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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Thirty-fourth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ROBERT G. ROGERS, K. ST. J., LL.D., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 12th day of February 1987, the members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

The Honourable ROBERT G. ROGERS, K. ST. J., LL.D., Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch*, Provincial Secretary, said:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, addressing himself to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, moved, seconded by Mr. *Rose*, that *John Reynolds*, Esquire, Member for West Vancouver-Howe Sound Electoral District, do take the Speaker's Chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

Ian M. Horne, Esquire, Q.C., Clerk of the House, having declared *John Reynolds* duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

Prayers by Archbishop *J. F. Carney*.

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

The letters of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the correspondence of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read by *E. George MacMinn, Q.C.*, Deputy Clerk, as follows:

“OFFICE OF DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
“VICTORIA, B.C., NOVEMBER 17, 1986

“*Ian M. Horne, Q.C.*

“*Clerk of the House*

“*Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: General Election, October 22, 1986*

“DEAR SIR — His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, by his Proclamation issued on the 24th day of September 1986, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill vacancies caused by such dissolution.

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

“I transmit herewith a certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer setting forth the names of members who have been elected in the electoral district indicated on the enclosed certificate.

“Yours truly

“R. S. PLECAS

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*”

(ENCLOSURE)

“OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER AND REGISTRAR GENERAL OF VOTERS
“Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4, November 17, 1986

“*Robert S. Plecas*

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: Provincial General Election — 1986*

“DEAR SIR — The Thirty-third Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on September 24th 1986, and Writs were issued on that date calling for a Provincial general election. The Writs were returnable on or before November 17th 1986.

“October 9th, 1986, was designated as the day for the nomination of candidates and October 22nd, 1986, was designated as Polling Day.

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

Burnaby-Edmonds
 Burnaby-Willingdon
 Dewdney
 Kamloops
 Mackenzie
 Nelson-Creston
 Okanagan North
 Surrey-Guildford-Whalley
 Surrey-Newton
 Vancouver-Point Grey.

“The rechecks were performed prior to the final count with the exception of the Electoral Districts of Burnaby-Edmonds and Kamloops which were performed in conjunction with the final count.

“Because of a request made under section 130 (1) of the Provincial *Election Act* for Judicial Recounts for the Electoral Districts of Dewdney, Nelson-Creston and Vancouver-Point Grey, Writ return dates for these Electoral Districts cannot be established at this time.

“I hereby certify that the following members have been elected to represent their respective Electoral Districts as set out hereunder:

ALBERNI	Robert E. Skelly
ATLIN	Larry Guno
BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN	Jim Hewitt
	Ivan Messmer
BURNABY-EDMONDS	Dave Mercier
BURNABY NORTH	Barry Jones
BURNABY-WILLINGDON	Elwood Veitch
CARIBOO	Alex V. Fraser
	Neil Vant
CENTRAL FRASER VALLEY	Harry H. De Jong
	Peter A. Dueck
CHILLIWACK	John Jansen
COLUMBIA RIVER	Duane Crandall
COMOX	Stan Hagen
COQUITLAM-MOODY	Mark W. Rose
COWICHAN-MALAHAT	Graham P. Bruce
DELTA	Walter Davidson
	John Savage
ESQUIMALT-PORT RENFREW	Moe Sihota
KAMLOOPS	Claude H. Richmond
	Bud Smith
KOOTENAY	Anne Edwards
LANGLEY	Carol Gran
	Daniel George Peterson
MACKENZIE	Harold J. Long
MAILLARDVILLE-COQUITLAM	John M. Cashore

