

Tuesday, March 17th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Peter Neave*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Premier) and Mr. *R. M. Strachan* (Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition) made statements expressing regret at the untimely death of the Honourable Sidney Smith, Minister of External Affairs for Canada.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Government Liquor Act, 1953," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13th, 1959.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the Government Liquor Act, 1953," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act to amend the Motor-vehicle Act," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 16th, 1959.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 8: To strike out section 8 and to substitute the following:—

"8. Section 28 is amended by striking out clauses (b) and (c) and substituting and adding the following as clauses (b), (c), and (d):—

"(b) Operated pursuant to a permit issued under the provisions of subsection (4) of section 11 of the "Department of Commercial Transport Act":

“(c) Operated pursuant to a reciprocal arrangement or agreement made under the provisions of section 23 of the “Department of Commercial Transport Act”;

“(d) In respect of which a permit has been issued under subsection (4) of section 11 of the “Department of Commercial Transport Act,” and which is used in a commercial operation which involves the regular movement of the motor-vehicle across a boundary of the Province.”

Section 14: To strike out subsection (12) of the enacted section 119B and to substitute the following:—

“(12) This section applies in unorganized territory and such municipalities as may be designated from time to time by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.”

Section 19: To strike out section 19 and to substitute the following:—

“19. Sections 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, and 18 shall come into force on a day to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor by his Proclamation.”

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 115) intituled “An Act to amend the Motor-vehicle Act,” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 115).

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day:—

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (on behalf of the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*)—
Bill (No. 119) intituled “An Act to amend the Dykes Maintenance Act.”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (on behalf of the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*)—
Bill (No. 121) intituled “An Act to amend the Line Fences Act.”

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to amend the Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act to amend the Forest Act” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 85) intituled “An Act to amend the Companies Act” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 86) intituled “An Act to amend the Pipe-lines Act” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled “An Act to amend the Railway Act” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the Hospital Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the County Courts Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the Savings and Loan Associations Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the Partnership Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the Mechanics' Lien Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act to amend the Marriage Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the Gas Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 114) intituled "An Act to amend the Collection Agents' Licensing Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act."

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend and repeal certain Provisions and References in the Statute Law."

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the Placer-mining Act."

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day:—

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act."

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the Cemeteries Act."

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the Industrial Transportation Act."

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Commercial Transport."

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act."

Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act."

Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act to amend the Motor-vehicle Act."

Bill (No. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act."

Bill (No. 117) intituled "An Act to amend the Apiaries Act."

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate Northwest Baptist Theological College" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901, and The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1906," was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies in British Columbia" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, Amendment Act, 1955," was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House reverted to the Order "Committee of Supply."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Committee reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to the recent recommendations of the Vancouver Community Chest for an increase of 30 per cent in social assistance rates:—

1. Has an estimate been made by the Social Welfare Branch as to the annual cost of such an increase?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the estimated amount and (b) on what basis were the calculations made to reach this estimated amount?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$3,000,000 and (b) on Social Allowance case load."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were there any unemployed employable individuals receiving Social Allowance through the Social Welfare Branch office at Haney (a) between September 1st, 1957, and December 31st, 1957, and (b) between January 1st, 1958, and December 31st, 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, were any of these individuals required to work for the Municipality of Maple Ridge in its public works department as a condition to the receipt of the said Social Allowance?

3. (a) If the answer to No. 2 is yes, was any agreement made in writing, either in the form of an agreement or in the form of a letter, between the Municipality of Maple Ridge and the Provincial Government to allow the employment of these individuals as outlined; (b) is any of the money received by the individuals concerned for the work they performed for the Municipality of Maple Ridge shown as part of the disbursements made under the Social Allowance Vote, in the Public Accounts tabled in the Legislature for 1957/58 and will any be shown in the Public Accounts for 1958/59; (c) was the Federal Government's approval for the said "condition" obtained as required in the agreement made under the Federal "Unemployment Assistance Act, 1956"; (d) (i) was this practice in force in any other municipalities in the Province and (ii) if so, which municipalities; (e) what was the total amount paid to the relevant individuals between September 1st, 1957, and December 31st, 1958; and (f) (i) has the practice been discontinued and (ii) if so, on what dates and in which municipalities?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. (a) and (b) Yes.

"2. Yes; clients accepted condition willingly; if not, had right of appeal.

"3. (a) Yes; (b) yes; (c) no; (d) (i) yes and (ii) the following municipalities adopted this policy: Surrey, Langley District, Matsqui, Sumas, Chilliwack City, Chilliwack Township, Mission City, Mission District, and Langley City; (e) not available; and (f) (i) yes and (ii) notification sent to all offices on November 7th, 1958."

