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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rabbi *Harvey Markovitz*.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Thirty-second Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable HENRY P. BELL-IRVING, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 31st day of January 1980, the members took their seats.

The Honourable HENRY P. BELL-IRVING, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

Again it is my pleasure and privilege to deliver the Speech from the Throne to Members of this Assembly.

It is with a note of sadness that I open these proceedings with the memory of the deplorable act which last year took the life of Lord Louis Mountbatten, a world figure and the cousin of our most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

We remember also with sadness the recent deaths of two former Members of this Assembly, who served with dedicated devotion in the interests of all of the people of British Columbia. Gone from us are Einar Gunderson, who represented the Electoral District of Similkameen in 1952, serving also as Minister of Finance, and Arnold Webster from the constituency of Vancouver East, who served in the years 1953 to 1956 as Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

Also now gone from our midst are those outstanding British Columbia athletes, Fred "Cyclone" Taylor, Lynn Patrick and "Torchy" Peden, and the well-known journalist, Jack Scott, all of whom brought fame to themselves and recognition to our province.

All Canadians are proud of recent actions taken by our national embassy in Iran. My government joins in expressing appreciation to those who participated,

and hopes that the continuing confrontation in Iran will be resolved soon and the American hostages returned safely to their families. It is our prayer that the cause of world peace will prosper in this new decade.

We were honoured during the past year through the visits of many distinguished people, highlighted by the visit last April of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness, as President of the United Council of the United World Colleges, made his first visit to British Columbia, toured, and attended meetings at Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific on Vancouver Island.

Their Excellencies, Governor General and Mrs. Schreyer made their first official visit to our province in February at which time His Excellency officially opened the Institute of Ocean Sciences at Patricia Bay and visited the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific.

Other distinguished visitors during the year included the Honourable Jay Hammond, Governor of Alaska; the Honourable Dixie Lee Ray, Governor of Washington State; and the Honourable Ione Christensen, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory; M. Jacques Pelletier, Secretary of State for Education of the Government of France and Mme. Pelletier; and many ambassadors and high commissioners from countries throughout the world.

We were also honoured last summer with the presence of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, who graciously consented to participate in the official opening of the new Vancouver Law Courts.

I note with satisfaction the celebration of 1979 as the Year of the Child and the Family, and the various programs that were introduced by my government relating to this event.

My Executive Council has been increased by four ministers and I extend my personal congratulations and wishes to each of them for a successful and fulfilling time in office.

My government also has initiated two new ministries and reorganized others. Legislation relating to these changes will be laid before you.

The Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications will be responsible for higher learning in the province and for the continuing advancement of scientific exploration. As a separate entity, my reorganized Ministry of Education will be in charge of all public school education from Kindergarten to Grade XII, colleges, vocational schools and institutes, including the British Columbia Institute of Technology and the Open Learning Institute.

The Ministry of Intergovernmental Relations will co-ordinate and develop policies, strategies and activities for our province's relationships with other governments, and be responsible for constitutional matters. The Ministry also will undertake certain Executive Council administrative duties.

Recognizing the inestimable value of our tourist industry, my government has re-established as a separate ministry the Ministry of Tourism — to take full advantage of the benefits that may be derived from the enjoyment of our abundant natural heritage.

On the national scene, my government renews its commitment to the cause of national unity, its commitment to one Canada, and to all of our provinces being within that one Canada. It continues to hold the view that current stresses within the

Canadian federation demonstrate even further the need for substantial changes to the Constitution of our country.

We British Columbians today have little more representation in many of the central institutions that govern the activities of Canada than our forebearers did in 1871 when the united colony of British Columbia entered Confederation. My government has long been concerned about this lack of representation.

Four years ago, my government led the way among the provinces by proposing specific constitutional changes that would guarantee all regions a continuing participation in the determination of national policy, regardless of the make-up of the House of Commons. Since that time, other areas in Canada have followed my government's lead. There is an emerging agreement across our nation that Canada's constitution must reflect today's realities and must ensure that each region of Canada has its rightful place and rightful emphasis in Confederation.

My government's approach to constitutional change calls for all the regions of our widely diverse country to have a stronger and more effective voice in federal decision-making on matters that affect the provinces. Thus, far from seeking to withdraw from Canada, British Columbia will seek a greater role at the nation's capital.

Our province today stands on the threshold of the most challenging and exciting decade in its history. To prepare for this, commitments must be made that will establish our direction for the next 10 years. My government accepts that challenge.