NANAIMO	Dale L. Lovick David D. Stupich
NEW WESTMINSTER	Anita M. J. Hagen
NORTH ISLAND	Colin S. Gabelmann
NORTH PEACE RIVER	Anthony J. Brummet
NORTH VANCOUVER-CAPILANO	Angus Ree
NORTH VANCOUVER-SEYMOUR	John (Jack) Davis
OAK BAY-GORDON HEAD	Brian Smith
OKANAGAN NORTH	Lyall Hanson
OKANAGAN SOUTH	Larry Chalmers Cliff Serwa
OMINECA	Jackie J. Kempf
PRINCE GEORGE NORTH	Lois R. Boone
PRINCE GEORGE SOUTH	Bruce Strachan
PRINCE RUPERT	Dan Miller
RICHMOND	Nick Loenen Bill Vander Zalm
ROSSLAND-TRAIL	Christopher A. D'Arcy
SAANICH AND THE ISLANDS	Mel Couvelier Terry Huberts
SHUSWAP-REVELSTOKE	Cliff Michael
SKEENA	Dave Parker
SOUTH PEACE RIVER	Jack Weisgerber
SURREY-GUILDFORD-WHALLEY	Joan Smallwood
SURREY-NEWTON	Rita Johnston
SURREY-WHITE ROCK-CLOVERDALE	Bill Reid
VANCOUVER CENTRE	Emery O. Barnes Michael Harcourt
VANCOUVER EAST	Glen D. Clark Robert A. Williams
VANCOUVER-LITTLE MOUNTAIN	Grace Mary McCarthy Doug Mowat
VANCOUVER SOUTH	Russell Fraser Stephen Rogers
VICTORIA	Robin Blencoe Gordon Hanson
WEST VANCOUVER-HOWE SOUND	John Reynolds
YALE-LILLOOET	James T. Rabbitt

"Yours very truly

"HARRY M. GOLDBERG

"Chief Electoral Officer

"Elections

"British Columbia"

“OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER AND REGISTRAR GENERAL OF VOTERS

“Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4, November 18, 1986

“*Robert S. Plecas*

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: Provincial General Election — 1986*

“DEAR SIR — Further to my certificate of November 17th, 1986, I now have the return for the Electoral District of Nelson-Creston.

“The date for the return of the Writ of Election for Nelson-Creston had been amended to an indefinite date because of a judicial recount before the County Court of Nelson. The said Writ was returned to me on November 18th, 1986.

“I now certify that *Howard L. Dirks* has been elected to represent the Electoral District of Nelson-Creston.

“Yours very truly

“HARRY M. GOLDBERG

“*Chief Electoral Officer*

“*Elections*

“*British Columbia*”

“OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER AND REGISTRAR GENERAL OF VOTERS

“Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4, December 1, 1986

“*Robert S. Plecas*

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: Provincial General Election — 1986*

“DEAR SIR — Further to my certificate of November 17th, 1986, I now have the return for the Electoral District of Vancouver-Point Grey.

“The date for the return of the Writ of Election for Vancouver-Point Grey had been amended to an indefinite date because of a judicial recount before the County Court of Vancouver. The said Writ was returned to me on November 28th, 1986.

“I now certify that *Kim Campbell* and *Darlene Marzari* have been elected to represent the Electoral District of Vancouver-Point Grey.

“Yours very truly

“HARRY M. GOLDBERG

“*Chief Electoral Officer*

“*Elections*

“*British Columbia*”

“OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER AND REGISTRAR GENERAL OF VOTERS
 “Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4, December 5, 1986

“*Robert S. Plecas*

“*Deputy Provincial Secretary*

“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4*

“*Re: Provincial General Election — 1986*

“DEAR SIR — Further to my certificate of November 17th, 1986, I now have the return for the Electoral District of Dewdney.

“The date for the return of the Writ of Election for Dewdney had been amended to an indefinite date because of a judicial recount and subsequent appeal from the decision of the County Court of New Westminster. The said Writ was returned to me on December 5th, 1986.

“I now certify that *Norman Jacobsen* and *Austin Pelton* have been elected to represent the Electoral District of Dewdney.

“Yours very truly

“HARRY M. GOLDBERG

“*Chief Electoral Officer*

“*Elections*

“*British Columbia*”

On the motion of the Hon. *E. N. Veitch*, it was *Ordered* —

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* then said:

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

As we open this First Session of the Thirty-fourth Parliament of our Province of British Columbia, I extend greetings on behalf of our Sovereign, the Queen.

Today, as a new Parliament, we begin a new chapter in the history of this Assembly with thirty-nine members taking part in their first Session.

My Government bids them a special welcome.

My Government's mandate stems from its commitment to make a fresh start in order to create a stronger economy and jobs for our people.

We promised an open and accessible style of government that responds to the needs of people.

We said we would free up the private sector and work with it as a partner to get our Province moving.

We vowed to restore confidence in the vitality of our Province's economy.

And we said we would sharply cut government interference in the lives and activities of British Columbians and business.

We will deliver.

We will listen, consult and lead by example, saying what we mean and doing what we say.

We will seek co-operation to develop policies and programs to strengthen our Province and provide security for our people.

Difficult decisions must be made.

Revenues are down, spending demands are up and the deficit must be reduced.

