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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1976

Wednesday, March 17, 1976

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Thirty-first Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of Colonel the Honourable WALTER S. OWEN, Q.C., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 5th day of February 1976, the members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

Colonel the Honourable WALTER S. OWEN, Q.C., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, Provincial Secretary, said:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, that *Dean Edward Smith*, Esquire, Member for North Peace River Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly.

A debate arose.

Mr. *King*, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *Gibson*, that *Alexander Barrett Macdonald*, Esquire, 1st Member for Vancouver East Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Nicolson* moved that the Member for North Peace River Electoral District be now heard.

The Clerk advised the House that the member having already spoken in the debate it was not competent for him to speak again.

Upon leave being asked to permit the Member for North Peace River to speak a second time, leave was not granted.

On the first motion being put, the House divided.

Motion agreed to.

Ian M. Horne, Esquire, Q.C., the Clerk of the House, having declared *Dean Edward Smith* 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 Capt. *S. Ratcliffe*.

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

“OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
“VICTORIA, B.C., February 25, 1976

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

“Re *General Election, December 11, 1975*

“DEAR SIR—His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by His Proclamation issued on the 3rd day of November 1975, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill vacancies caused by such dissolution.

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

“I transmit herewith certificates dated January 30, 1976, and February 19, 1976, of the Chief Electoral Officer and Registrar-General of Voters, setting forth the names of members who have been elected in the electoral districts indicated on the certificate.

“Yours very truly,

“L. J. WALLACE
“Deputy Provincial Secretary”

(ENCLOSURE)

"CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF VOTERS,
"VANCOUVER, B.C., January 30, 1976

"L. J. Wallace, Esq.,
"Deputy Provincial Secretary,
"Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

"Re General Election 1975

"DEAR SIR—The Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on November 3, 1975, and writs were issued on that date calling for a general election. The writs were made returnable on January 5, 1976.

"November 27, 1975, was designated as the day for the nomination of candidates, and December 11, 1975, was designated as polling-day.

"Requests were made under section 122 (1) (c) of the *Provincial Elections Act* for rechecks in six electoral districts; namely, Burnaby North, Coquitlam, Esquimalt, North Vancouver-Capilano, Shuswap, and Vancouver-Burrard. All rechecks were conducted in conjunction with the final counts.

"Because of requests made under section 130 (1) of the *Provincial Elections Act* for judicial recounts in the Burnaby North and Coquitlam Electoral Districts, the date for the return of the writ from these districts was amended, in the case of Burnaby North Electoral District to January 16, 1976, and in the case of Coquitlam Electoral District to an indefinite date due to an appeal to the British Columbia Court of Appeal arising from the judicial recount.

"The date for the return of the writ from the Skeena Electoral District was amended to January 12, 1976, due to delays in completing the final count.

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

ALBERNI.....	Robert Evans Skelly.
ATLIN.....	Frank Arthur Calder.
BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN.....	James Hewitt.
BURNABY-EDMONDS.....	Raymond Loewen.
BURNABY NORTH.....	Eileen Elizabeth Dailly.
BURNABY-WILLINGDON.....	Elwood Neal Veitch.
CARIBOO.....	Alexander Vaughan Fraser.
CHILLIWACK.....	Harvey Wilfred Schroeder.
COLUMBIA RIVER.....	James Roland Chabot.
COMOX.....	Karen Sanford.
COQUITLAM.....	
COWICHAN-MALAHAT.....	Barbara Brookman Wallace.
DELTA.....	Walter Kenneth Davidson.
DEWDNEY.....	George Mussallem.
ESQUIMALT.....	Lyle Benjamin James Kahl.
FORT GEORGE.....	Howard John Lloyd.
KAMLOOPS.....	Kenneth Rafe Mair.
KOOTENAY.....	George Wayne Haddad.
LANGLEY.....	Robert Howard McClelland.
MACKENZIE.....	Donald Frederick Lockstead.
NANAIMO.....	David Daniel Stupich.
NELSON-CRESTON.....	Lorne Nicolson.
NEW WESTMINSTER.....	Dennis Geoffrey Cocke.