Through long-term planning and aggressive management of our vast natural resources it will continue to lay the foundation on which to build the unparalleled economic strength that will ensure a secure future for all British Columbians — for this generation and for generations to come.

Energy supply, unemployment, inflation and government growth and spending are all matters of immediate and deep concern to my government.

British Columbia is blessed with possibly the widest variety of energy sources of any comparable area in the world. It is my government's commitment that they be monitored, harvested, converted as and when necessary and practicable, and utilized for the energy self-sufficiency of our people now and for the years to come.

An energy policy has been formulated to meet the challenge of providing within our provincial borders an ample and secure supply of energy. Legislation will be introduced to establish review procedures relating to the selection of alternate energy projects so that new sources will maximize social and economic benefits to all British Columbians while minimizing environmental impact.

In the field of non-renewable energy resources, my government will continue to encourage the current extensive exploration for natural gas. You will recall that in 1975, our province's natural gas reserves were declining in spite of clear warnings throughout the world of coming energy shortages. My government began to take positive steps in 1976 to stimulate development of our natural gas potential, including the construction of the Grizzly Valley gas pipeline. The result of these steps is that today the estimates of the province's gas reserves exceed 7 trillion cubic feet — equal to more than 20 years of present domestic consumption. My government expects that increased exploration will result in considerable expansion of these reserves.

While exploration in British Columbia has so far found only moderate reserves of natural oil, in-depth consideration will be given to the alternative of converting portions of our enormous quantities of coal into gasoline.

The Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications is establishing a research group with a broad mandate to study the feasibility of British Columbia coal conversion. Considering that through existing technology a metric ton of coal can produce up to three barrels of gasoline, and considering that our Hat Creek coal deposit alone is estimated to contain up to 15 billion metric tons — and possibly more, the potential of this new source of energy for British Columbia and for Canada all but staggers the imagination.

In the area of renewable energy resources, our province, which in size is larger than the American states of California, Oregon and Washington combined, today only harnesses about one-third of its potential hydro-electric power. The remaining two-thirds, which is roughly equivalent in energy potential to the total amount of oil British Columbia now imports, rushes unused into the Pacific Ocean. Full consideration will be given to salvaging this huge energy source, but in such a way that it will not diminish our abundant salmon fisheries.

Another renewable energy resource, much of which is also unused, lies piled into small mountains of sawdust in the various milling areas in British Columbia. I am advised that the Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications will be asking scientists to look for ways of converting this wood biomass into useful products, again aiming specifically at our shortage of provincial petroleum.

A third renewable resource, solar energy, is being investigated by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources with the first large-scale field test in Canada of the use of this source to produce hot water for domestic use.

In order to balance and control the development of our potentially vast renewable and non-renewable energy resources, and to see that their products are sold at a fair price to consumers, new legislation will be introduced to create a B.C. Utilities Commission. In anticipation of the federal government transferring its jurisdiction over B.C. Telephone Company rates to our province, the Commission's mandate will also include the authority to hold hearings on proposed telephone rate increases. Procedures also will be established for reviewing applications for the export of energy from British Columbia, to ensure that future energy requirements of all of our people are fully protected.

In order to enhance the protection of our environment during the coming decade, a new *Ministry of Environment Act* will be introduced as a first step toward a full review of environmental legislation. Also legislation will be introduced to allow my Minister of Environment to provide immediate response to pollution emergencies.

Another matter of deep concern to my government is unemployment. The population of our province in recent years has been growing at a greater rate than the rest of Canada. To meet this growth, British Columbia has been creating about 15 per cent of Canada's new jobs even though we only have 11 per cent of the population.

In spite of this, unemployment persists in our province. This is unacceptable to my government. To meet this problem directly you will be asked to approve programs and expenditures to create jobs and stimulate economic activity.

In education, an expansion of career and vocational education in secondary schools will be proposed. New facilities will be established in five community colleges and in the B.C. Institute of Technology. Apprenticeship and job training programs will be enriched.

My government plans to provide, through job opportunities, access to training and initial working experience for more than 14 thousand young people.

In order to stimulate our home market for British Columbia forest products, my government last year acted immediately under the powers of the *Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing Act* and launched a \$200 million program to provide most favourable mortgage interest rates for new homes and rental accommodation.

As well as assisting British Columbians to own their own homes, this program is stimulating all phases of our home construction industry and reducing unemployment.

