in education must be pursued within the context of fiscal restraint and enhanced productivity. My Government will be seeking maximum flexibility and co-operation on the part of all participants in the education system.

In the space of one generation, a single institution concentrating on undergraduate teaching has grown into a university system consisting of three public institutions with international reputations for scholarship and research. British Columbia scholars now play a prominent role in the intellectual life of the Country and the cultural life of our community. I am pleased to note they continue to receive more than their proportionate share of national honours.

I am advised that our universities have been especially co-operative during these times of restraint. My Government will continue to encourage the universities to realign their priorities so as to place greater emphasis on programs that are integral to our development. To this end, my Government will make available funds to permit the construction of engineering facilities at the University of Victoria, and will also assist in the establishment of a Pulp and Paper research institute at the University of British Columbia.

However difficult may be our fiscal situation, my Government's commitment to maintaining first class health care services is absolute. I am advised that spending in this area increased last year at almost twice the rate of overall Provincial spending, and that health care will continue to be the largest single component of the Province's budget. Prudent management, realistic demands, efficient delivery, and maximum cooperation are absolutely essential if health services are to be maintained.

I am advised that British Columbia continues to be at the forefront of medical progress, and that the installation of digital radiography at the Victoria General Hospital marks a world innovation. This new hospital represents one of the most advanced designs to be found anywhere and is an accomplishment to which all British Columbia can point with pride.

The completion of several new facilities across the Province demonstrates my Government's commitment to quality health care. These facilities include the new 150-bed extended care facility at Cedarview on the North Shore, the new Eye Care Clinic at Vancouver General Hospital, the new Victoria General Hospital, Phase One of St. Paul's Hospital and the new Children's-Grace Hospital.

I am advised that my Government will continue significant capital replacement in hospitals in order to ensure up-to-date equipment is available to our health care providers and their patients.

My Government wishes to assure our senior citizens, who have done so much to build British Columbia, that budgetary allocations will continue to provide for their health care needs. In the coming year, provision will be made for 456 Long-Term Care beds. These beds are in addition to the services already provided to more than 46,000 senior citizens through the Long-Term Care program.

One of the more significant responsibilities of government is to provide for those who are most in need. At the same time, the role of the family and individual responsibility are cardinal features of our society. My government will institute measures to ensure that separated and divorced people bear their proper responsibility through regular payment of child and spouse support.

My Government believes that economic development is consistent with protection of our environment: with new waste, wildlife and overall environmental legislation in hand, my Government will continue to provide leadership and will address new areas such as the handling of special wastes.

The heavy flooding of recent years underlines the dependence of many parts of our Province on flood protection. My Government has initiated an accelerated program to increase the security of those living in flood plain areas and protect the environment.

My Government continues to assign high priority to the cultural and recreational life of our people and to programs which encourage the cultural diversity of our Province and enable members of all communities to share the richness of our life in British Columbia. This year, the Premier's Sports Award program, administered until recently by the late Harry Jerome, will sign up its 100,000th participant. This grass roots program teaches basic athletic skills to young children and helps to set early patterns in active participation that will serve individuals and the Province well in the years to come.

My Government will introduce a new fitness program this year that will encourage British Columbians to partake of regular physical activity to maintain good health and well-being. This program will have an indirect, beneficial impact on productivity across all sectors of society.

I am advised that the B.C. Games continue to set new records for participation and achievement. In fact, they are now the largest event of their kind in North America, involving at various stages of competition more than 250,000 athletes. Initiated by my Government in 1978, the Summer and Winter Games bring together people from all parts of our Province and provide an excellent example of the volunteer spirit that is alive and well in British Columbia. In 1983, the Summer Games will be held in Maple Ridge, and the Winter Games in Fort St. John.

Recent events have once again confirmed how fortunate we are in British Columbia to benefit from the democratic system of Government. These events also have made evident the numerical bias that exists in the system at present. Honourable Members will be asked to consider measures to improve the representativeness of our electoral process.

I am advised that my First Minister and his colleagues across the country met recently to discuss the question of Native Rights and that some progress was achieved on this complex issue. In order to implement the terms of an Accord signed by First Ministers, you will be asked to consider a resolution authorizing a constitutional amendment to give effect to an ongoing process, the equal status of native men and women, clarification of the term "treaty rights" and guaranteed consultation in the event of future constitutional change affecting native people.