NORTH OKANAGAN.....	Patricia Jane Jordan.
NORTH PEACE RIVER.....	Dean Edward Smith.
NORTH VANCOUVER-CAPILANO.....	Gordon Fulerton Gibson.
NORTH VANCOUVER-SEYMOUR.....	John Davis.
OAK BAY.....	George Scott Wallace.
OMINECA.....	Jackie Joseph Kempf.
PRINCE RUPERT.....	Graham Richard Lea.
REVELSTOKE-SLOCAN.....	William Stewart King.
RICHMOND.....	James Arthur Nielsen.
ROSSLAND-TRAIL.....	Christopher D'Arcy.
SAANICH AND THE ISLANDS.....	Hugh Austin Curtis.
SHUSWAP.....	Leonard Bawtree.
SKEENA.....	Cyril Morley Shelford.
SOUTH OKANAGAN.....	William Richards Bennett.
SOUTH PEACE RIVER.....	Donald McGray Phillips.
SURREY.....	William N. Vander Zalm.
VANCOUVER-BURRARD.....	Rosemary Brown.
	Norman Levi.
VANCOUVER CENTRE.....	Emery Oakland Barnes.
	Gary Vernon Lauk.
VANCOUVER EAST.....	Alexander Barrett Macdonald.
	Robert Arthur Williams.
VANCOUVER-LITTLE MOUNTAIN.....	Grace Mary McCarthy.
	Evan Maurice Wolfe.
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY.....	Garde Basil Gardom.
	Patrick Lucey McGeer.
VANCOUVER SOUTH.....	Charles Stephen Rogers.
	William Gerald Strongman.
VICTORIA.....	Charles F. Barber.
	Robert Samuel Bawlf (Jr.).
WEST VANCOUVER-HOWE SOUND.....	Louis Allan Williams.
YALE-LILLOOET.....	Thomas Manville Waterland.

"Yours truly,

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

"CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF VOTERS,
"VANCOUVER, B.C., February 19, 1976

"L. J. Wallace, Esq.,
"Deputy Provincial Secretary,
"Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

"SIR—Pursuant to my certificate of January 30, 1976, I now enclose the writ of the Coquitlam Electoral District.

"The date for the return of the aforementioned writ was amended to an indefinite date due to a judicial recount before the County Court of Westminster, followed by an appeal to the British Columbia Court of Appeal. Said writ was returned to me on February 19, 1976.

“Therefore I certify that George Herman Kerster has been elected to represent the Electoral District of Coquitlam.

“Yours truly,

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

On the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, it was *Ordered*—

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

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

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* then said:

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome all Members to the First Session of the Thirty-first Parliament of British Columbia and I congratulate you on gaining the privilege of serving the citizens of our Province in our Legislature. I express my confidence in your diligence and wisdom for the lasting benefit of the people. Particularly, I welcome the new Members who are seated for the first time and I feel sure their knowledge will benefit the deliberations of this House.

During the past year, our Province was honoured by the visits of the President of Iceland, His Excellency Dr. Kristan Eldiorn, and the Foreign Minister of that country, the Honourable Einar Agustsson; the Minister of Commerce and Small Trades of France, the Honourable Norbert Segard; the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of the United Kingdom, the Honourable Frederick Peart; and, as well, by the visits of the Ambassadors and High Commissioners of 20 other countries. A brief visit was made last month by the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, and my Government welcomed this opportunity to establish a working partnership with the Federal Government on a number of issues.

Last April, Lord Louis Mountbatten, President of the United World College, attended the opening of the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific.

I would like to emphasize the importance of the opening of this college and to congratulate our citizens on British Columbia being chosen as the site of this remarkable institution which, in drawing young people from all over the world, must have a profound effect on maintaining and strengthening good international relations.

It was with sadness that I learned of the passing of H. R. MacMillan, an industrialist and philanthropist of great stature whose name has been for decades synonymous with our greatest industry. Another loss to British Columbia was the death of Charles W. MacSorley, who served his community as Alderman and Reeve of Burnaby and his Province as President of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and as a Member of this Assembly. Brigadier-General Clark, distinguished soldier, businessman, lawyer, and one-time Member of the House of Commons, who died earlier this year, will long be remembered for his contribution to our society and country.

I also wish to note the recent resignation of the second Member for Vancouver East constituency, Mr. Robert Williams. Mr. Williams served as a Cabinet Minister from 1972 to 1975 and was a Member of this Assembly since 1966.