My government emphasizes that government growth in all of its forms is of continuing and deserved concern to all Canadian taxpayers. It is my government's commitment that British Columbia taxpayers receive full value for their tax dollar; that government growth be measured qualitatively, and that the cost of government be held in check by a balanced budget. The job of government in the 1980's is to accommodate the citizen rather than the other way around. To this end, British Columbians have already seen major tax reductions introduced since 1975. The Social Services tax rate, for example, has been brought to its lowest level in more than a quarter of a century.

The scourge of inflation is also of deep concern to my government. It continues to persist in our province, as it does across our nation and in other nations of the world, including our main trading partner and good neighbour, the United States.

As a province that has to rely on imports and exports to survive, it is unrealistic to believe that British Columbia alone, and on its own, can stop this world-wide problem at its borders. But it is not unrealistic to take positive steps to counteract its impact on the lives of all British Columbians. My government believes the positive way to fight inflation inside British Columbia, while still providing the many and varied services which our people require, is to build a strong and vibrant economy within our own boundaries.

Our largest and most important industry is forestry.

You will recall that the forest and range legislation enacted by the Legislative Assembly in 1978 set the stage for the orderly transition from an era in which emphasis was placed on the utilization of the province's old-growth forests to the modern challenges best characterized by intensive forest and range management practices.

The time has now come for a major commitment to the most important aspect of the future of the forest industry in British Columbia, a commitment to perpetual reforestation.

Although during the past four years you were asked for, and gave approval to increasing the amount of reforestation over previous years, it was given on an annual basis. This year you will be asked to make a major long-term commitment which, in conjunction with intensive management of established timber stands, will

raise the quality and ensure the future of the most important renewable resource in British Columbia.

This perpetuation will form the basis of a secure economic future for all British Columbians — for this generation and for generations to come.

The Assembly will also be asked to consider amendments to the Forest and Range Acts to improve administration of the province's forest and range resources and authorize further decentralization of authority within the administration of the ministry to promote more flexible and prompt decision-making at the local level.

Early in 1976 my ministers prepared a blueprint for an overall industrial strategy which would aid the recovery of our economy. This has served us well, but now is the time to meet the challenges of the nineteen eighties and nineties. My Minister of Industry and Small Business Development informs me that a new industrial strategy will be completed by his ministry shortly.

The importance of developing marketing strategies for British Columbia products is a prime concern. Our province's rate of economic growth is normally greater than that of either Canada or most other developed countries, and my government wishes to continue to maintain and, if possible, increase this lead through a combination of sound planning and innovative programs. It is realized that only a strong economy can ensure the future of our young people and provide the tax dollars which will sustain our social programs.

My minister this year will be completing a thorough export development strategy for Pacific Rim nations. The potential market for British Columbia products around the Pacific is vast. By 1985, through the initiatives of my government, British Columbians can expect to be selling more than \$11 billion worth of products each year to these nations.

Following highly successful missions last year to Japan and Korea, my government is opening up a market for British Columbia forest products in Japan that is expected to return to our province \$1.5 billion a year by 1985, more than 2½ times that which is being sold now. In recognition of this burgeoning market my first minister recently took part in the official opening of a sawmill in Nanaimo that is designed to produce forest products solely for export to Japan.

My government is also opening up a proportionately large market for British Columbia forest products in Korea, with sales in 1985 expected to reach \$100 million a year.

The strengthening of British Columbia's competitive position in world coal markets will continue to be a high priority of my government in the coming year, including vital road, rail and port developments.

To encourage the continued growth of small business in British Columbia and to create employment opportunities, the *Ministry of Finance Small Business Venture Capital Corporation Act* will create a new type of investment company whose role will be to provide small businesses with venture or equity capital. As indicated last year, a special British Columbia income tax deduction will be proposed for both individual and corporate taxpayers who invest in such Venture Capital Corporations.

At this time I would like to advise you that the free distribution of British Columbia Resources Investment Corporation shares to the people of our province and the sale of additional shares to raise investment capital have been received and

widely acclaimed in a most favourable manner. You have enabled the people to share directly in the wealth of our vast natural resources through the extension of individual ownership of corporation shares.

My government is now working hard to bring to British Columbia a major world exposition, Transpo '86. This exciting and highly significant international event could draw the attention of all countries to our province as well as serve to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the inception of Montreal to Vancouver rail service in Canada in 1886.

Needless to say, great enthusiasm has been generated at all levels — national, provincial and civic — and British Columbia's submissions have been most favourably received by the Bureau of International Expositions. Legislation to incorporate Transpo '86 will be presented to you.