My Government will show strong leadership.

We will follow the right course, not the most expedient, refusing to sacrifice a better future for all by bowing to demands from a few.

We will instead pursue the long-term interests of all British Columbians — whose rights and welfare must always be paramount.

With that aim in mind, my Government takes up its task with confidence.

Our new style and approach has created a growing sense of optimism about our Province and its prospects.

Thousands and thousands of British Columbians have told us they want to be part of our fresh start.

My Government will build on this momentum and work with the private sector to break down barriers to opportunity.

We have a plan for a new economy — we will make it work.

We will act to bring long-term stability in labour-management relations.

We will strengthen small and medium-sized business to diversify our economic base.

We will de-centralize government and cut red tape to free up business activity.

We will be aggressive in seeking investment and markets.

Most important, we will invest in our most valuable resource — our people.

That means quality education, job-training and creating fresh entrepreneurial opportunities through our private sector.

Good government does not work behind closed doors.

Our words and intent will be matched by action.

My Cabinet and Committees of this House will travel across our Province to bring government to the people.

We will seek answers and solutions from all because there is no monopoly on good ideas or constructive proposals.

My Government will increase involvement in decision-making in and outside this Legislature.

As a priority, my Government will expand the number and roles of the all-party Committees of this Assembly and will ask all Members to become more involved in the business of our Parliament.

My Government will act to have a Board of Internal Economy appointed early in this Session.

Under the chairmanship of the Speaker, it will develop fair procedures and rules for the financial management and administration of this Assembly.

These procedures, including formulas to fund the operations of the caucuses of Government and the Official Opposition, will be in place for the 1988/89 fiscal year.

My Government will in the interim, substantially increase funding so the Official Opposition has the resources to meet its obligations in this session.

And since government's business is everybody's business, my Government will act to provide coverage of the Legislature on television and radio by late fall.

In keeping with its open approach, my Government will spell out its intentions.

In this session, Members will be asked to strengthen the democratic process and individual rights by considering measures to:

- Provide more just and equitable expropriation procedures for all British Columbians.
- Formalize self-government for the Sechelt Indian Band and for other bands.
- End dual constituencies and provide mail-in votes for the handicapped.

In regard to this latter initiative, my Government is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Justice Thomas K. Fisher as a Commissioner to inquire into and make recommendations on single-constituency boundaries.

My Government will also act in this session to improve and enhance programs and services for British Columbians.

My Government will introduce more support programs to meet the needs of victims and witnesses of crime.

We will also continue to provide specialized support to victims of sexual assault, child abuse and wife assault.

A new *Police Act* will strengthen the investigative and enquiry powers of the B.C. Police Commission ensuring more fairness to police and citizens.

The *Adoption Act* will be changed to give adults access on request to an adoption disclosure registry.

Measures to ensure lawyers are competent, financially responsible and subject to appropriate disciplinary procedures will be introduced.

We will act to make sure spouses make timely support payments to families and dependent children.

My Government is pleased to announce that Barry Sullivan will head the Royal Commission which will investigate education in our Province and report back by April, 1988.

Training manuals to assist educators to deal with sex abuse and sex offenders in schools will be presented.

A basic provincial guideline program on family life and sex education, supported by instructional material and appropriate staff and funding, will be issued to school districts by September.

The program will deal with the topic and related health issues in an open but sensitive and careful way that is both appropriate and acceptable.

My Government will provide funding in this session to reduce the high rate of abortions in our Province.

Support programs for single mothers, more daycare facilities and increased adoption opportunities will be made available to address the ever-increasing number of abortions.

We will also move quickly to increase welfare rates for those most in need, particularly families and single parents.

My Government will soon name a task force to work with the private sector to open up job opportunities for the disabled.

Education is the bedrock on which we must build our new economy.

My Government will introduce a range of new and imaginative initiatives throughout our education system.

We will pursue how to offer a tax-deductible registered educational savings plan.

We will implement a scholarship credit plan that will allow Grade 8 to 12 students with high academic standing to earn "credits" towards the cost of their post-secondary education.

And we will establish a government program to match corporate and private donations towards scholarships.

All British Columbians are proud of their public education system which has fared well in evaluation and testing across the land.

But special mention must also be made of the independent school system which has shown unprecedented growth and acceptance.

Therefore in fairness, my Government will be providing special financial assistance to help further relieve those who have in a democratic system, chosen the independent education process for their children.

