

Wednesday, April 2, 1969

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. D. Blencoe.

Mr. Capozzi rose on a matter of privilege and moved the following motion:—

That the member from Burnaby-Edmonds be admonished by the Speaker for breach of privilege and be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of this Session.

Mr. Speaker declared a recess until 3.12 p.m.

Upon Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair he quoted the authority of May, 17th edition, at page 115, which states, "It has also been declared contrary to the law and usage of Parliament for any member to be engaged, either by himself or any partner, in the management of Private Bills before either House of Parliament for pecuniary reward," and observed that, while extenuating circumstances may exist, nevertheless a prima facie case of breach of privilege had been established and, accordingly, Mr. Speaker ruled the motion to be in order.

The debate on the motion was resumed.

Motion agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—30

Messieurs

<i>Vogel</i>	<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Skillings</i>
<i>LeCours</i>	<i>Jordan, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Little</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>	<i>Shelford</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Black</i>		

NAYS—21

Messieurs

<i>Cox</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Brousson</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Daily, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Levi</i>			

The House again recessed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and requested the member for Burnaby-Edmonds to stand in his place, whereupon Mr. Speaker addressed the member as follows:—

"*Mr. Member*,—Pursuant to the Order of this House, the Chair is now called upon to censure you for a breach of the privileges of Parliament—namely, that you were a partner in a firm which acknowledged receipt of pecuniary reward for services involving the enactment of legislation.

"In accordance with the said Order you are suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of this Session."

Upon completion of the statement by Mr. Speaker, the member for Burnaby-Edmonds withdrew from the Chamber.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$208,390 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, *Public Utilities Act*, *Cemeteries Act*, and *Prearranged Funeral Services Act*, to 31st March, 1970.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$282,506 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, *Motor Carrier Act*, to 31st March, 1970.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$611,640 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1970.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,260,385 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31, 1968, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

Department of Agriculture	\$73,742
Department of the Attorney-General	346,765
Department of Education	146,984
Department of Finance	50,502
Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance	2,003,494
Department of Highways	4,950,279
Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce	41,166
Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources	1,381,786
Department of Municipal Affairs	21,195
Department of the Provincial Secretary	125,949
Public Utilities Commission	1,012
Department of Public Works	2,348,855
Department of Recreation and Conservation	7,114
Department of Travel Industry	9,561
Department of Social Welfare	2,751,981
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The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered forthwith.

The reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on February 25th, 27th, and 28th and March 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th, and 31st and April 1st and 2nd were taken as read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the Rules were suspended and the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply were read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Ordered*,—

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That towards the making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Public Service of the Province, there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the following:—

- (1) \$14,260,385 to make good certain sums expended for the fiscal year ended the 31st day of March, 1968.
- (2) \$1,024,072,425 towards defraying the several charges and expenses for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1970.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
Resolution read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 83) intituled *An Act for Granting Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Ordered, That the said Bill 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 Bill (No. 83) intituled *An Act for Granting Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

The Bill was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. *Calder* moved,—

That all correspondence and communications between all departments of the Government, any official of the Stikine Copper Limited, Kennecott Copper Corporation, Kennco (Stikine) Mining Limited, Kennco Explorations (Western) Limited, and any person with respect to an application for the Government to construct a 90-mile access road from Anuk River southward on the east side of Stikine River, thence eastward through the Iskut River valley to join the Stewart-Watson Lake Highway near Ningunsaw River, be filed with this House.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Hall* moved,—

That this House declares its opinion to the Speaker that the procedural motion moved by the Hon. the Minister of Finance, namely,—

“ 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 introduction of Bills, until disposed of.” should be severed into two distinct propositions, namely,—

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

2. That the Order for Committee of Supply have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Motion negatived.

Mr. *Gardom* moved,—

Resolved, That the Government establish in this Legislative Assembly, by and for the 1970 Session, a sound-recording system to record verbatim the speeches, records, and proceedings of this Assembly:

And that such recordings be kept by the Clerk of the Assembly, from which he shall produce a printed verbatim account of such speeches, remarks, and proceedings:

And that such accounts shall be made available daily, free of charge, to the members of the Assembly and at a price to be determined to those outside of this Assembly who may wish to subscribe to the same.

On a point of order being raised by the Hon. the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order in that it offended Standing Order 67 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Mr. *Mussallem* moved,—

That copies of all letters passing between the John Howard Society and the Department of the Attorney-General relating to the young lady convicted of vagrancy, and referred to by the second member for Vancouver South during the consideration of the Attorney-General's estimates, be tabled in this House.