Transpo '86 could well be one of the most spectacular events in British Columbia's history and provide a multitude of short-term and long-term benefits — and opportunities — which will be felt throughout the province.

This most important exposition is proposed for Vancouver — and it will have as its centrepiece a large amphitheatre on the north shore of the city's False Creek area. Designed to house major sports and cultural events and large-scale meetings, the amphitheatre will be part of something even larger — British Columbia Place, the exciting development which will stretch along the north shore of False Creek from the Granville Bridge to the Gastown-Chinatown area in the east.

I am advised that tourism is expected to become the world's number one industry by the year 2000. Hence during the next 10 years, it is anticipated that world competition for the tourist dollar will increase dramatically.

The Ministry of Tourism will bring strong emphasis to our visitor industry, which is one of our five basic provincial resources. My minister will be concentrating on upgrading our tourist facilities and reaffirms that in British Columbia the atmosphere is such that tourists are not only wanted, but are genuinely welcome and will receive both great hospitality and good value.

My Minister of Municipal Affairs will lay a program before you which will afford our municipalities an opportunity to redevelop their downtown districts so they may revitalize commerce and provide new sources of community pride.

My government will initiate a long-range plan to work in partnership with our municipalities to provide public transportation systems, including all types of transit, of which we can all be proud.

My Minister of Transportation and Highways will propose that the existing provision of the *Highways Act* be amended so the province may establish provincial highways in any city or city municipality. It presently excludes city and city municipalities from having classified provincial highways where the population exceeds 30,000. The amendment will remove anomalies created by the expansion of a number of cities within the province in recent years.

While the desire for special forms of transportation to ease rush-hour commuter movements has become a high priority in the Lower Mainland at this time, it is equally vital that highways and major streets in the Greater Vancouver area maintain their capacity to move conventional traffic adequately as population centres expand. Forecasts that population south of the Fraser River, for example, will by 1985 be double those of 1971 are holding true and cannot be ignored.

My government recognizes the seriousness of the situation. It is already moving to ease trouble spots.

An important need is for relief to the Massey Tunnel and the Pattullo Bridge where the greatest increases in traffic pressures are from the areas of north and east Delta and of south and west Surrey. It is evident to this government that the most effective solution to these problems is to construct an additional crossing of the main arm of the Fraser River in the vicinity of Annacis Island. From this crossing additional street and highway capacity will be constructed to move traffic to the west and north, and to the central Richmond area.

Steps are being taken to complete the necessary consultations and arrangements with the municipalities involved so that this large and highly significant project, with its resultant job opportunities, can get under way as soon as possible.

My government further intends to continue to expand its overall enlarged program of highway construction and paving, particularly on the north bank of the lower Fraser River, on Vancouver Island, and throughout the interior and north of the province.

As part of my government's transportation policy, measures will be introduced to rationalize the financing of British Columbia Railway, and put it on a basis that is consistent with the approach taken to the financing of the provincial ferry services and highway system. These measures will aim to provide good fiscal management and an assurance for the future of the Railway.

You will be asked to enlarge the mandate of the Ministry of Agriculture to include a responsibility for the food industry. This will see the ministry work more closely with the industry to promote British Columbia grown and manufactured food products. Legislation for the maintenance of a healthy cattle industry will also be introduced.

My Attorney-General will be proposing for your scrutiny the *Holiday Shopping Act*. It will place responsibility at the community level for determining restrictions in the operation of retail businesses on holidays.

My Minister of Labour will propose extension of the coverage under the *Workers' Compensation Act* to improve the administration of occupational safety in the province.

Legislation will be presented to codify employment standards which include workers in the agricultural industry.

To clarify and improve construction procedures and requirements, my government will present a number of proposals.

Initiatives are underway to streamline procedure, cut red tape and improve government safety regulations in the planning, construction and occupancy of buildings.

The *Fire Services Amendment Act* will be laid before you to provide for the adoption of modifications of the National Fire Code to suit British Columbia's requirements and assist in establishing uniform and consistent fire prevention and safety standards throughout the province.

A simplified appeal system for citizens adversely affected by land-use decisions will be proposed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

The social services ministries will be proposing new co-ordinated programs to serve children with special needs.

My Minister of Human Resources will lay before you a *Family and Child Services Act* that will encourage and support the role of the family in matters pertaining to child welfare.