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What were the total case loads by regions in Social Welfare Branch as at December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"Region 1 case load, 11,722; Region 2 case load, 28,224; Region 3 case load, 7,778; Region 4 case load, 5,094; Region 5 case load, 3,112; Region 6 case load, 8,859; Region 7 case load, 2,350; total case load, 67,139.

"NOTE.—These figures do not include dependents."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

How much was claimed from the Federal Government under the "Unemployment Assistance Act" for social assistance grants made in the following months of 1958: (a) June, (b) July, (c) August, (d) September, (e) October, (f) November, and (g) December?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"(a) June, \$391,773.32; (b) July, \$412,363.13; (c) August, \$452,282.27; (d) September, \$480,407.44; (e) October, \$497,508.29; (f) November, information not yet available; and (g) December, information not yet available."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

With respect to School Inspectors appointed under the "Public Schools Act," chapter 297, 1948, and District Superintendents of Schools appointed under the "Public Schools Act," chapter 42, 1958:—

1. Was any money recovered by the Government from school districts, excluding municipalities, for Inspectors' travelling expenses in the years 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total amount recovered in each respective year?

3. Does the Government expect to recover travelling expenses of School Superintendents from school districts, excluding municipalities, for the year 1958?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what estimated amount does the Government expect to recover?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

" 1. No.

" 2. *Nil*.

" 3. Yes.

" 4. \$7,000."

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What was the total Child Welfare Division case load as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

" See Annual Reports of the Welfare Branch."

Mr. *Shirreff* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Is there any city or municipality in British Columbia comparable in size to Kitimat that is without a Provincial building?

2. What progress, if any, is being made to construct a Provincial building in Kitimat?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

" 2. Matter being studied further."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. What was the total number of all hospital budget deficits reported to the Minister of Health and Welfare in the years (a) 1956 and (b) 1957?

2. What amounts, if any, were paid to hospital boards to cover the deficits referred to in No. 1?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

" 1. (a) 1956, forty-nine, and (b) 1957, fifty-five.

" 2. 1956, \$249,509.19, and 1957, \$298,871.89."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What was the total case load in all categories of the Social Welfare Branch as at December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

" 67,139.

" NOTE.—This does not include dependents."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17th, 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$148,760 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, General Administration, to 31st March, 1960.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1960.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Farms, to 31st March, 1960.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$611,786 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, School of Psychiatric Nursing, to 31st March, 1960.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$259,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Preventive Services (including Child Guidance Clinics), to 31st March, 1960.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,588,465 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1960.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$227,490 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Mental Health Centre, to 31st March, 1960.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Mental Health Care (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1960.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,426,935 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Mental Health Services, Homes for the Aged, to 31st March, 1960.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1960.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$63,430 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division, to 31st March, 1960.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1960.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Pollution-control Board, to 31st March, 1960.

262. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1960.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,860 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Administration, to 31st March, 1960.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants in Aid of Construction of Homes for Elderly Citizens, to 31st March, 1960.

265. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Queen's Printer, to 31st March, 1960.

266. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1960.

267. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (the Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1960.

268. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1960.

269. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$285,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Construction and Other Grants to Charitable and Other Organizations, to 31st March, 1960.

270. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to Narcotic Foundation, to 31st March, 1960.

271. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant *re* Alcoholic Treatment, to 31st March, 1960.

272. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Capital Improvement District Act," to 31st March, 1960.

273. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$227,472 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, to 31st March, 1960.

274 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,834 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Provincial Elections Act," to 31st March, 1960.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH.

275 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Inquiries Act," to 31st March, 1960.

276. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,585 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Administration, to 31st March, 1960.

277. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Grants *re* Civil Service—Gratuities under sec. 76 of “Civil Service Act,” and other Government employees, to 31st March, 1960.

278. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Retiring Allowances—“Civil Service Act,” sec. 69, and other Government employees, to 31st March, 1960.

279. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, Administration, to 31st March, 1960.

280. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, Grants, Retiring Allowances, to 31st March, 1960.

281 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,900,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, “Civil Service Superannuation Act,” to 31st March, 1960.

282 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, “Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act,” to 31st March, 1960.

283 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, “Teachers’ Pensions Act,” to 31st March, 1960.

284 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$482,760 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, “Public Services Medical Plan Act,” to 31st March, 1960.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Eddie* withdrew his proposed amendments to Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the Workmen’s Compensation Act,” standing under his name on the Order Paper.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.14 a.m.

Wednesday, March 18th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. Turpin*.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to amend the Land Registry Act" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the Forest Act" was read a third time passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the Companies Act" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the Hospital Insurance Act" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the Cemeteries Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the Industrial Transportation Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the Placer-mining Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act to amend the Motor-vehicle Act" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 117) intituled "An Act to amend the Apiaries Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day:—

Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act to amend the Dykes Maintenance Act."