Honourable Members, you now begin a most important and demanding Session. Our people are coming through very painful times, yet there is considerable distance to travel. I pray that in carrying out your duties, you will reflect fully on the effect and example of your decisions on the people of our Province and Country. The difficulties our people face today must be viewed as opportunities for continued progress.

Through the continued leadership of my Ministers and the work of this Assembly, you must strive to build a stronger British Columbia.

May Divine Providence attend your deliberations.

In our Sovereign's name I thank you.

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. *B. R. D. Smith*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Perpetuate a Parliamentary Right* 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. *W. R. Bennett*, it was *Ordered*—

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.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, 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.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, 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 Economic Affairs.
3. On Agriculture.
4. On Municipal Affairs and Housing.
5. On Labour and Justice.
6. On Health, Education, and Human Resources.
7. On Transportation and Communications.
8. On Environment and Resources.
9. On Crown Corporations;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of Members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of

this House under Standing Orders 68 (1) and 72A (1), said Committee to be composed of The Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, The Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, The Hon. *H. W. Schroeder*, Messrs. *Ree*, *Segarty*, *Veitch*, *Howard*, *Cocke* and *Hanson*.

Mr. *Howard* moved an amendment (seconded by Mr. *Blencoe*) that the motion be amended by adding:

“10. On Ethics in the Banking Industry.”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—20

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

NAYS—33

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

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, seconded by Mr. *Howard*, it was *Ordered*—

That *William Bruce Strachan*, Esquire, Member for Prince George South Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, it was *Ordered*—

That on each Tuesday and Thursday of this Session there shall be two distinct sittings: one from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and one from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.; and on each Monday and Wednesday one sitting from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and on each Friday there will be one sitting from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., unless otherwise ordered.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, it was *Ordered*—

That Report No. 9 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, adopted by this House on February 27, 1973, relating to Oral Questions, be adopted by this House for the present Session.

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

The following papers were presented:

By the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Minister of Intergovernmental Relations), Second Annual Report of the Ministry of Intergovernmental Relations, April 1, 1981, to March 31, 1982.

By the Hon. *J. R. Chabot* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services)—

Annual Report 1981/82, Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services.

Annual Report of the British Columbia Lotteries Branch, Annual Report 1981/82 and Annual Report 1982/83.

Public Service Labour Relations Act Report for 1982.

First Citizens' Fund Administration Approved Applications from January to December 1982.

27th Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act*, Part 2, year ended March 31, 1982.

47th Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1982.

43rd Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Municipal) Act*, year ended December 31, 1981.

14th Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (College) Act*, year ended August 31, 1982.

41st Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, year ended December 31, 1981.

6th Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plans Act*, year ended March 31, 1982.

Annual Report 1982/83, British Columbia Heritage Trust.

Annual Report 1982/83, British Columbia Buildings Corporation.

Pacific National Exhibition Report and Financial Statements, March 31, 1982.

By the Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Transportation and Highways)—

Annual Report of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways for the fiscal year 1981–1982.

Annual Report, 1982, of the British Columbia Railway.

By the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Universities, Science and Communications)—

Annual Report, 1981–1982, of the Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications.

Second Annual Report of the Knowledge Network, June 1982.

By the Hon. *J. H. Heinrich* (Minister of Education), Annual Report of the Ministry of Education, July 1, 1981, to June 30, 1982.

By the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs), the Seventieth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance, 1981.

By the Hon. *T. M. Waterland* (Minister of Forests), Annual Report of the Ministry of Forests, 1981–1982.

By the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Industry and Small Business Development)—

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the British Columbia Cellulose Company for the year ended December 31, 1982.

Annual Report of the Ministry of Industry and Small Business Development, 1982–1983.

And then the House adjourned at 3.33 p.m.

Friday, June 24, 1983

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following papers were presented:

The Hon. *K. W. Davidson* (Speaker)—

Auditor General of British Columbia Statements of Expenditures, March 31, 1982.

Special Report of the Auditor General of the Province of British Columbia—
Ministry of Tourism.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance)—

Report of the Auditor General for the year ended 31st March 1982.

Ministry of Finance Annual Report, 1982.