To aid victims of crime you will be asked to approve an increase in present compensation to ensure that criminal injury awards will be consistent with those awards granted under workers' compensation.

Legislation will be introduced by my Attorney-General to allow the Provincial Judicial Council to discharge more effectively its important role in the administration of the affairs of the Provincial Courts and members of that Court.

In order to protect the public, and to help eliminate confusion between the role of the police and that of the private security agencies, the *Private Security Agencies Act* will be introduced to regulate private security agencies in the province.

My Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs will place before you amendments to the *Credit Union Act* to expand the financial stability and management accountability of credit unions. Also amendments to the *Residential Tenancy Act* will propose extending coverage of the Act to permanent residents in hotels.

An increase will be proposed in the chiropractic, naturopathic, physiotherapy and podiatric benefits under the Medical Services Plan.

During the past four years my government has introduced many new social measures and strengthened existing programs as part of its pledge to meet the needs of people. Let me name just a few:

GAIN (Guaranteed Available Income for Need) to bring income assistance to qualified British Columbians in the 55 – 59 year age group and to all single parent families; Shelter Aid For the Elderly Renter; Universal Pharmacare, to provide all British Columbians with a measure of protection from the high cost of prescription drugs; increased allowances for the handicapped; the Long-Term Care program, to bridge the gap between the existing Acute Care and Extended Care programs; increased Home-owner Grants; increased help for first-home buyers; and the largest program of hospital construction in the history of the province.

Underlying all these programs is the dedication of my government to the principle that only through sound management of the financial and material resources of the province can such programs be achieved and endure. My government is determined that British Columbians shall enjoy a program of health care second to none in North America. In keeping with this resolve, the Dental Care Assistance program, proposed by my Minister of Health last year, will be implemented later this fiscal year.

In conclusion, my first minister advises me that these proposals and various others that are to be placed before you will have a primary purpose in mind: that is to increase the security, prosperity, well-being and enjoyment of life of all British Columbians, for now and for the years to come. That is my government's commitment. That is its mandate.

I ask your most careful consideration of these matters and of the budget to follow. I further pray that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I leave you now to discharge your legislative duties on behalf of the people of British Columbia.

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. *L. A. Williams*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Perpetuate a Parliamentary Right* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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

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

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

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett*, moved—

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), and by leave, said Committee to be composed of the Honourable *G. B. Gardom*, the Honourable *E. M. Wolfe*, the Honourable *P. J. Jordan*, Messrs. *Brummet* and *Hyndman*, and Messrs. *Cocke*, *Gabelmann*, and *Howard*, and that pursuant to Standing Order 72A (6), the said Special Committee appoint members of the House to fill any existing vacancies in the Committee on Crown Corporations.

Mr. *Howard* moved an amendment (seconded by Mr. *King*)—

The motion be amended by adding: "9. On Fair Election Practices;" after the word "Resources;"

Amendment to motion agreed upon.

Motion as amended agreed upon.

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

That *Walter Kenneth Davidson*, Esquire, Member for Delta Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

That 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.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* 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. on Monday next.

The following papers were presented:

By the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Provincial Secretary)—

The Report of The Honourable Mr. Justice P. D. Seaton under the *Public Inquiries Act*.

Annual Report of the British Columbia Lotteries Branch, April 1, 1978 to March 31, 1979.

Public Service Labour Relations Act Report for 1979.

Report of the First Citizens' Fund Advisory Committee for the period January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979.

Public Service Adjudication Board Annual Report, 1979.

24th Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act*, year ended March 31, 1979.

44th Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Superannuation Act*, year ended March 31, 1979.

11th Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *College Pension Act*, year ended August 31, 1979.

40th Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Municipal Superannuation Act*, year ended December 31, 1978.

38th Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Teachers' Pensions Act*, year ended December 31, 1978.

Annual Report of the Public Service Commission of British Columbia for 1979.

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

Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1979.

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 1979.

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 1979.

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, 1979.

Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979.

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

First Annual Report of the Science Council of British Columbia and the Secretariat on Science, Research and Development for the year ended March 31, 1979.

Universities Council of British Columbia Fifth Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1979.

And then the House adjourned at 2.55 p.m.

Monday, March 3, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. Emery*.

Mr. *Nielsen* rose on a matter of privilege relating to interception of his private telephone communications, including those in his office within the Parliament Buildings.