Bill (No. 121) intituled "An Act to amend the Line Fences Act."

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the Government Liquor Act, 1953."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House reverted to the Order "Committee of Supply."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

287. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1960.

288. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$158,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1960.

289. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$719,442 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1960.

290. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,060 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1960.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,545,973 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government Buildings (Maintenance) (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1960.

292. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$393,611 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rentals, to 31st March, 1960.

293. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$165,550 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gas Division, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1960.

294. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,680 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1960.

295. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$282,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1960.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 18th, 1959.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 6: To strike out subsection (4), thereby enacted, and to substitute the following:—

"(4) Where, under section 42, on or after the first day of July, 1960, a Class A or Class B permit has been renewed after the expiration of the fifth permit-year, or a Class C permit has been renewed after the expiration of the eighth permit-year, the permit shall not be renewed unless the permittee has performed or otherwise satisfied the work requirements; but where such work has not been performed or otherwise satisfied, then, upon

payment of a sum equal to and in lieu of the rental prescribed for the period of time elapsed since the last anniversary of the date of issue of the permit, the permittee may select leases under subsection (1)."

Section 9: To strike out subsection (3), thereby enacted, and to substitute the following:—

"(3) Notwithstanding the foregoing limitations, the Minister may, upon application, group leases in excess of a total area of one hundred and forty-four units on the basis of exploratory drilling to be performed to the satisfaction of the Minister."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 107).

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Commercial Transport," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 18th, 1959.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 18: To strike out subsection (2) and to substitute the following:—

"(2) The fee for an overload permit shall not be less than five dollars."

Schedule III: To add the following at the end of Schedule III:—

"Provided that for each overload permit issued for a single trip in excess of 200 miles the fee shall be as follows:—

- 10 to 200 miles—the full fee;
- 201 to 300 miles—75% of the full fee;
- 301 to 500 miles—50% of the full fee;
- Over 500 miles—25% of the full fee."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Commercial Transport," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 108).

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Premier) presented the Report of the Public Utilities Commission, under the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1958.

Mr. *Eddie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

With respect to commercial fishermen applying for workmen's compensation as independent operators during 1958:—

1. Did any apply for compensation and, if so, how many and how many in each month?

2. Did any obtain compensation coverage in 1958 and, if so, how many and how many in each month?

3. What was the total number of months where compensation coverage was provided?

4. What were the total payments paid to the Workmen's Compensation Board therefor?

5. How many claims were made for the following: (a) Death claims, (b) claims for temporary total disability, (c) claims for permanent partial disability, and (d) claims for permanent total disability.

6. How many of the claims were approved and how many were rejected?

7. What was the total amount of money paid out by the Workmen's Compensation Board pursuant thereto

8. Were any of the claims rejected solely on the grounds that the fishermen concerned had not paid a premium for the coverage?

With respect to commercial fishermen who suffered industrial accidents during 1958:—

9. Did any suffer fatal accidents?

10. If the answer to No. 9 is yes, how many were covered by workmen's compensation under (a) the independent operators' plan and (b) those sections of the Act which define certain categories of fishermen as workmen?

11. How many were not covered by workmen's compensation?

12. Did any commercial fishermen suffer either temporary total disability, permanent partial disability, or permanent total disability and, if so, how many of these were covered by workmen's compensation (a) as workmen under the Act or (b) as independent operators?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; 1,322 commercial fishermen applied for workmen's compensation as independent operators during 1958. Applications were received in each month, as follows: January, 92; February, 57; March, 105; April, 306; May, 311; June, 234; July, 161; August, 33; September, 13; October, 9; November, 1; and December, *nil*.

"2. As No. 1 and No. 2 appear to be similar, No. 2 is answered by No. 1.

"3. Workmen's compensation coverage was provided to commercial fishermen under the independent operators' plan for a total of 6,883 months during the year 1958, an average of slightly over five months per individual.

"4. Payments by commercial fishermen to the Workmen's Compensation Board for coverage as independent operators totalled \$43,838.11 during the year 1958.

"5. (a) Death claims, none approved and none rejected; (b) claims for temporary total disability, forty-eight approved and three rejected; (c) claims for permanent partial disability, two approved and none rejected; and (d) claims for permanent total disability, none approved and none rejected.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. The amount of money paid out by the Workmen's Compensation Board to, or on behalf of, commercial fishermen under the independent operators' plan totalled

\$27,808.68 during the year 1958; this amount does not include any provision for amounts still to be paid on unfinalled claims or any provision for administration charges or other special levies to the class funds.

" 8. There were no claims by commercial fishermen under the independent operators' plan rejected solely on the grounds that the fishermen concerned had not paid their assessment.

" 9. The Workmen's Compensation Board received reports of four commercial fishermen who met death by accident during 1958.