Motion agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *L. A. Williams*, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in his name was withdrawn:—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Labour to study and consider the extent to which the practices and policies of employers, employers' associations, and trade unions restrict or encourage employment opportunities within British Columbia. The said Committee to hear presentations from organizations and individuals and report its findings to this House.

Mr. *McGeer* moved,—

That a Special Committee of the House be formed to investigate all matters relating to Commonwealth Trust Company, Commonwealth Investors Syndicate Limited, and any companies subsidiary, related, or associated therewith, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing to inquire specifically into the inspection and supervision of these companies under the *Companies Act*, the *Securities Act*, the *Trust Companies Act*, and the *Investment Contracts Act*, and to report to the House within three weeks' time or before the end of the Session, whichever is the sooner.

Motion negatived.

Mr. *Cox* moved,—

That copies of all audited balance-sheets of Commonwealth Trust Company from the date of its incorporation until and including the 31st day of December, 1968, be tabled in the House.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance) presented copies of the audited balance-sheets referred to.

Mr. *McGeer* moved,—

That all correspondence and documents with respect to Commonwealth Savings Plan and the Superintendent of Insurance, Department of the Attorney-General, and the Department of Finance, including all reports from inspectors and all financial statements from January, 1963, to the present time, be tabled in the House.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* (Attorney-General) presented the correspondence and documents referred to.

Mr. *Strachan* moved,—

That a complete financial statement including assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenditure for the first six months' operation of the British Columbia Over-all Medical Services Plan, including all licensed carriers, be tabled in this House forthwith.

Motion negatived.

Mr. *Strachan* moved,—

That complete financial statements including assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenditure of the British Columbia Medical Plan covering the period March 31, 1966, to June 30, 1968, be tabled in this House.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) presented the financial statements referred to.

Mr. *King* moved,—

That all correspondence, documents, communications, and recommendations received from Dolmage, Mason and Stewart, Caseco Consultants Limited, Dr. A. Casagrande, Dr. R. Peck, Dr. J. D. Mollard, Dr. F. Nickell, and Messrs. H. Naismith, E. B. Burwell, T. F. Thompson, and B. S. Barnes, either by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority or the Government of British Columbia, and relative to earth stability, earthquakes, and acts of war as it would affect Mica Creek Dam, be tabled in the House.

Motion negatived.

Mr. *Nimsick* moved,—

That all copies of letters between the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Kaiser Coal Company relating to pollution in the District of Sparwood be tabled in this House.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented copies of letters referred to.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order “Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members.”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *An Act Respecting Proceedings against the Crown* a debate arose.

On a point of order being raised by the Hon. the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it interfered with the prerogatives of the Crown.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Appointment of an Ombudsman* 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 involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Elections Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House on the following division:—

YEAS—30

Messieurs

<i>Vogel</i>	<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Skillings</i>
<i>LeCours</i>	<i>Jordan, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Little</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>	<i>Shelford</i>
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<i>Brousseau</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Levi</i>			

PAIR:

Messieurs

McDiarmid *Berger*

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Macdonald* (for Mr. *Berger*), Bill (No. 6) intituled *An Act to Establish a Law Reform Commission* was withdrawn.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *An Act for the Payment of Compensation for Persons Injured or Killed by Criminal Acts or Omissions* 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 involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *An Act to Amend the Companies Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *An Act to Empower the Government of British Columbia to Engage in the Business of Automobile Accident Insurance* 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 involving the expenditure of public funds, and referred to the 1967 Journals at page 228.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *An Act Respecting Land Conservation and Reclamation* 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 involving the expenditure of public funds and imposing a duty on the Crown.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *An Act to Amend the Infants Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *An Act to Amend the Parliamentary Association Conferences Act* a debate arose.

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* raised the point of order that the Bill was out of order as offending Standing Order 76.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member on the ground that not only did it offend Standing Order 76 but, in addition, it offended Standing Order 67 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

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

Mr. *Wolfe* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts as follows:—

REPORT NO. 2

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 2, 1969.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee held several meetings for examination of vouchers supplied by the Comptroller-General. These vouchers were supplied from 16 individual votes as and when requested by the Chairman.

Your Committee also called several witnesses to answer questions regarding travelling expenses and the use of Government aircraft.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EVAN WOLFE, *Chairman*.

The report was taken as read and received.

15 Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

With reference to the first six months' operation of British Columbia medicare since July 1, 1968, including coverage by certified carriers:—

1. What was the total number of persons, excluding dependents, covered under the family rate?

2. What was the total number of persons covered under the single rate?

3. What was the total number of dependents covered?

4. Did any of the persons covered in Nos. 1 and 2 receive premium subsidies of 90 or 50 per cent?

5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, how many families receive (a) 90 per cent or (b) 50 per cent subsidy, and how many single persons receive (a) 90 per cent or (b) 50 per cent subsidy?