Mr. Speaker stated he would reserve his decision on the matter raised.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Lockstead* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely ship allocations on the coast of British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker stated that in his opinion the requirement of urgency of debate was not fulfilled as the House was about to embark upon the debate on the Speech from the Throne, during which there would be an opportunity to debate the matter raised by the Honourable Member.

Mr. *Howard* stated he wished to appeal the Speaker's decision.

Mr. Speaker ruled that his opinion on a matter raised under Standing Order 35 was not subject to appeal.

The ruling of the Speaker was challenged.

The ruling of the Speaker was sustained on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

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<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>		<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Attorney-General) made a statement relating to the Report of the Honourable Mr. Justice P. D. Seaton tabled in the House on February 29, 1980.

Mr. *Ree* moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*—

“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. *Howard*, 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. H. Heinrich* (Minister of Labour) tabled the Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1979.

The Hon. *R. H. McClelland* (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) tabled the Annual Report of the British Columbia Energy Commission for the calendar year 1979.

And then the House adjourned at 3.41 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *M. A. Tucker*.

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.

Mr. *Howard* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Lauk*—

At the end of the question to add the words: "That we feel it, however, to be our humble duty to submit to Your Honour that it is essential that Your Honour's Government should possess the confidence of this House and of this Province and respectfully to represent to Your Honour that such confidence is not reposed in the present advisers of Your Honour."

Mr. Speaker drew to the attention of the House "that no member should refer to another by name" and referred to the 18th edition of Sir Erskine May at page 418.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 1980

HALF-PAST EIGHT 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 Mr. *Passarell* 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 10.54 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *Harold Pendray*.

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.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. J. Jordan* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled the following:

Third annual report of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plans Act* for the year ended March 31, 1979.

Pacific National Exhibition Financial Statements for the year ended November 30, 1979.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5, 1980

HALF-PAST EIGHT 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.

Mr. Speaker declared a recess, pursuant to Standing Order 22.

Mr. Speaker having taken the chair, the debate on the amendment resumed.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* 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 10.55 p.m.

Thursday, March 6, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Cecil Barner*.

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Industry and Small Business Development) made a statement relating to Ocean Falls Corporation.

Mr. Speaker delivered a reserved decision relating to the matter of privilege previously raised by the Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) as follows:

Honourable Members:

Before indicating to you the conclusions which I have reached on the question of privilege yesterday raised by the Honourable Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, it is necessary for me to briefly review certain aspects of the law of privilege upon which those conclusions are founded.

The Speaker's duty, upon a matter of privilege being raised, is to decide two issues. First, has the matter been raised at the earliest opportunity, and second, does the matter on the face of it appear to be a matter for immediate consideration by the House, or, in other words, has a "prima facie case" been established.

On the first issue I find that under the special circumstances of this case, that there has been no undue delay.

On the second issue of whether there is a matter raised for consideration by the House, it is not the Speaker's duty to touch upon the merits of the matter as that is for the determination of the House itself. The Speaker nevertheless must be satisfied that the matter in question involves, or may be identified with, some specific privilege which has been conferred upon this House or its members. In the present instance to be so satisfied presents more difficulty than would first appear. This is the reason why some elaboration of the matter becomes necessary.

Based upon a purely visceral response to the discovery of an electronic interference with a member's telephone within the precincts of Parliament the conclusion of most would be positive and emphatic. It does not necessarily follow

however, that such an activity falls clearly within the ambit of "breach of privilege" as opposed to the possible offence of "contempt of Parliament" which is not a synonymous term although often used as such. A "contempt" is defined by May in the 16th edition at page 109 "It may be stated generally that any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any member or officer of such House in the discharge of his duty, or which has a tendency, directly or indirectly, to produce such results may be treated as a contempt even though there is no precedent of the offence."

Herein lies the difficulty and, assuming for the moment it is one or the other — is the matter raised one of "breach of privilege" upon which the Chair must make a finding, or is it truly one of "contempt" which may give rise to another method of proceeding.

The *Legislative Assembly Privileges Act* defines the privileges, immunities and powers held and exercised by the House. Section 1 of that Act provides that those privileges, immunities and powers are the same as those in effect on the 14th day of February 1871, in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom: Without limiting the generality of that section the Act in section 6 goes on to enumerate those actions which are "breaches of privilege" and "contempts" of this House. Section 74 of the *Constitution Act* provides "It is lawful for the Legislature from time to time to define the privileges, immunities, and powers to be held, enjoyed, and exercised by the Legislative Assembly, and by the members thereof respectively; but no such privileges, immunities, or powers shall exceed those held, enjoyed, and exercised by the Commons House of Parliament of the United Kingdom, and by the members thereof, on the fourteenth day of February, 1871." It follows then that the circumstances brought to the attention of the House must have the potential of being interpreted as one which may affect one of the privileges set out in the Act or one in existence in the United Kingdom as of February 14, 1871.