" 10. The four commercial fishermen referred to in No. 9 were covered under those sections of the Act which define certain categories of fishermen as workmen.

" 11. The Workmen's Compensation Board has no record of fatal injuries to commercial fishermen who were not covered by workmen's compensation during the year 1958.

" 12. There were 218 commercial fishermen who were covered by the Act, either as workmen or as independent operators, who sustained either temporary total disability or permanent partial disability. There were no permanent total disability claims. Of the above number, 168 were automatically covered by the Act as workmen and fifty were covered by voluntary application as independent operators. The Workmen's Compensation Board has no record of injuries to commercial fishermen who were not covered by the Act."

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Did the Government act on the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Labour read and received in the House on March 19th, 1958, that a reference be made to the British Columbia Research Council on the problem of seasonal unemployment and, if so, when?

2. If so, has the British Columbia Research Council made a report to the Government and what was the report?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

"A progress report has been received and its contents discussed in the Select Standing Committee on Labour during this Session."

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

How many 100-per-cent total disability pensions paid by the Workmen's Compensation Board are at the rate of less than \$100 per month?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

"No separate records are kept of total disability pensioners by the Workmen's Compensation Board."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18th. 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 18th, 1959.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Ordered*,—

That on Thursday, March 19th, and on all following days of the Session, there shall be three distinct sittings in each day—one from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act relating to Trade-unions" was committed and reported complete without amendment.

Upon the opinion of the Speaker being sought on the question as to whether or not the members could debate in Committee of the Whole matters set forth in a statement endorsed on copies of a Bill under consideration by the Committee, Mr. Speaker ruled that the statement did not form part of the Bill and, in his opinion, could not be debated, whereupon he requested the Chairman to resume the chair in Committee.

Later, upon the opinion of the Speaker being sought as to the propriety of the use of the phrase "window dressing" as applied to certain members, Mr. Speaker ruled that it was not one which called for withdrawal, whereupon he requested the Chairman to resume the chair in Committee.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act relating to Trade-unions" a debate arose.

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*, that the motion that the Bill be read a third time now be amended by deleting the word "now" and substituting the words "six months hence."

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

Bryan
Gregory
Gibbs

Cox
Squire
Eddie

Gargrave
Dowding
Nimsick

Harding
Strachan
Turner

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

Brothers
Speare
Gibson
Smith
Shirreff
Richter
Bruch
Bate

Shelford
Reid
Price
Corbett
Kiernan
Williston
Bennett
Bonner

Black
Carnell
Campbell
Sharp
Murray
Massey
Asselstine

Robinson
Westwood
Chant
Peterson
Martin
Gaglardi
Wicks

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Uphill
Haggen, Mrs.

Steady
Brown, Mrs.

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

Brothers
Speare
Gibson
Smith
Shirreff
Richter
Bruch
Bate

Shelford
Reid
Price
Corbett
Kiernan
Williston
Bennett
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Robinson
Westwood
Chant
Peterson
Martin
Gaglardi
Wicks

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

Bryan
Gregory
Gibbs

Cox
Squire
Eddie

Gargrave
Dowding
Nimsick

Harding
Strachan
Turner

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Steady
Brown, Mrs.

Uphill
Haggen, Mrs.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.03 a.m.

Thursday, March 19th, 1959.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

The Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—During the Committee stage of Bill No. 43, a point of order was raised with regard to a statement appearing on the back page of Bill No. 43, which was on the desk of several members in the House.

I was called to the chair and asked to give a decision on the matter. I advised the House that I would investigate and report back to the House.

I find that on the printing of each Bill, the Queen's Printer has printed 2,500 copies for distribution to the members of the Legislature and for the members' complimentary mailing list. The Hon. the Minister of Labour requested the Queen's Printer to print a number of copies for distribution from his own office along with a separate sheet bearing a statement. A second request from the Minister for additional copies was received by the Queen's Printer for both the Bill and statement. In this case the statement was printed on the reverse side of the Bill without instructions to that effect from the Minister.

When the Sergeant-at-Arms' office ran out of the original printing of the Bill, he obtained additional copies and in this case they were the copies with the statement printed on the back. I was not aware of this change and the Bills were inadvertently distributed.

I understand a new printing has been ordered.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the Hospital Insurance Act" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 115) intituled "An Act to amend the Motor-vehicle Act" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the Government Liquor Act, 1953," was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Commercial Transport" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend and repeal certain Provisions and References in the Statute Law" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act to amend the Dykes Maintenance Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 121) intituled "An Act to amend the Line Fences Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, Amendment Act, 1955," was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies in British Columbia" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to Victoria Civic Arena" was again committed.

The Committee reported recommending that the Bill, and the proposed amendment thereto, be referred back to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills for consideration, and asked leave to sit again.