Compensation Stabilization Program, Annual Report, 1982.

Statement of Crown Proceeding Payments, 1982–1983.

Report to the Legislative Assembly of Treasury Bill Borrowings.

Report of the Assessment Appeal Board of British Columbia for the 1982 Assessment Year.

Remissions and Refunds made under authority of the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act* during calendar year 1982.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits, 1982.

Official Administrators' Annual Returns, *Estate Administration Act*, year ended December 31, 1982.

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Labour)—

Human Rights Commission, 1982 Annual Report.

Workers' Compensation Board 66th Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1982.

Labour Relations Board of British Columbia, Annual Report, 1982.

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources),
British Columbia Hydro Annual Report, 1982–1983.

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Industry and Small Business Development) British Columbia Development Corporation, Ninth Annual Report, 1983.

Mr. *Fraser* moved, seconded by Mr. *Michael*—

“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.

On the motion of Mrs. *Dailly*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.06 a.m.

Monday, June 27, 1983

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Calder*.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mrs. *Wallace* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the closure of timber processing facilities at Chemainus, Lake Cowichan and Youbou.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his opinion.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Wallace*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today, the Honourable Member for Cowichan-Malahat sought leave to move adjournment of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the closure of timber processing facilities at

Chemainus, Lake Cowichan and Youbou. The statement of the matter was not strictly in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 35. The House is currently embarked on the consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session, an Order of the Day which was provided a priority position by order of the House on the opening day of the Session and which provides a wide scope of debate. Where an ordinary parliamentary opportunity for debate is available, the application under Standing Order 35 fails.

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28, 1983

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers*, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Petroleum Corporation, 1982-1983.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, June 28, 1983

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *A. Swan*.

On the motion of Mr. *Ree*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Estate Administration Amendment Act, 1983* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Sanford* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, a meeting of the Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District to consider rezoning a property.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his opinion.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved opinion as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today the Honourable Member for Comox sought to move adjournment of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to debate a definite matter of urgent public importance. The Honourable Member described the matter as a proposed meeting of the Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District to consider rezoning the "Spetifore property." The House is currently embarked on the debate in consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor. The wide scope of the debate affords an ordinary parliamentary opportunity to discuss the matter. Standing Order 35 provides a method of entering upon debate of a subject where there is no parliamentary opportunity available through an adjournment motion. Such is not the case, and accordingly the application does not come within the confines of Standing Order 35.

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

The debate continued.

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

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

The Hon. *G. M. McCarthy*, Minister of Human Resources tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Human Resources, 1981-1982.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt*, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs tabled the following:

Sixty-First Annual Report of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch of the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1982.
Trade Practice Act Annual Report, 1982.
Liquor Distribution Branch 61st Annual Report, April 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.
Annual Report of the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, 1982.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29, 1983

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Monsignor *Phillip Hanley*.

The following papers were presented:

By the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance)—

British Columbia Systems Corporation Annual Report, 1982–1983.

British Columbia Housing and Employment Development Financial Statements, year ended March 31, 1983.

British Columbia Educational Institutions Capital Financing Authority Financial Statements, year ended March 31, 1983.

By the Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Transportation and Highways), British Columbia Ferry Corporation Annual Report, 1982–1983.

By the Hon. *H. W. Schroeder* (Minister of Agriculture and Food)—

Ministry of Agriculture and Food Annual Report, 1982.

The Milk Board Annual Report, year ended December 31, 1982.

By the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs), Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Tenth Annual Report, 1982.

By the Hon. *W. S. Ritchie* (Minister of Municipal Affairs), Ministry of Municipal Affairs Annual Report, 1982.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

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

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

The Hon. *A. J. Brummet* (Minister of Environment), tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Environment, April 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Industry and Small Business Development), tabled British Columbia Railway Financial Statements for fiscal year ended December 31, 1982.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, June 30, 1983

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *L. M. Carlson*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.43 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6, 1983

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Hon. *K. W. Davidson* (Speaker) tabled the Annual Report of the Legislative Library, 1982.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Wednesday, July 6, 1983

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *M. D. Anderson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Howard*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Industrial Development Act Amendment Act, 1983*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—30

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

NAYS—20

<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Howard</i>
	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
	<i>Gabelmann</i>		

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) moved—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except interim supply and Introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Upon the Member for Skeena arising to speak to the motion, Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was neither debatable nor amendable and quoted *British Columbia Journals*, 1967, Feb. 2 and 7, pp. 32, 47–48; May, 16th ed., p. 721; and May, 17th ed., p. 749.