My Government has a number of commitments which it plans to fulfil during the term of its mandate, but this First Session of the Thirty-first Parliament comes at a time when there is great concern among our citizens for the economy of the Province and Canada as a whole, and my Government's priorities will be established accordingly.

British Columbia is in a period when both Government and the private sector must practise restraint, when the demands that each makes on the other must be reduced, and all must strive to bring greater effort to bear on the problems which beset our Province. Leaders in both sectors must set the example.

As part of my Government's plan to provide this example, you will be asked to approve a reduction in the amount paid to all Members of the Legislative Assembly in this year of restraint. My Government will also act to reduce the costs that surround government to demonstrate leadership not only in words but in actions.

Immediately upon taking office, my Government acted quickly to co-operate with the Federal Government on the problem of inflation. Alarming cost trends in both the private and public sectors of our economy have been recognized by all governments in Canada. I am pleased to report that my Government has already announced that an independent agency will be established to monitor the pricing decisions made by all Public Service agencies and corporations and you will be asked to consider legislation authorizing British Columbia's co-operation in the anti-inflation fight.

My Government believes that the people of this Province support a strong and United Canada. British Columbia remains a major contributor to the wealth and prosperity of this nation. In order to ensure that the voice of British Columbia can

be more adequately heard, I was pleased to be advised that my new Government was establishing an office of inter-governmental relations. I am pleased to report that improved relationships with our Federal Government are already in evidence as a result of this move and that a strong western presence has been established through new working relationships with the Province of Alberta.

It was a commitment of my Government to ensure that young people in British Columbia be given the opportunity to achieve a medical education in their own Province. I am pleased to report that already steps to achieve this goal have been taken by an announced expansion at the University of British Columbia Medical School.

During the period of my Government's mandate it will act to rekindle the Provincial economy and provide the programs which will encourage individual enterprise and create new job opportunities which are so badly needed. My Government agrees that security of employment is the only effective income security that a free society can afford for the vast majority of its citizens.

My Government realizes that it has no money of its own, and that only a healthy economy can provide the revenues which will pay for the programs which my Government wishes to initiate during the term of its mandate.

I was pleased to be advised by my Government that not only were specific programs for this year being announced, but that programs for the future were under active consideration.

My Government has a commitment that during the term of its mandate it will work toward removing taxes on the homes of our senior citizens aged 65 and over. This year, you will be asked to take a major step toward achieving this goal.

My Government recognizes the urgent need to look after the health care needs of the Province's young people . . . our greatest resource.

To this end, I am pleased to report that a new Provincial Children's Hospital will be built in Vancouver. Construction will begin this year.

I am pleased to report that the Department of Education has been asked to review the ways in which Provincial operational funding can be offered to independent schools.

My Government feels when a sound economy is restored that local governments should be in partnership with the Provincial Government in sharing the revenues that a growing economy can provide. I am pleased to advise you that it is hoped to introduce legislation to reach this goal during the term of my Government's mandate.

The problems faced by our people in achieving home ownership are to be placed high on the priority list for solution. At this Session you will be asked to make a move toward the ideal situation when all of our people can have the opportunity to own their own home and the land under it. Municipalities will be asked to co-operate in the achievement of this goal.

My Government also plans to make available Crown lands for moderately priced home-sites for British Columbians.

My Government advises me that it is necessary to further protect the consumer in British Columbia and you will be asked to take major steps in legislation to assure the individual safer transactions in the market place.

You will be asked to approve legislation establishing the office of Ombudsman for the Province, to further guarantee the rights of citizens against the weight of big government.

For the first time in British Columbia, my Government has established a Department of Environment to reflect its concern and commitment to safeguard our environmental heritage.

Members of this Assembly will be asked to consider legislation which will establish for the first time a Provincial Auditor-General. This office will provide an independent watchdog over the finances of the Province, which will guard us against errors of the past.

To bring further accountability by government to its citizens, my Government is working toward the provision of quarterly financial reports.

The Province of British Columbia has a history of commitment to those people in our society who are in need. This Legislature (in 1942) was the first in Canada to provide a supplement to the old-age pension, and subsequent Legislatures have maintained British Columbia's leadership by extending benefits to lower age-groups.

To guarantee continuance of these programs, my Government will make the necessary adjustments to ensure that Government payments go only to those in genuine need.