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended and the report adopted.

Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to amend the Land Registry Act" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House reverted to the Order "Committee of Supply."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

285. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$114,625 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Public Utilities Act" and "Cemeteries Act," to 31st March, 1960.

286. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,070 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Motor Carrier Act," to 31st March, 1960.

298. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,920 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1960.

299. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,730 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, General Administration, to 31st March, 1960.

300. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,370 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Commercial Fisheries Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

301. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$550,270 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Game Branch, Administrative Division, to 31st March, 1960.

302. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$216,788 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Game Branch, Fisheries Management Division, to 31st March, 1960.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$86,486 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Game Branch, Game Management Division, to 31st March, 1960.

304. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$103,990 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Game Branch, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds, to 31st March, 1960.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$216,380 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Tourist Traffic (British Columbia Government Travel Bureau), to 31st March, 1960.

306. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Photographic Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

307. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$772,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Parks Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$76,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Youth Training Programme, to 31st March, 1960.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$362,652 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1960.

325. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,717,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Trans-Canada Highway, to 31st March, 1960.

326. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,282,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, to 31st March, 1960.

327. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Okanagan Flood-control, to 31st March, 1960.

328. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Renovations to British Columbia House, London, England, to 31st March, 1960.

329. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Assistance to B.C. Fruitlands Irrigation District, to 31st March, 1960.

330. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Assistance to Improvement Districts under the "Water Act," to 31st March, 1960.

331. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Construction of Roads in Crown Subdivisions, to 31st March, 1960.

332. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Water Investigations and Power Studies, to 31st March, 1960.

333. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, University Endowment Lands, to 31st March, 1960.

334. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Forestry Administration Buildings and Property, to 31st March, 1960.

335. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Forest-development Roads, to 31st March, 1960.

336. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Mining-roads, to 31st March, 1960.

337. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Special Mineral Surveys, to 31st March, 1960.

338. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Development and Construction of Housing Projects, to 31st March, 1960.

339. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,626,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Construction of Provincial Buildings, to 31st March, 1960.

340. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Game-conservation Projects, to 31st March, 1960.

341. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Historical Sites, to 31st March, 1960.

342. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$720,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Park Development, to 31st March, 1960.

343. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,250,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Debt Redemption from Revenue Surplus, to 31st March, 1960.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Poultry Branch, to 31st March, 1959.

41A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Soil Conservation Act," to 31st March, 1959.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1959.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Office, to 31st March, 1959.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1959.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1959.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,047 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Policing by Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to 31st March, 1959.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sundry Incidental Police Expenses, to 31st March, 1959.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$279,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1959.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Women's Gaol, to 31st March, 1959.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Haney Correctional Institution, to 31st March, 1959.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Probation Office, to 31st March, 1959.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1959.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1959.

79 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Magistrates Act," to 31st March, 1959.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1959.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teacher Registration and Examinations, to 31st March, 1959.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Finance Branch, to 31st March, 1959.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Federal-Provincial Training Programmes, (k) Community Programmes Grants, to 31st March, 1959.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$962,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants toward the Cost of Education, to 31st March, 1959.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Superannuation Fund 6% ("Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act"), to 31st March, 1959.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Student-aid Loans and Teacher-training Loans, to 31st March, 1959.

140A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Flood Relief Act," to 31st March, 1959.

140B (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Official Guardian Deposits, to 31st March, 1959.

140c (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Municipal Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1959.

140D (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," to 31st March, 1959.

140E (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Water Act," to 31st March, 1959.

140F (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act," to 31st March, 1959.

140G (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Centennial Celebrations Act," to 31st March, 1959.

140H (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$127,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance "Fort Langley Agreement Act," to 31st March, 1959.

140I (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Electric Power Act," to 31st March, 1959.

140J (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Cemetery Companies Act," to 31st March, 1959.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Health Branch, Grants *re* Local Health Services Building Construction, to 31st March, 1959.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Burial of Indigents, to 31st March, 1959.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,572,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Social Allowances (including Grants, etc.), to 31st March, 1959.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Operation of Pavilion at New Denver, to 31st March, 1959.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$270,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Medical Services, Drugs, etc., to 31st March, 1959.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Old-age Assistance, Blind Persons' Allowances, and Disabled Persons' Allowances Board—Administration, to 31st March, 1959.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Old-age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances, to 31st March, 1959.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Disabled Persons' Allowances, to 31st March, 1959.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, General Administration, to 31st March, 1959.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1959.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Vehicle Damage Claims, to 31st March, 1959.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Grants and Subsidies—Grants to cities with population in excess of 15,000, to 31st March, 1959.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1959.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Advertising and Publicity, to 31st March, 1959.

254 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Fire Suppression, to 31st March, 1959.