Looking first at the Act, section 6 (b) which prohibits "obstructing, threatening, or attempting to force or intimidate members" is the only provision which might be construed to be applicable. Telephone tapping as an obstruction of a physical nature may be a logical and permissible extension of the prohibition against a bodily physical obstruction without in effect creating a new "privilege" not contained in the existing law. The law of Parliament existing in the United Kingdom in 1871 obviously predates the age of electronics and is of little assistance except to note that "molestation" of a member was and is an offence, and it may be open to the House to make the same interpretation as I have suggested in connection with the offence of "obstructing".

In summary, taking a broad view, electronic surveillance may fall within the ambit of privilege as an extension of the prohibition against "obstruction" or on a narrower view such activity may be looked at as a question of "contempt".

Honourable Members, in any event I do find that a question has been raised which merits consideration by the House and I would allow the motion.

Before the Honourable Minister moves his motion there is one additional observation which I trust the House will permit me. That is, that when we speak of the "privilege" of members of the House, what is really in issue is not a special

dispensation to Members but rather the right of a member's constituents and of the electorate at large to have at their disposal the unimpeded services of those they have elected.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*

The Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) moved—

That a Special Committee of Privileges be appointed to consider the matter of the interception of a member's communications brought to the attention of the House on March 3, 1980, and that the said Committee report its findings to the House; the said Committee to be comprised of eight members to be named by the Special Committee of Selection and that the Committee so appointed have the following powers, namely, to have all the powers and privileges of the Legislative Assembly under the *Legislative Assembly Privileges Act*.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. *Mussallem*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Nutrition Awareness 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."

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Minister of Intergovernmental Relations) rose on a point of order and asked leave to extend the time at which the question on the amendment to the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne would be put as required under Standing Order 45A (2).

Leave was not granted.

Mr. *Lauk* rose on a point of order that leave could not be requested until the time provided for in the Standing Order.

Mr. Speaker ruled that leave could be sought.

Mr. *Lauk* rose on a point of order relating to the distinction between a supplementary question and a new question on the same subject.

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

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

The debate continued.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Minister of Intergovernmental Relations) asked leave to extend the time limit for debate on the amendment.

Leave was not granted.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—26

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—30

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Rec</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. H. Heinrich* 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 5.50 p.m.

Friday, March 7, 1980

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *J. W. Robertson*.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Macdonald* made a statement relating to administration of justice.

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement.

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. on Monday next.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Attorney-General) made a statement relating to administration of justice.

And then the House adjourned at 1.03 p.m.

Monday, March 10, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *P. D. Ross*.

Mr. Speaker made a statement relating to Commonwealth Day.

Mr. *Barrett* made a statement relating to Commonwealth Day.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture) presented the Seventh Annual Report of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for the 10 months ended December 31, 1979.

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.

By leave, the Rules were suspended to permit the member speaking to continue past the hour of 5.45 p.m.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—30

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

NAYS—26

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

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

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

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

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

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Minister of Intergovernmental Relations) made a statement relating to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia.

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

4 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

For the year ended February 28, 1979:

1. How many drivers are paying \$100 or more in driver premiums to I.C.B.C.?
2. How many drivers are paying the maximum of \$400 in driver premiums?
3. How many drivers are paying no driver premium?

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* replied as follows:

- “1. 58,633 drivers are paying \$100 or more.
- “2. 14,260 drivers are paying the maximum of \$400 in driver premiums.
- “3. 1,739,441 drivers are paying no driver premiums.”

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Blencoe*.

Mr. *Macdonald* rose on a point of privilege relating to a newspaper article.

Upon Mr. Speaker stating he would take the matter under advisement, the member indicated it was not his intention to pursue the matter as one of privilege.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1978/79 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Economic Affairs.

Mr. *Hall* moved in amendment—

By deleting the word "year" and substituting therefore the following: "years 1977/78 and".

A debate rose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—26

<i>Passarell</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Lorimer</i>	<i>Lauk</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Wallace</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Howard</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Leggatt</i>		

NAYS—30

<i>Hyndman</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Heinrich</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Ree</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Segarty</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Brummet</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Davis</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mair</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (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. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1981;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31, 1979, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 10, 1980.