With proper regulation, my Government can continue to extend income aid to those in genuine need beyond the age-limits now in place. You will be asked to consider the *British Columbia Guaranteed Additional Income for Need Act*. This new Act will extend income benefits to qualifying persons in the 55-59 age-group and all single-parent families. This new British Columbia income assistance plan will be further evidence that British Columbia shall once again lead this nation in providing income support to those in genuine need.

My Government believes that the Legislature must retain its fundamental role as the custodian of the taxpayers' trust. Through centuries of struggle, Parliament fought for and won the "power of the purse." In order that this Legislature can once more enjoy the privilege of this ancient right, you will be asked to approve amendments to the *Revenue Act* which will prevent the Minister of Finance investing money in common shares without the approval of the Legislature. In addition, you will be asked to approve legislation which will prevent other Ministers of the Crown from making investments in their own right.

You will be asked to approve changes in legislation relating to the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia which will remove the necessity for political involvement in the setting of the rate structures.

It is further contemplated during the term of my Government's mandate to bring legislation which will create an authority to review all rate applications made by Crown corporations and agencies.

During the term of its mandate, my Government will seek to establish an independent Commission for the purpose of achieving electoral reform. Therefore, later, and before the next election, you will be asked to consider legislation to improve the electoral machinery, provide for fair representation, and clearly define rules for political campaign expenditures.

It is with regret that I advise you that my Government is forced to ask your approval to borrow money for current accounts. The advice to my Government from the independent auditing firm, Clarkson, Gordon & Company, has indicated what our financial requirements will be. Therefore, for one time only, you will be asked to approve the *British Columbia Deficit Repayment Act 1975/76*.

Unfortunately, this will be the first time since February 1952 that British Columbia will be forced to borrow to pay for current accounts.

My Government was shocked at the statistics of accident incidence and resulting injuries among single male drivers under 25 years of age, and the social costs that these represent. Because of this, my Government has introduced the British Columbia Safe Driver Incentive Plan aimed specifically at this group of drivers.

My Government hopes, through the provision of incentives which reward the careful driver, to reduce the alarming toll of accidents and injuries now. It also considers this to be an investment in the future by encouraging safe driving habits which will remain with the driver for the rest of his life.

I am more than pleased to advise you that for the first time the Government of the Province of British Columbia has agreed to meet with the Government of Canada to discuss the concerns of our Indian people. A historic meeting has already taken place between the Federal Minister for Indian Affairs, representatives of the Nishga People, and the Minister of my Government responsible for Native Affairs.

My Government sees a strong future developing during the term of its mandate, and a major role for British Columbia to play in Canada's future.

I am pleased to report that, despite the current economic difficulties which face our Province and Canada as a whole, my Government has the confidence that British Columbia has the strength to meet the challenges which lie ahead. It will plan to continue and develop social programs, even though other provinces are talking of closures and cutbacks in services to people.

My Government, while committed to restraint and effecting economies in Government spending, will not abandon its strong social commitment toward the less fortunate in our society.

And so during this First Session of this Thirty-first Parliament, I give into your capable hands these and other matters which may come before you and I ask your most careful attention and I pray that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties.

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. *Garde B. Gardom*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *The In-laws Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *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. *Grace McCarthy*, 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;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, and Messrs. *Chabot*, *King*, and *Gibson*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, it was *Ordered*—

That Harvey Wilfred Schroeder, Esquire, Member for Chilliwack Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, 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.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, it was *Ordered*—

That on each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this Session there will be two distinct sittings on each day: One from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m., and on each Friday there will be one sitting from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., unless otherwise ordered.

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

The Hon. *Evan M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) presented the Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1975.

And then the House adjourned at 4.56 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 1976

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *K. H. Prior*.

Mr. *Wallace* rose on a point of privilege relating to parliamentary interns being seated in the House.

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Veitch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kempf*—

"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 Mr. *King* 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.

And then the House adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

Friday, March 19, 1976

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. R. Allan*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Jack Davis* (Minister of Transport and Communications) presented Price Waterhouse & Associates review of projected 1976/77 revenues and expenditures of British Columbia Ferries.

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. *King* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Cocke*—

That the motion in reply to the Opening Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be amended by adding the words: "but this House regrets that the Speech of His Honour fails to relieve the motoring public from oppressive auto insurance rates, fails to offer fair treatment for northern and Interior drivers, and fails to end discrimination against drivers under 25."

The debate continued.