274A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act," to 31st March, 1959.

282A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, "Local Services Act," to 31st March, 1959.

285. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$230,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants in Aid of Construction of Homes for Elderly Citizens, to 31st March, 1959.

288. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Civil Service—Gratuities under sec. 76 of the "Civil Service Act," and other Government employees, to 31st March, 1959.

289. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, to 31st March, 1959.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1959.

294. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1959.

295. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$175,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (the Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1959.

296 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Services Medical Plan Act," to 31st March, 1959.

297. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1959.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1959.

312 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Inquiries Act" (R.S.B.C. 1948, Chap. 162), to 31st March, 1959.

313 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory Requirements pursuant to "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1959.

324. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1959.

341. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Tourist Traffic, Travel Division, to 31st March, 1959.

346. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,800,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital Insurance Service, to 31st March, 1959.

352. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Game-conservation Projects, to 31st March, 1959.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,825,947.06 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1958, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Strachan*, seconded by Mr. *Harding*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving of the following motion without notice:—

Resolved, That this House is of the the opinion that no Bills or Acts presented to this House or printed under the authority of the Legislature or under the authority of any Minister of the Crown should contain any matters or statements which are expressions of opinion or statements other than legal interpretations of sections of said Bill or Act.

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

Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that no Bills or Acts presented to this House or printed under the authority of the Legislature or under the authority of any Minister of the Crown should contain any matters or statements which are expressions of opinion or statements other than legal interpretations of sections of said Bill or Act.

A debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Lundell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. How many contracts have been awarded for the Revelstoke–Sicamous section of the Trans-Canada Highway since reconstruction of this section commenced and what was the total amount?
2. How many of these contracts have been completed?
3. What percentage of the remaining contracts have been completed?
4. When will tenders be called for sections not yet under construction?
5. When is the estimated date for completion of the Revelstoke–Sicamous section?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Nine highway projects, total cost, \$5,598,623; thirteen bridge projects, total cost, \$3,998,400; grand total, \$9,597,023.

“ 2. Six highway projects and ten bridge projects.

“ 3. Highway projects: Project 813B, 98 per cent; Project 819, 85 per cent; and Project 960, 20 per cent. Bridge projects: Project 272, 92 per cent; Project 264, 90 per cent; and Project 185, 35 per cent.

“ 4. Spring of 1959.

“ 5. December, 1960.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Is a bridge planned in the Port Mann area?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what will be the location of the new bridge?
3. Were tenders called for construction of the bridge and has any tender been accepted?
4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what tenders were received and which tender was accepted?
5. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, (a) has construction commenced and, if not, what is the estimated date of commencement and (b) what is the estimated total cost of construction?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. At Port Mann.

“ 3. No tenders yet called for bridge proper; tender for preparatory work on site advertised on February 9th, 1959, for return on February 24th, 1959.

“ 4. Tenders received: Miller Cartage & Contracting Company Limited, \$143,500; Peter Kiewit Sons Company of Canada Limited, \$169,985; General Construction Company Limited, \$189,467; and Highway Construction Company Limited, \$193,450. Contract not awarded as of March 6th, 1959.

“ 5. (a) No; estimated date of commencement on preparatory site work is immediately after award of contract and (b) estimated total cost, \$24,000,000.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Have any surveys been completed on the Duncan–Lake Cowichan Highway?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, what is the estimated date upon which surveys will be completed?
3. What is the estimated date for commencement of improvement work upon the highway?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Design will be completed by May 31st.

“ 3. Not determined.”

Mr. *Newton* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Have tenders been called for the Rogers Pass section of the Trans-Canada Highway between Golden and Revelstoke, including Federal and Provincial portions?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, have contracts been awarded and, if so, to whom were contracts awarded and for what amounts?

3. What is the estimated date of completion of the Rogers Pass section?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Tenders have been called for all sections of the new Rogers Pass route from Revelstoke to Donald, both Federal and Provincial, and reconstruction of the section Donald to Golden is almost completed.

“ 2. Contracts have been awarded for all road sections, both Federal and Provincial, and some of the bridges.