6. What was the average claim payment per family?

7. What was the total payment made for insured services?

8. What was the average payment per service?

9. What was the *per capita* cost of insured services?

10. What was the *per capita* administration cost?

11. What percentage of the total costs was for administration?

12. How much was paid for physicians' services?

13. Were any payments received from the Medical Grant Stabilization Fund and, if so, in what amounts?

14. What was the total amount received from premiums?

15. What was the total amount due or received from the Federal Government under the national medicare plan?

16. In the case of each individual carrier, (a) what was the total number of persons covered, (b) what were the total premiums received, (c) what were the total expenditures, and (d) what percentage of costs was for administration?

17. With reference to the total amount paid for physicians' services, how much was for medical services and how much for surgical services?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

" 1. From the latest available figures the number of persons, excluding dependents, covered under the family rate of two was 155,279 and covered under the family rate of three or more was 279,950.

" 2. From the latest available figures the number of persons covered under the single rate was 306,654.

" 3. From the latest available figures the number of dependents covered was 1,155,119.

" 4. Yes.

" 5. From the latest available figures,—

"(a) Families receiving 90 per cent subsidy—

Families of two	30,395
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Families of three or more	25,527
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	55,922
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"(b) Families receiving 50 per cent subsidy—

Families of two	9,306
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Families of three or more	7,739
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	17,045
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"(a) Single persons receiving 90 per cent subsidy	123,125
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"(b) Single persons receiving 50 per cent subsidy	18,061
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" 6. This information is not available.

" 7. The payment made for insured services up to December 31, 1968, was \$25,557,301, unreported and unpaid estimated at \$25,435,756, for total cost of \$50,993,057.

" 8. From the latest available figures the average payment per service was \$7.67.

" 9. Actual *per capita* cost of insured services cannot be produced at the present time.

" 10. From the latest available figures, 24 cents per month.

" 11. The percentage for administration of total costs (including an estimate for claims cost unreported and unpaid) was 5.22 per cent.

" 12. This information not available.

" 13. Yes, the \$14,446,200 received by the Province from the Federal Government.

" 14. Gross \$32,310,488, which includes \$3,822,685 of prepaid premiums for period beyond December 31, 1968, and \$28,487,803 premiums for the six months July 1 to December 31, 1968.

" 15. The amount received in the first six months was \$14,446,200, being interim advances; this amount has been paid over to the Medical Services Commission for the Over-all Medical Services Plan. See answer to No. 13.

" 16. From the latest available figures the following answers to (a), (b), (c), and (d) are given:—

"(a) Total number of persons covered through individual carriers were: British Columbia Medical Plan (includes Fraser Valley Medical Services Society and Automotive Retailers' Association), 785,328; Canadian Pacific Employees' Medical Association, 32,162; Credit Union and Co-operative Health Services Society, 184,059; Medical Services Association, 851,924; Provincial Teachers' Medical Services, 43,529.

"(b) Total premiums received for six-month period ended December 31, 1968, from individual carriers are shown hereunder, with the additional amount of prepaid premiums received shown in parentheses: British Columbia Medical Plan (includes Fraser Valley Medical Services Society and Automotive Retailers' Association), \$11,956,264 (\$3,362,210); Canadian Pacific Employees' Medical Association, \$566,391 (\$100,000); Credit Union and Co-operative Health Services Society, \$3,234,756 (\$221,056); Medical Services Association, \$15,715,313 (\$45,869); Provincial Teachers' Medical Services, \$837,764 (\$93,549).

"(c) Reply is not applicable by individual carrier because licensed carriers' staffs and facilities are used by and under the Commission to carry out specified responsibilities as a component of the Over-all Medical Services Plan; the total expenditures of the over-all plan, including an estimate for unreported and unpaid claims, are \$53,799,530.

"(d) Reply is not applicable by individual carrier (*see* reply to (c)); for the over-all plan, 5.22 per cent (*see* reply to No. 11).

" 17. This information is not available."

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2, 1969

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *An Act Respecting the Broadcasting of Debates and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia* a debate arose.

Motion negatived.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Clark*, Bill (No. 26) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act* was withdrawn.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Clark*, Bill (No. 27) intituled *An Act to Provide Access to Public Buildings* was withdrawn.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Stupich* (for Mrs. *Daily*), Bill (No. 32) intituled *An Act to Amend the Equal Pay Act* was withdrawn.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home-acquisition Grant Act and to Make Additional Appropriation for the Purposes of That 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 involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled *An Act to Amend the Medical Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. R. R. *Loffmark*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Eddie*, Bill (No. 47) intituled *An Act to Amend the Mediation Commission Act* was withdrawn.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled *An Act to Amend the Coroners 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 involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion of Mr. *Stupich*, the Rules were suspended to permit him to move, on behalf of Mr. *Berger*, the second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled *An Act Relating to Landlords and Tenants*.