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

On the motion that the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. today, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—33

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

NAYS—18

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

The Hon. *Evan M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) presented the following:

Return submitted in accordance with section 46 (2) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*: Refunds and remissions made under section 46 (1) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1975.

Return submitted in accordance with section 85 (4) of the *Taxation Act*: Remissions and refunds made under authority of section 85 (1), (2), and (3) of the *Taxation Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1975.

First Annual Report, July 2, 1974, to December 31, 1974, British Columbia Assessment Authority.

Annual Report of the Assessment Appeal Board for the year ended December 31, 1975.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits, under authority of *Unclaimed Money Deposits Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1975.

Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1, 1975, to December 31, 1975.

Return for the calendar year 1975 submitted in accordance with section 53 of the *Administration Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*.

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* (Minister of Forests) presented the Annual Report of the Forest Service for the year ended December 31, 1974.

And then the House adjourned at 1.06 p.m.

Friday, March 19, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* 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 3.54 p.m.

Monday, March 22, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. Hawkes*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Brown asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, policies affecting the status of women in the Province of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker stated that as the House was currently engaged in the debate on the Address in reply, there would be an early opportunity to discuss the matters raised by the honourable member.

Mr. Speaker further stated that it was the urgency of debate with which he must be concerned and on the above basis, ruled the motion out of order.

Upon *Mr. King* requesting unanimous consent to debate the matter in question, leave was not granted.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. R. Mair* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. Barner.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *British Columbia Deficit Repayment Act, 1975-1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 23, 1976.

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Transport and Communications) made a statement relating to Pacific Western Airlines.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate continued.

Mr. Speaker informed the House he perceived, pursuant to Standing Order 45A (2), the question on the amendment to the Address in reply should be voted upon at 5.30 p.m.

Upon a point of order being raised that the fourth sitting day of the debate would not be concluded until 11 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess to consider the point raised.

Mr. Speaker returned to the Chair and upon being advised by the House Leader that it was intended the House should sit again this day, Mr. Speaker ruled that the debate might continue accordingly.

The debate on the amendment resumed.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 1976

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) presented the Report of the British Columbia Human Rights Commission for the year ended December 31, 1975.

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) presented the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Report of the Department of Education.

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

During the debate, by leave of the House, Ms. *Brown* tabled a document intituled Speakers' Note No. 61.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—18

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

NAYS—32

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

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. J. C. Johnson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

On the motion of Mr. *Skelly*, Bill (No. 31) intituled *Legislative Indemnities and Expenses Tribunal Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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 the Hon. *R. H. McClelland* 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. *J. A. Nielsen* (Minister of Environment) presented the following:
Annual Report of the British Columbia Water Resources Service for the year ended December 31, 1975.

Annual Report of the British Columbia Lands Service for the year ended December 31, 1975.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) presented the Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board of British Columbia for the year 1975.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the following:

The Sixth Annual Report of the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia for the year 1975.

The Law Reform Commission Report on Security Interests in Real Property: Remedies on Default.

The Law Reform Commission Report on Debtor-Creditor Relationships (Project No. 2), Part V: Personal Property Securities, Volumes 1 and 2.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Leo Robert*.

Mr. *Cocke* rose on a matter of privilege regarding the order of speakers for the afternoon sitting.

Mr. Speaker suggested that the Government and Opposition whips meet with regard to the matter raised.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *Jack Davis* (Minister of Transport and Communications) presented the following:

Third Annual Report of the B.C. Energy Commission for the year ended December 31, 1975.

Government Aircraft Passenger Logs for 1975.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) made a statement concerning a news article in the *Vancouver Province* on March 22 relating to manpower training and community employment strategy.

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—33

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

NAYS—18

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

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, 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 introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, 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.

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

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

With respect to Government aircraft—

1. What is the total number of aircraft in the Provincial Government fleet as of March 17, 1976?
2. What was the total number of aircraft in the Government fleet as of March 17, 1975?
3. How many aircraft are presently on order for future delivery?
4. What is the total cost of all aircraft purchased to date?
5. Are any of the aircraft leased rather than owned and, if so, (a) what are the total leasing costs per month and (b) for what length of time are the leases held?
6. In view of the increasing size of the Government fleet, do the Minister and his Department have any plans to produce an annual report dealing specifically with Government aircraft?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

“1. Ten.

“2. Ten.

“3. None.