“(a) Federal projects:—

New West Construction Company Limited, clearing and grubbing Revelstoke Park section (7.75 miles)	\$249,000
Mannix Company Limited, clearing and grubbing two sections in Glacier Park (approximately 20 miles)	663,000
Remaining 6-mile section cleared and grubbed by day-labour (approx. exp.)	218,000
John Laing & Son (Canada) Limited, grading Revelstoke Park section (7.75 miles)	1,963,000
Grading contracts, Glacier Park from east boundary:—	
Square M. Construction Limited (6 miles)	1,990,000
Rush Thompkins Limited (3.7 miles)	2,248,000
Emil Anderson Construction Company Limited (4.5 miles)	1,225,000
Dawson, Wade & Company Limited (4.5 miles)	1,467,000
General Construction Company Limited (8.6 miles)	2,157,000
Bridge contracts, Revelstoke Park (all contracts awarded):—	
Mannix Company Limited, Silver Creek Bridge	229,000
Poole Construction Limited, Clachnacudainn Creek Culvert	79,000
Bridge contracts, Glacier Park (all contracts awarded or called): Kenyon & Company Limited, Illecillewaet River Bridge No. 1 and two overpasses (C.P.R.)	294,000
Tenders have been called for Illecillewaet Bridge No. 2 and Beaver River Bridge.	
Tenders are yet to be called and contracts awarded on some snowsheds.	

“(b) Provincial sections:—

Clearing and grubbing included in the grading contracts, except Quartz Creek–Donald section, which was done by day-labour (app. exp.)	104,000
Project No. 960: Three-Mile Crossing–Revelstoke, 4.17 miles, Ed Walsh & Company Limited	679,000
Project No. 890: Revelstoke–Greely, 4.94 miles, Raymond International Company Limited	876,000
Project No. 880: Greely–Clachnacudainn Creek, 4.67 miles, John Laing & Son (Canada) Limited	1,021,000

Project No. 902: Revelstoke Park–Glacier Park section, 5.92 miles, Mannix Company Limited.....	\$1,796,000
Project No. 969: Revelstoke Park–Glacier Park, section 2, 5.06 miles, Highway Construction Company Limited and Peter Kiewit Sons Company Canada Limited	1,695,000
Project No. 961: Rogers–Quartz Creek, 8.27 miles, Dawson, Wade & Company Limited	1,393,000
Project No. 958: Quartz Creek–Donald, 12.63 miles, New West Construction Company Limited.....	1,472,000
Bridge contracts:—	
Project No. 185:—	
Revelstoke Bridge–Columbia River, Sir Lindsay Parkinson (Canada) Limited, general contract	850,000
Western Bridge & Steel Fabricators Limited, superstructure	1,121,000
Tenders yet to be called and contracts awarded on the following:—	
Illecillewaet River Bridges No. 1 and No. 2 (not same as Federal bridges).	
Quartz Creek.	
Columbia River at Donald.	
C.P.R. Overhead at Donald.	
Three snowsheds.	

“(c) Total amount of contracts (and day-labour) to date, all sections from Revelstoke to Donald, approximately \$23,789,000.

“3. The scheduled completion date for the Rogers Pass route is still 1960, but no estimated date is available at this time.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

With respect to Project 778, contract awarded to Ben Ginter Construction Company, Kamloops, reference page 89, Highways Department Report, 1956/57:—

1. Has the project been completed?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total amount paid the Ginter Construction Company for the project?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is no, (a) what is the total amount paid to the Ginter Construction Company to date and (b) how many miles have been constructed to date?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “1. Yes; except for pulvimixing 5 miles.
- “2. \$1,144,525.57.
- “3. (a) See No. 2 and (b) 10.04 miles.”

Mr. *Campbell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What has been the total cost of surveys made on location of the Island Highway north from Campbell River?
2. What has been the total expenditure on the Campbell River–Kelsey Bay section of the Island Highway since and including fiscal year 1951/52 to date?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “1. \$131,261.48.
- “2. \$1,054,828.14.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Was a departmental estimate made of the cost of constructing the Deas Island Tunnel prior to the commencement of construction and, if so, what was the estimate?
2. Was a departmental estimate made of the cost of constructing the Second Narrows Bridge prior to the commencement of construction and, if so, what was the estimate?
3. Was a departmental estimate made of the cost of constructing the highway from Deas Island Tunnel to the International Boundary prior to the commencement of construction and, if so, what was the estimate?
4. Was a departmental estimate made of the cost of constructing the Kelowna-Westbank Bridge prior to the commencement of construction and, if so, what was the estimate?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) Estimates were prepared by the consultants, except for rights-of-way and toll equipment, which were forecast by the Department of Highways. (b) The cost estimates covering the complete crossing of the Fraser River were made in several parts. The actual physical construction of the tunnel alone was given as approximately \$16,500,000 in 1956. The cost of the Deas Slough Bridge, the toll plaza, administration building and equipment, engineering and site investigation, and all rights-of-way required amounted to \$2,800,000. Federal Government requirements and other refinements, additions and changes in design were placed, in a supplementary estimate, at about \$1,850,000. All of the foregoing brought the total estimated cost of the project to \$21,135,000.