A debate arose.

Motion negatived.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 70) intituled *An Act to Amend the Wills Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. L. R. *Peterson*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled *An Act to Amend the Consumer Protection Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. L. R. *Peterson*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Brousson*, Bill (No. 80) intituled *An Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Commission on Higher Education* was withdrawn.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled *An Act for the Regulation of Tobacco Advertising* a debate arose.

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. 82) intituled *An Act to Amend the Pollution Control Act, 1967*, a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it imposed a duty on the Crown without the Crown's consent.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *L. R. Peterson* (Attorney-General) presented copies of all letters passing between the John Howard Society and the Department of the Attorney-General relating to the young lady convicted of vagrancy, and referred to by the second member for Vancouver South during the consideration of the Attorney-General's estimates.

The House recessed until 9.20 p.m.

TWENTY MINUTES PAST NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor 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 Partnership Act.*
- (No. 7) *An Act for the Appropriation of \$130,000,000 of Revenue Surplus.*
- (No. 8) *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home-owner Grant Act.*
- (No. 9) *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home-acquisition Grant Act.*
- (No. 10) *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act.*
- (No. 11) *An Act to Provide Grants to Municipalities for Construction of Treatment Plants.*
- (No. 12) *An Act to Amend the Taxation Act.*
- (No. 13) *An Act to Amend the Mining Tax Act.*
- (No. 18) *An Act to Amend the Fish Inspection Act.*
- (No. 23) *An Act to Amend the Mines Regulation Act.*
- (No. 24) *Coal Mines Regulation Act.*
- (No. 28) *An Act to Facilitate the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of British Columbia Being Admitted into and Becoming Part of Canada.*
- (No. 29) *An Act to Establish a Law Reform Commission.*
- (No. 30) *An Act for the Promotion and Protection of the Fundamental Rights of the People of British Columbia.*
- (No. 31) *An Act to Amend the Legal Professions Act.*
- (No. 33) *An Act to Amend the Consumer Protection Act.*
- (No. 34) *An Act to Provide for the Payment of a Grant to Denise Vulliamy.*
- (No. 37) *An Act Respecting the Provincial Home.*
- (No. 38) *An Act to Amend the Libel and Slander Act.*

- (No. 39) *An Act to Provide for the Regulation and Licensing of Community Care Facilities.*
- (No. 40) *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act.*
- (No. 41) *An Act Respecting an Offer of Matching Financial Assistance by Way of Loan to Commonwealth Trust Company.*
- (No. 42) *An Act for the Improvement of White Rock and Adjacent Areas.*
- (No. 43) *An Act to Provide for a Provincial Court.*
- (No. 44) *An Act to Amend the Municipal Superannuation Act.*
- (No. 45) *An Act to Provide Compensation for Persons Assisting Law Enforcement Officers.*
- (No. 46) *An Act to Amend the Supreme Court Act.*
- (No. 49) *An Act to Amend the Protection of Children Act.*
- (No. 52) *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter.*
- (No. 53) *An Act Respecting Trinity Junior College.*
- (No. 56) *An Act to Incorporate St. Paul's Hospital at Vancouver, British Columbia.*
- (No. 63) *An Act to Amend the Registered Nurses Act.*
- (No. 64) *An Act to Amend the Dentistry Act.*
- (No. 65) *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act, 1961.*
- (No. 66) *An Act in Respect of Treatment Resources.*
- (No. 67) *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act.*
- (No. 68) *An Act to Enable School Districts to Provide Housing for Employees.*
- (No. 69) *An Act to Amend the Stock Brands Act.*
- (No. 71) *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development (British Columbia) Act.*
- (No. 72) *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act.*
- (No. 73) *An Act to Authorize the Establishment of a National Park on Vancouver Island.*
- (No. 74) *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*
- (No. 75) *An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act.*
- (No. 76) *An Act to Amend the Land Surveyors Act.*
- (No. 77) *An Act to Amend and Repeal Certain Provisions of the Statute Law.*

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

The said assent was announced by *I. M. Horne, Esq.*, Deputy Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

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

Then Mr. Speaker addressed the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 83) intitled *An Act for Granting Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.*

To this Bill the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

“ In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.”

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

Your deliberations during this Third Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament of British Columbia have been of great benefit to the citizens of this Province. For your achievements I desire to express my appreciation.