Our advanced education system will play a hands-on role in economic development.

Post-secondary funding will be increased to ensure college and universities are a full partner in the process.

The new economy will demand new skills and new education programs for our people; our educational institutions will be given the tools to do the job.

My Government will co-ordinate on behalf of our post-secondary institutions, the marketing of educational services on an international basis.

Emphasis will be placed on programs that strengthen our growing relationship with Pacific Rim nations.

All British Columbians should be extremely proud of the individuals who head our universities and colleges.

With the help and co-operation of these educational leaders, my Government will establish a Premier's Science and Research Council with representatives from our advanced educational institutions, business and government.

Further, my Government will during this fiscal year, co-ordinate a phased and full transfer of responsibility for its science and technology component to the post-secondary education community through the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training.

My Government will present a science and technology strategy to bring together the universities, the private sector and governments as partners.

Aerospace, biotechnology, ocean industries, microelectronics and nuclear research will be target areas of growth.

British Columbians are well served by those who work for government.

My Government will through the Provincial Secretary, consult with public servants on ways to improve both morale and productivity and to ensure they have the fullest opportunity to use and enhance their skills within the public service.

The key player in our plan for a new, more diversified economy will be a vibrant and growing private sector.

Government has no money of its own; its ability to deliver and improve essential social programs is only as good as its tax revenues.

My Government will act to let business get down to business — and re-ignite the spirit of enterprise across our Province.

Job one is to get government off the back and out of the way of the private sector.

My Government, through the Minister responsible for Privatization, will immediately appoint a private sector task force to work on privatization of Crown corporations.

The task force, working co-operatively with the Ministry of Economic Development, will report within three months on activities which should be turned over to the private sector and how Crown corporation cash requirements can be cut.

As part of its mandate, the task force will recommend a means by which the debts of Crown corporations can be retired.

Private sector expansion will be financed by privately-run venture capital funds.

Government pension fund programs will be revised to channel capital to B.C. companies.

A one-stop centre will let the private sector interact with government economic ministries.

A network of privately-run trading corporations will be set up to market and sell B.C. products and services around the world.

An Economic Development Council composed of business and labour representatives with special contacts in our Province, Canada and abroad, will be appointed by April 30 to advise my Government on implementation of our plan for a new economy.

My Government will open the door to more opportunities in employee participation and investment to further enhance the small and medium-sized business sector's proven record in job-creation.

My Government will amend its role in terms of aid and assistance to entrepreneurs.

We believe new business should have an appropriate level of assured private financing prior to government involvement through loans or guarantees.

My Government will help British Columbians turn their energy, talent and ideas into profitable one, two or three-person businesses.

We will by October develop a program to provide marketing and management skill support for these individuals to help them operate cottage industries at the local level.

Such assistance will also be directed to single parents and welfare recipients to help them develop their skills and talents in order to become self-supporting.

My Government will in addition introduce a major employment and job-training program for employable welfare recipients.

My Government will act to reduce our deficit.

Tackling this problem is a priority task.

No single act will do more to stimulate public and business confidence — and confidence is the key to investment — than a reduction of this burden.

We will be careful — but caring — in our spending policies, making sure help is available when needed and at the same time, that tax dollars are spent wisely.

My Government will act early in this session to bring about long-term stability in labour relations.

In the international markets where we compete for sales and investment, no issue affects us more.

It is imperative — and this was re-inforced by the long and costly forest industry dispute last year — that we break fresh ground.

British Columbia industry must produce and deliver on time and at a fair price, or lose credibility — and even worse — investment, customers and jobs.

As a result of extensive consultations, my Government will make significant changes to the laws and institutions that govern the industrial relations community.

These changes will restore the democratic rights of individuals in the workplace.

Equally important, they will protect the forgotten third parties — the British Columbians and their families who suffer most during prolonged work stoppages.

My Government will undertake a Provincial initiative to attract entrepreneurs and investment to British Columbia.

At the same time, we will monitor and evaluate our tax system to ensure it stays responsive to British Columbia's changing requirements.

My Government intends to move towards a system of taxation for job-creation industries that is based on profit rather than on fixed charges.

But to build a healthy economy that creates jobs and provides security, we must do more.

My Government will undertake a broad range of complementary initiatives in its dealings with the private sector and other governments.

We will actively pursue the early export of surplus hydroelectricity to the United States.

We will work with the private sector and other governments to seek out new markets in Canada and around the world for our coal.