“4. One Beechcraft Super King Air, model 200, serial BB-7, \$1,016,749.05; one Beechcraft Super King Air, model 200, serial BB-8, \$1,038,168.51; one Cessna Citation, model 500, serial 500-0042 BCL, \$685,709.62; one Cessna Citation, model 500, serial 500-0071 BCM, \$757,051.01; one Cessna Citation, model 500, serial 500-0204 BCK, \$799,047.19; total, \$4,296,725.38. The following aircraft were purchased many years ago in a used condition and rebuilt by Provincial Government personnel, total cost figures not available: DeHavilland Beaver, CF-FHF; DeHavilland Otter, CF-BCG; Beechcraft Turbo-prop, BCF; Beechcraft D-18, CF-BCD; Beechcraft D-18, CF-BCE.

“5. No.

“6. No.”

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

With respect to the use of Provincial Government aircraft—

1. Who has the authority to use Provincial Government aircraft?
2. (a) What are the criteria used to determine who may use Provincial Government aircraft and (b) what members of the Minister's staff have the authority to grant permission for the use of Government aircraft?
3. Is a precise log kept by the Minister's Department of all flights made by Government aircraft?
4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, (a) what members of the Minister's staff are responsible for keeping the log and (b) how often is the log maintained and inspected?

5. Has the Minister had to reprimand any person for illegal use of Provincial Government aircraft?

6. If the answer to No. 5 is yes, on how many separate occasions has this occurred?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

"1. Cabinet Ministers and Government employees on duty.

"2. (a) Criteria established by each department for its own employees and (b) Deputy Minister and Associate Deputy Minister.

"3. Yes.

"4. (a) Co-ordinator of Aircraft Services and (b) summarized weekly from passenger manifests and submitted monthly to the Minister.

"5. No.

"6. Not applicable."

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) presented the following:

First Annual Report of the Universities Council of British Columbia for the period October 1, 1974, to October 1, 1975.

First Annual Report of the British Columbia Institute of Technology, 1974/75.

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following:

Twentieth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act*, year ended March 31, 1975.

Fortieth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Superannuation Act*, year ended March 31, 1975.

Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Municipal Superannuation Act*, year ended December 31, 1974.

Seventh Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *College Pension Act*, year ended August 31, 1975.

Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Teachers' Pensions Act*, year ended December 31, 1974.

Fifteenth Annual Report of the business done under the *Public Service Group Insurance Act*, policy year July 1, 1974, to June 30, 1975.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Friday, March 26, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Bernard Hanley*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *British Columbia Harbours Board Amendment Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 1976

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

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* it was *Ordered*—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1974/75 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) presented the Report of the Comptroller-General pursuant to the provisions of the *Audit Act*, chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1960.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates of sums required for the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1977;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31, 1975, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 1976

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* moved, seconded by the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose.

During the debate, by leave of the House, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) presented the Report to the Minister of Finance by Clarkson, Gordon and Company.

On the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, and by leave of the House, the Order of the House "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply" was rescinded.

Mr. King rose on a matter of privilege relating to a newspaper report that there had been access to Budget information prior to presentation of the Budget address.

A statement was made by the Premier.

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *British Columbia Railway Company Construction Loan Amendment Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 1976

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 1976

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Special Funds Revenue Recovery Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 1976

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Revenue Amendment Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
Government House,
March 26, 1976

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
Government House,
March 26, 1976

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 26, 1976

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

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Social Services Tax Amendment Act, 1976*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 26, 1976*

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.28 p.m.

Monday, March 29, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. H. Smith*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Economic Development) made a statement relating to the burning of a bridge located at Mile 147.3 of the British Columbia Railway, approximately 10 miles south of Lillooet.

Mr. *King* asked leave to make a motion to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, certain statements contained in the Budget address presented on Friday last.

Mr. Speaker stated he was of the opinion that as the House was presently debating the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply, there was no urgency of debate.

Upon Mr. *King* asking unanimous leave of the House to move adjournment, leave was not granted.

Mr. *Gibson* rose on a point of order, namely, that certain words within the Budget Speech are unparliamentary and quoted May, 18th edition, page 417, and *Beauchesne*, 4th edition, page 171.