The Speaker's ruling was challenged and sustained.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

On a point of order being raised that the first motion was a dropped Order, the vote not having been taken thereon, Mr. Speaker ruled that the mandatory provisions of Standing Order 60 prevented the motion from becoming a dropped Order and accordingly the motion could be moved by the Minister of Finance.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except interim supply and Introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.06 p.m.

Thursday, July 7, 1983

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *Paul Unger*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By unanimous consent, Oral Question Period was waived for the day.

Mr. *Howard* rose on a point of privilege, namely, a proposal that the speech of the financial critic of the official opposition ought to be televised.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented the Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1982.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance), it was *Ordered*—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1981/82 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented: The Report of the Comptroller General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1983, and the Interim Financial Statement of the Comptroller General for the two months ended May 31, 1983.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith.

Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1984.
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 6, 1983.

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* moved, seconded by the Hon. *B. R. D. Smith*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply, and tabled the Report of the Investment Portfolio pursuant to Section 36 (8) of the *Financial Administration Act, 1981*.

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

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Public Sector Restraint Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

On a point of order being raised that the first motion was a dropped Order, the vote not having been taken thereon, Mr. Speaker ruled that the mandatory provisions of Standing Order 60 prevented the motion from becoming a dropped Order and accordingly the motion could be moved by the Minister of Finance.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, it was *Ordered*—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except interim supply and Introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.06 p.m.

Thursday, July 7, 1983

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *Paul Unger*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By unanimous consent, Oral Question Period was waived for the day.

Mr. *Howard* rose on a point of privilege, namely, a proposal that the speech of the financial critic of the official opposition ought to be televised.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented the Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1982.

On the motion of the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance), it was *Ordered*—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1981/82 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented: The Report of the Comptroller General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1983, and the Interim Financial Statement of the Comptroller General for the two months ended May 31, 1983.

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith.

Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1984.
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 6, 1983.

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* moved, seconded by the Hon. *B. R. D. Smith*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply, and tabled the Report of the Investment Portfolio pursuant to Section 36 (8) of the *Financial Administration Act, 1981*.

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

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Public Sector Restraint Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Pension (Public Service) Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Compensation Stabilization Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Harbour Board Repeal Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Crown Corporation Reporting Repeal Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Alcohol and Drug Commission Repeal Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Medical Services Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Residential Tenancy Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Employment Development Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Gasoline (Coloured) Tax Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Provincial Treasury Financing Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Finance Measures) Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Human Rights Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Municipal Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Assessment Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Property Tax Reform Act (No. 1), 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN MCEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Property Tax Reform Act (No. 2), 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *College and Institute Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Institute of Technology Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

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

ALLAN McEACHERN
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Education (Interim) Finance Amendment Act, 1983* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
July 7, 1983.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Prior to commencement of the Budget Debate, the Honourable Member for Skeena raised, as a matter of privilege, a proposal that the response to the Budget Address by the Honourable Member for Nanaimo as financial critic of the official opposition, be permitted to be televised. In support of the matter raised, the Honourable Member for Skeena referred the Chair to the course taken by the Honourable Mr. Speaker *Schroeder* in submitting to the House a new proposal, not consistent with previous practice, relating to the televising of the Budget Address. I note that in his remarks recorded in Hansard on April 5, 1982, Mr. Speaker declined to treat the matter as one of privilege and I concur with that ruling.

It is my opinion that the proper course, as previously followed, would be for the House to indicate its unanimous consent, or otherwise, to a material departure from the well-established practice of only permitting television coverage of proceedings on the Opening Day of a new Session and of the Budget Address itself.

K. W. DAVIDSON, *Speaker*

Mr. Speaker stated that under the special circumstances, including those of time constraints, he would put the question of leave to the House at this time without establishing a precedent in so doing.

On the question of leave being put, unanimous consent was denied.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

Friday, July 8, 1983

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Capt. *N. Gillespie*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.31 p.m.