Of particular note is the *Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act*, which allocates \$130,000,000 of revenue surplus of the Province among seven funds — the First Citizens' Fund, the Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries and World Disaster Areas Fund, the Physical Fitness and Amateur Sports Fund, the Provincial Major Disaster Fund, the British Columbia Government Building Fund, a sum for the purchase of unissued Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company stock, and a sum to double the Centennial Cultural Fund.

Of great assistance to our people will be the increase in the annual home-owner grant to \$150; the *Provincial New Home Building Assistance Act*, which now provides for a loan of \$5,000 to purchasers of new housing; and the *Municipal Treatment Plant Assistance Act*, which provides grants to municipalities for treatment-plant construction.

In addition, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act* increases the municipality *per capita* grant from \$25 to \$28 and provides that priority in the expenditure of the increase be allocated to municipal ambulance services, which should result in free municipal ambulance service, and to the encouragement of industrial development and tourism in the municipality.

Consonant with the expansion and economic growth of our Province, a complete revision of the *Coal Mines Regulation Act* enacts a comprehensive code for regulation of coal mines in the Province. A feature of the enactment is the provision for guaranteeing the progressive reclamation of the land during and after surface coal-mining operations. By companion amendments to the *Mines Regulation Act*, these provisions apply equally to other mines.

The whole system of the administration of justice in the Province has been thoroughly modernized by three Statutes — the *Law Reform Commission Act*, *An Act to Amend the Supreme Court Act*, and the *Provincial Court Act*. The first sets up a permanent salaried commission to keep all the law of the Province under constant review; the second will abolish County Courts and enlarge the Supreme Court by the number of the present County Court Judges so that the efficiency of the Courts and the service to the litigants will be greatly improved. The third Statute revises the magisterial system and provides for the appointment and payment by the Province of Provincial Judges, with enhanced prestige and qualifications to administer justice at the magisterial level and in respect to family matters and small claims.

You are to be commended for your visionary plan for two areas of the Province which is embodied in two enactments passed at this Session. First, *An Act for the Improvement of White Rock and Adjacent Areas*, providing for the relocation of the Great Northern Railway and the subsequent development of the coastal lands for the public use and benefit. The other, *An Act to Establish a West Coast National Park on Vancouver Island*, will enable the Province to preserve for posterity the natural beauties of an important section of the Province.

Of importance to our people will be the benefits of the *Human Rights Act*, designed to prohibit discrimination in employment, in membership in trade unions, and in commercial and residential accommodation, and provides for a Human Rights Commission to be established to enforce the Act.

In the area of consumer protection, a new *Fish Inspection Act* has been enacted, and additional amendments made to the *Consumer Protection Act*.

I note that after consideration of the recommendations of the Report on Automobile Insurance and the report of the Special Legislative Committee on Automobile Insurance, a completely new concept on automobile insurance has been provided for in the *Insurance Act* and the *Motor-vehicle Act*. These companion enactments require compulsory universal insurance coverage for all vehicles, to the minimum amounts set out in the *Insurance Act*, as well as accident insurance benefits. They are intended to ensure that compensation for injury or death arising out of the use of motor-vehicles is provided in principle on a no-fault basis for all citizens.

Welfare requirements of the Province are provided for under a new *Provincial Home Act*, establishing a home for the maintenance and support of those citizens who require it; a *Community Care Facilities Licensing Act*, for the licensing and regulation of all facilities providing board and lodging and care to children, elderly persons, and those on social assistance; and amendments to the *Protection of Children Act*.

Consideration for the health of the citizens is represented in the *Treatment Resources Act*, providing grants to a municipality or society for developing treatment resources for persons with mental or emotional problems, and amendments to the *Mental Health Act*, the *Registered Nurses Act*, and the *Dentistry Act*.

I note that agriculture amendments have been made to the *Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development (British Columbia) Act* to provide for agreements with municipalities and districts to carry out projects under the Act, and amendments to the *Stock Brands Act*.

Your approval of the Supply Bill authorizing expenditures in services for our people exceeding one billion dollars for the first time in the Province's history is particularly praiseworthy, having been accomplished without increasing taxation.

Finally, it is of great interest to our people that under the *British Columbia Centennial 1971 Celebration Act* you have provided the machinery for the appropriate celebration in 1971 of the centenary of the entry of the Province into the Canadian Confederation.

These and many other measures which you have carefully considered and authorized should contribute substantially to the well-being of our citizens.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, I thank you for your earnest deliberations and labours and for the supplies which you have granted for the Public Service.

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. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor'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.

W. H. MURRAY, *Speaker*.