“ 2. (a) Estimates of the cost of the work were prepared by the consultants. (b) The consultants' preliminary estimate, taking into account the change in design dictated by the requirements of the Federal authorities, was approximately \$15,800,000. The work was planned in three successive stages and the total of the consultants' estimates submitted at the time of calling the individual contracts was approximately \$17,200,000 for the actual physical construction of the project. Engineering inspection and testing fees and acquisition of right-of-way represented additional costs amounting to approximately \$2,500,000, bringing the total estimated cost of the project to \$19,700,000.

“ 3. (a) Yes and (b) \$10,000,000.

“ 4. (a) Estimates of the cost of the work were prepared by the consultants. (b) The consultants' preliminary estimate was \$6,000,000. The work was carried out in four successive stages and the total of the consultants' estimates submitted at the time of calling the individual contracts was approximately \$6,700,000 for the actual physical construction. Right-of-way, engineering, inspection and testing fees, and toll equipment amounted to approximately \$900,000, all of which brought the total estimated cost of the project to \$7,600,000.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What is the cost to date of the highway connecting Deas Tunnel with Oak Street Bridge?
2. What was the estimated cost before construction started?
3. What is the estimated final cost?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. \$1,972,310.

“ 2. \$3,725,000.

“ 3. \$4,020,000.”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

With respect to Project 790, page 23, Department of Highways Report, 1957/58:—

1. Has this project been completed?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total amount paid to the City Construction Company for the project?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is no, what is the total amount paid to date to the City Construction Company for the project?
4. With respect to the section between Boundary Road and Gilmore Avenue, have any construction difficulties been experienced on this section?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. \$1,221,038.75.
- “ 3. Answered by No. 2.
- “ 4. No difficulties which were not anticipated.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What is now the estimated final cost of (a) Deas Island Tunnel and (b) Second Narrows Bridge?
2. What is the estimated cost of the highway between Oak Street Bridge and Deas Island Tunnel?
3. What is the estimated final cost of the highway from Deas Island Tunnel to the International Boundary?
4. What was the final cost of the Kelowna–Westbank Bridge?
5. What was the cost of highways required out of the construction of the Kelowna–Westbank Bridge?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) \$25,000,000 and (b) \$23,000,000.
- “ 2. \$4,020,000.
- “ 3. \$10,000,000.
- “ 4. Not yet finalized; cost to date, \$8,716,732.75, including approaches and rights-of-way.
- “ 5. Included in cost of bridge (*see* No. 4 above).”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, March 19th, 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on February 25th, 26th, and 27th, and March 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th were taken as read and received.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the question was put and agreed to—

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

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

- (1) \$1,825,947.06 to make good certain sums expended for the fiscal year ended the 31st day of March, 1958.
- (2) \$16,675,277 to supplement the moneys otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1959.
- (3) \$300,401,394 toward defraying the several charges and expenses for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1960.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

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

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Commercial Transport" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to amend and repeal certain Provisions and References in the Statute Law" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 116) intituled "An Act to amend the Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act" Mr. Dowding rose to a point of order.

He said that the statement on the reverse side of the Bill before the House contained matter of an argumentative character and as such the Bill itself was improper in form and should be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker called a five-minute recess to consider the matter and, upon his return, ruled as follows:—

Honourable Members,—The established practice in this House is contained in a report on page 134 of the Journals of 1948, reading as follows:—

"*Mr. Speaker*,—Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing begs leave to report as follows:—

"Your Committee on Public Accounts and Printing held three meetings and authorized disposal of certain outdated papers from the several Departments.

"It strongly urges that, for the benefit of all members, in future Sessions that Bills and amendments be printed similarly to the system used in Manitoba, which is that on the opposite page to the ones listing the different sections an explanation of their meaning is given and, in the case of amendments, the change they purport to make. This would avoid hours of delving into the previous Act in case of amendments and give a concise meaning of the intent of new Bills.

"Respectfully submitted.

"W. A. C. BENNETT, *Chairman*."

The report quoted was adopted.

The following appears at page 524 of May, 16th edition: "A member, bringing in a Bill, may prepare a memorandum explanatory of the contents and objects of the Bill. The memorandum should be framed in nontechnical language and should contain nothing of an argumentative character. . . ."

Although this has been the practice in the British House, any Order passed in this House must take precedence over rulings of any other Parliament.

I might further state that, in the British House, the Public Bills Office considers and approves any Bills brought before it.

I therefore rule that the statement on the reverse of Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act" does not invalidate the Bill as the statement is an explanation of the meaning of the Bill within the purview of the practice established by the report above referred to.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

Mr. Dowding appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

The ruling of the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—31.

Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Cox</i>			

PAIR:

Messieurs

Steady *Uphill*

The debate was resumed on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act."

The House divided.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Massey</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Richter</i>			

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Cox</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Eddie</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Steady *Uphill*
Matthew *Haggen, Mrs.*

Bill read a second time and, by leave of the House, it was *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.51 a.m.