At the same time, we will evaluate the use of coal to generate hydroelectric power and other, more diversified and marketable products.

My Government will in this session take steps to deal with the recommendations of the Mining Task Force.

We will develop stronger business, trade and tourism links with the U.S. Pacific Northwest and California as a priority.

My Government will safeguard British Columbia's interests while strongly supporting a comprehensive trade agreement with our largest customer, the United States.

My Government cannot stress enough the importance to British Columbia and indeed, to all of Canada, of an early and successful conclusion to the current free trade negotiations.

We pledge our continued and intensive support to the Prime Minister of Canada and his Government for this initiative.

The powers of provincially-regulated trust companies, credit unions and insurance companies will be extended.

Action will also be taken to improve provisions related to insurance liability for municipalities.

All these initiatives are part of the framework within which we will focus on our number one priority — economic renewal.

My Government will work co-operatively with the Federal Government to ensure our Province gets equal treatment as a full partner in Confederation.

The recent agreement between My Premier and the Prime Minister of Canada to establish a working Federal-Provincial Council of Ministers to deal with matters of concern to both governments is clear evidence of the co-operative spirit and bodes well for British Columbia's active participation in a growing Canadian economy.

My Government is confident the Council will ensure that our requests for a fair share of federal procurements and contracts, as well as increased representation on Federal boards and agencies, will be met.

A sound reforestation policy continues to be a priority for my Government.

Working with the private sector, we will plant trees at a rate better than harvesting and losses due to natural causes like fire and infestation.

My Government believes our forest industry offers untapped potential for fresh economic growth.

A fund will be set up to make our Province a world leader in forestry research and to encourage the development of new technologies to make our industry even more productive.

My Government will this year establish a Pacific Rim Institute of Tourism to ensure a world-class standard of professionalism in our industry.

Co-operative tourism promotion programs with the private sector and other governments in the Pacific Northwest and California will build on the success of our world exposition.

My Government will encourage growth in agriculture, aquaculture and our food and beverage industries by helping them capitalize on domestic and foreign market opportunities.

We will in addition work with the private sector to turn more of our raw agricultural resources into marketable, finished and packaged products.

An Aquaculture Advisory Council will be appointed by May 15 to ensure the orderly and responsible growth of this increasingly valuable industry.

My Government places a high priority on health care services to British Columbians.

We will maintain world-class levels of service and at the same time, ensure British Columbians get the best value for their dollars.

My Government will continue to provide new medical techniques and facilities to benefit our people, including the establishment on Vancouver Island of a B.C. rehabilitation centre for victims of brain injuries.

The development of this centre in co-operation with the Insurance Corporation of B.C., the Workers' Compensation Board and the University of B.C. Health Sciences Centre, will eliminate the need to send such patients to the United States for specialized treatment.

My Government will preserve and protect our environment as illustrated by the establishment of an advisory panel to deal with the issue of special wastes.

We will attempt to expedite the Federal-Provincial negotiations for establishment of a national park on South Moresby in the Queen Charlottes.

My Government will seek a bilateral agreement with the Federal Government to develop the enormous tourism potential this area offers.

Working together, our two governments can create a national park and tourism environment that will not only generate major economic benefits for all British Columbia, but in particular, new employment and income for the friendly people of the Queen Charlottes region.

British Columbians deserve government that fits local needs.

My Government will restore more decision-making and functions of government to the community level because increased attention to local autonomy is long overdue.

The recent Premier's Conference on De-centralization was the first step.

My Government looks forward to receiving recommendations in the very near future from a provincial-municipal committee on ways to speed up this process.

Action will also be taken to provide greater local autonomy and efficiency at the regional district level.

My Government seeks a new, mutually productive relationship with the Native Indian people of our Province.

The recently-formed Committee of Cabinet responsible for Native Indian affairs will work closely with our native people on self-government and matters of mutual interest.

My Government will seek private sector support to establish a Native Indian Heritage Centre to reflect and preserve the language and culture of our first citizens.

Provincial regulations will be amended to reduce red tape and complement federal changes to rules governing inter-provincial and trans-border trucking.

Legislation will be introduced to improve the administration of the Horse Racing Commission and further the development of the horse racing and breeding industries.

My Government will appoint Richard M. MacIntosh, a deputy-chairman of the B.C. Police Commission, to head a Gaming Commission to oversee and police all aspects of gambling in our Province.