Mr. Speaker stated that the matter was governed by Standing Order 40 and that in any event the matter complained of should have been raised at the earliest opportunity, being Friday last.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 32) intituled *An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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. *Wallace* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

By leave, Mrs. *Jordan* presented the petition of The British Columbia Association of Colleges for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate The British Columbia Association of Colleges*.

On the motion of Mrs. *Jordan* the Rules were suspended and the petition of The British Columbia Association of Colleges was received.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, March 29, 1976

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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 the Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (on behalf of the Hon. *Jack Davis*) the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* the House proceeded to Public Bills and Orders.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *British Columbia Deficit Repayment Act, 1975-1976* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Stupich*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 8.54 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *John Stone*.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Macdonald* presented a petition as follows:

*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia
in Legislature Assembled:*

The petition of the undersigned, *Alex. B. Macdonald*, M.L.A., and *Gary V. Lauk*, M.L.A., praying that your Honourable House may be pleased to appoint a Committee of Privileges to investigate the grave allegations made in this House and also the allegations contained in the said newspapers as related herein, the statements by diverse persons as contained therein which call into question the authority and dignity of this Legislative Assembly and the rights and privileges of its members, with power to call for books, papers, and things, and to summon all witnesses who may have knowledge of the matters and facts bearing upon the said allegations.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated the 30th day of March 1976.

ALEX. B. MACDONALD
GARY V. LAUK

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Wallace*, Bill (No. 33) intituled *Freedom of Information Act*.

On the motion of Ms. *Brown*, Bill (No. 34) intituled *An Act to Amend the Change of Name Act*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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. *Chabot* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* it was *Resolved*—

That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied in such manner and at such times as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council

may determine a sum not exceeding in the whole \$1,222 million toward defraying the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1977, not otherwise provided for, and being substantially one third of the total amount of the votes of the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1977, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present Session.

The Committee reported the Resolution.
Report to be considered forthwith.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* the report of Resolution from the Committee of Supply was taken as read and received, read a second time, and agreed to.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, 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 OF WAYS AND MEANS)

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, it was *Resolved*—

That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied in such manner and at such times as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine a sum not exceeding in the whole \$1,222 million toward defraying the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1977, not otherwise provided for, and being substantially one third of the total amount of the votes of the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1977, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present Session.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* presented Bill (No. 10) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1976*.

Ordered, That the 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 the Bill.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Supply Act, No. 1, 1976* a debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

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

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *British Columbia Deficit Repayment Act, 1975-1976*.

The debate continued.

His attention having been drawn to the clock at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker left the chair and announced he would return at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 1976

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) presented the Universities Council of British Columbia Report on Notre Dame University of Nelson.

By leave, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented copies of correspondence from the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority relating to public transportation.

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) presented the 57th Annual Report of the Public Service Commission, January 1 to December 31, 1975.

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. *Bawlf* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *British Columbia Deficit Repayment Act, 1975-1976*.

The Speaker's attention was drawn to the clock at the hour of 11 o'clock p.m.

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* moved, that the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11.05 p.m. today.

Upon a point of order being raised that the motion was not in order once the Speaker's attention has been drawn to the clock, Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was in order and then referred to the ruling of Mr. Speaker Dowding in the Journals of the House, 1975, page 171.

A debate arose.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Mr. Speaker declared a recess for 15 minutes.

FIFTEEN MINUTES TO ONE O'CLOCK A.M.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.53 a.m.

Wednesday, March 31, 1976

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker advised the House of the death of Charles Grant MacNeil, Esq., a former member of the Legislative Assembly. At the request of Mr. Speaker the members observed one minute of silence.

Prayers by *Pastor Melashenko*.

By leave, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following:

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Redefinition of Electoral Districts.

Report of the Public Inquiry Commission Appointed to Examine Certain Aspects of Vancouver Community College.

Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Use of Pesticides and Herbicides: Final Report of the Commissioners, May 30, 1975, volume 1, volume 2, parts 1 and 2, and volume 3.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the following:

The Fourth Report of the Workers' Compensation Board administering the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act*, for the period January 1, 1975, to December 31, 1975.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Liquor Administration Branch of the Department of the Attorney-General covering the fiscal year ended March 31, 1975.

Pursuant to Standing Order 73 (6), *E. G. MacMinn*, Deputy Clerk, read the following Report:

REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

March 31, 1976

In the matter of the petition presented to the House on the 30th day of March 1976 by the Honourable First Member for Vancouver East.