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* moved, seconded by the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) tabled a report intituled "Medium-Term Economic Outlook and Fiscal Analysis — March 1980" referred to during his Budget Speech.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 1980*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 1980.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 1980*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 1980.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1980*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 1980.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Special Purpose Appropriation Act, 1980*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 1980.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Special Funds Act, 1980*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 1980.

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

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Crown Corporations Borrowing Authority Increase Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 1980.

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. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.54 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gilbert Smith*.

Mr. *Howard* asked leave of the House to move a motion without previous notice thereof by leave of the House pursuant to Standing Order 49.
Leave was not granted.

On the motion of Mr. *Leggatt*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *An Act Respecting the Televising and Other Broadcasting of Debates and Proceedings of the Legisla-*

tive Assembly of British Columbia 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.

During the debate, on a point of order being raised, Mr. Speaker observed that although some latitude is permitted in the scope of debate on the motion before the House, the Chair must nevertheless require that there be some degree of relevancy to the budgetary issues presently before the House. (Mr. Speaker quoted from the 19th edition of Sir Erskine May at pages 421-422 and the 4th edition of Beauchesne, section 324.)

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 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Attorney-General) presented the following:

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia: Report on Parol Evidence Rule dated December 1979.

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia: Annual Report for the calendar year 1979.

Law Reform Commission of British Columbia: Report on Guarantees of Consumer Debts, 1979.

Fourth Annual Report of the Legal Services Commission for the period April 1, 1978 to March 31, 1979.

Eighth Annual Report of the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act* of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1979.

The Hon. *B. Smith* (Minister of Education) presented the following:

First Annual Report of the Academic Council of British Columbia for the year ended March 31, 1979.

First Annual Report of the Occupational Training Council for the year ended March 31, 1979.

Annual Report of the Management Advisory Council for the year ended March 31, 1979.

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 1980

HALF-PAST 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 Mr. *Ritchie* 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 10.51 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Monseigneur *W. H. Bulloch*.

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) presented the British Columbia Steamship Company (1975) Ltd. Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1979.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the time limit for oral question period was extended.

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. *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 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Attorney-General) tabled the Annual Report of the Justice Development Commission for the period April 1, 1978, to March 31, 1979.

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 1980

HALF-PAST 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.

By leave, Mr. *Skelly* tabled a copy newspaper article referred to during debate.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* 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 10.54 p.m.

Friday, March 14, 1980

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by *H. Bickel*.

The House paid tribute to Mr. Gerald S. Bryson, Deputy Minister of Finance, on the occasion of his retirement from the Public Service of the Province.

The Hon. *H. A. Curtis* (Minister of Finance) presented the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1979.

The Hon. *T. M. Waterland* (Minister of Forests) made a statement relating to the Five-year Forest and Range Resource Program, and tabled the following documents:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Forests for the year ended December 31, 1979.

Five-year Forest and Range Resource Program.
Forest and Range Resource Analysis Report.
Forest and Range Resource Analysis Technical Report.

Mr. *King* made a statement in reply.

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

HENRY P. BELL-IRVING
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Forest and Range Resource Fund Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11, 1980.

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

By leave, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips* (Minister of Industry and Small Business Development) tabled a document intituled Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors, Drilling Rig Operating Days Summary for Operating Years May 1 to April 30, 1974 to 1979.

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.

Mr. *Barrett* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Levi*—

That the motion that "Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply" be amended by adding the following: "but this House regrets that in the opinion of this House, the Honourable Minister of Finance has failed to adequately relieve our citizens of the onerous burden of continual increases in the cost of living, or to mobilize our human and natural resources toward a strategy of full employment embracing manufacturing and secondary industry and also that no provision has been offered to protect our citizens against 'rising' interest rates."

On the motion of Mr. *Levi*, 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.

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Transportation, Communications and Highways for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1979.

The Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) tabled the 58th Annual Report of the Liquor Distribution Branch for the period April 1, 1978 to March 31, 1979.

And then the House adjourned at 12.59 p.m.

Monday, March 17, 1980

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *G. Cassell*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

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

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *J. H. Heinrich*, 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. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Health) tabled copy Orders in Council made pursuant to the *Health Act*.

The Hon. *K. R. Mair* (Minister of Health) made a statement relating to video display units.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture) tabled the Annual Report of the Milk Board for the year ended December 31, 1979.

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.