The said petition is irregular in the following respects, namely:

- (1) The petition contains statements made by members in the House (*see* May, 18th edition, page 795).
- (2) A member, being himself a petitioner, should not present the petition (*see* May, 18th edition, page 799).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. M. HORNE, *Clerk of the House*

Mr. *Macdonald* asked leave to move a motion without notice on the ground that the subject-matter of the motion was a matter of privilege.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the matter.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) made a statement relating to a recent editorial concerning the appointment of a Board of Inquiry with respect to a complaint of The Human Rights Commission concerning a policy of the British Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons.

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 the Hon. *T. M. Waterland* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Mr. *Lauk* rose to a point of order and stated that as the debate on second reading of Bill (No. 3) had not been adjourned at yesterday's sitting, the Order for second reading had lapsed and quoted May, 18th edition, page 290.

Mr. Speaker drew the member's attention to Standing Order 32.

In view of the fact that second reading of Bill (No. 3) was under consideration at the time of adjournment, Standing Order 32 placed the debate first on the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, next after Orders, to which a special precedent had been assigned and, accordingly, Mr. Speaker called upon the Member for New Westminster who had been speaking at the hour of adjournment.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *British Columbia Deficit Repayment Act, 1975-1976*.

The debate continued.

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

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

12 Mr. *D'Arcy* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

1. How many tons of copper concentrates were produced in 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975?

2. What was (a) the estimated value of these concentrates and (b) the royalty return to the Province on an annual basis?

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* replied as follows:

"1 and 2:

	Copper Concentrates Shipped ¹ (Tons)	\$	Mineral Royalties Assessed ³ \$	Mineral Land Tax Assessed ³ \$
1971.....	531,339	135,320,050	-----	-----
1972.....	865,731	219,653,861	-----	-----
1973.....	1,287,148	605,802,279	-----	-----
1974.....	1,160,168	580,240,249	8,597,218	-----
1975.....	1,092,771 ²	341,773,860 ²	8,851,013	4,297,690 ⁴

¹ Shipments have been used rather than production as this is the level that a valuation is applied.

² Estimated.

³ The mineral royalty returns and mineral land tax assessments are subject to audit and may be adjusted at a later date.

⁴ Based on 1974 production revenue."

13 Mr. *D'Arcy* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

With reference to coal mined in 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975—

1. What was the total tonnage of coal mined in each year?

2. What was the total amount of royalty or land tax in lieu of royalty paid on coal mined in each year?

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* replied as follows:

"1 and 2:

	Clean Coal Produced (Tons)	Coal Royalties Collected \$	Land Tax Collected \$
1971.....	4,637,012	298	-----
1972.....	6,564,731	236,861	-----
1973.....	7,772,338	548,370	-----
1974.....	8,532,319	1,642,330	2,297,147 ²
1975 ¹	10,559,848	3,644,268	5,350,816 ³

¹ Estimated.

² Based on 1973 production.

³ Based on 1974 production."

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *Gibson* on March 29 as follows:

Honourable Members.—I have now had an opportunity to consider the point of order raised March 29 by the Honourable Member for North Vancouver-Capilano, namely, that certain words within the Budget Speech are unparliamentary. As I understand it the words complained of are contained in page 35 of the speech as printed and read as follows, and I quote:

“Mr. Speaker, the parties that expound this irresponsible use of public funds are on the skids everywhere in the world. The people have thrown the socialists out in Australia. They have been thrown out in New Zealand. They are hanging on the ropes in Britain and their leader has quit. And they have been thrown out here.”

The honourable member who raised the point of order quoted from the 18th edition of *May* at page 417, which reads, and I quote:

“Nor may opprobrious reflections be cast in debate on sovereigns and rulers over or governments of independent commonwealth territories or countries in amity with Her Majesty or their representative in this country.”

I find that the word “opprobrious” is variously defined as “abusive” or “vituperous,” and I note that the opening sentence of the passage complained of refers not to “governments” of other nations, but to “parties” and, accordingly, I must find that the words complained of do not constitute an unparliamentary abuse or vituperation toward a friendly government as contemplated by the authority quoted.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the Fifty-third Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the year ended December 31, 1974.

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31, 1976

EIGHT O’CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, the House proceeded to “Public Bills and Orders.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intitled *British Columbia Deficit Repayment Act, 1975–1976*.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.