Mr. Speaker, my Government has laid out the broad elements of a realistic and workable plan for a new economy and social progress in our Province.

The full details will become apparent when my Government presents its budget and spending plans for the coming fiscal year.

British Columbia today stands at a crossroads. As a people, we must now make a choice.

We can walk the traditional path of doubt and distrust, wasting our energies and our time in partisan political strife.

Or we can step out together on a new road that leads to a more secure future for all British Columbians.

My Government believes British Columbians would have us take the latter route.

Working together as a people, regardless of our political affiliation, status or associations, we can make this Province one of the most-favoured places on earth.

Working with purpose, we can provide our people — individuals and families — with greater security and fresh opportunities for success and personal fulfillment.

If we are willing to harness and use our resources and goodwill, there is no limit to what we can accomplish together.

The "give and take" we engage in today, will pay enormous dividends in the future.

My Government believes there is no more fitting way to conclude this Speech from The Throne than with the words used by Her Majesty in her message today to the Commonwealth.

“I would ask all of you, wherever you may be, to do all you can to help the cause of human goodness, to share with others your enthusiasms and visions, your thoughts and hopes, and above all, your understanding.”

My Government agrees and further adds that on behalf of all British Columbians, we support and endorse those words as a statement of principle upon which we can move towards a more peaceful and harmonious world.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask all Members of this Assembly to begin their work on behalf of the people of our Province.

May God’s blessing be with them all as they carry out their duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour’s Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. *B. R. D. Smith*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Perpetuate a Parliamentary Right* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan* (seconded by Mr. *Rose*), it was *Ordered*—

That *F. C. Austin Pelton*, Esquire, First Member for Dewdney Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan* (seconded by Mr. *Rose*), it was *Ordered*—

That *Caroline M. Gran*, First Member for Langley Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. N. Veitch*, 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. N. Vander Zalm* moved that the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Economic Development, Transportation and Municipal Affairs;
2. Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations;
3. Tourism and Environment;
4. Forests and Lands;
5. Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources;
6. Agriculture and Fisheries;
7. Health, Education and Social Services;

8. Finance, Crown Corporations and Government Services;

9. Public Accounts;

10. Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services;

and that Standing Order 68 (1) is hereby amended to so reflect, which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire 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), the Committee to be composed of Mr. R. G. Fraser (convenor), the Hon. E. N. Veitch, the Hon. W. B. Strachan, Messrs. Hewitt, Ree and Pelton, and Messrs. Rose, Williams and Hanson.

Mr. Skelly moved an amendment (seconded by Mr. Rose), that the motion be amended by adding:

"11. On job creation, job training opportunities, and the reduction of poverty."

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—22

Clark	Lovick	Blencoe	Skelly
Jones	Harcourt	Gabelmann	Rose
A. Hagen	Smallwood	D'Arcy	Marzari
Miller	Guno	Boone	Barnes
Sihota	Cashore	Stupich	G. Hanson
Williams	Edwards		

NAYS—43

Long	Mowat	Vander Zalm	Loenen
Huberts	Chalmers	Strachan	Pelton
Messmer	Gran	S. Hagen	Michael
Parker	Hewitt	McCarthy	Richmond
Jacobsen	Jansen	Veitch	Dueck
S. Smith	Weisgerber	Peterson	Reid
Ree	R. Fraser	Mercier	L. Hanson
Bruce	Johnston	Dirks	Rogers
Serwa	Davis	Rabbitt	Savage
Vant	Couvelier	De Jong	Brummet
Campbell	B. R. D. Smith	Crandall	

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. W. B. Strachan (seconded by Mr. Rose), it was *Ordered*—

That *Craig Harley James* of Victoria be, and is hereby appointed, Second Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

The Hon. A. J. Brummet, Minister of Education, tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Education for the period July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986.

The Hon. *C. C. Michael*, Minister of Transportation and Highways, tabled the British Columbia Ferry Corporation Annual Report, 1985/86.

The Hon. *J. Savage*, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, tabled the Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1986, of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission.

The Hon. *Lyall Hanson*, Minister of Labour and Consumer Services, tabled The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Fourteenth Annual Report for the 12 months ended December 31, 1986.

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* advised the House that, by agreement, the House would sit from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday and from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thursday, with a Question Period on Thursday, and that the House would adjourn at 1 p.m. Thursday until 2 p.m. Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 3.33 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 1987

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Provincial Secretary) made a ministerial statement relating to the deaths of former members of the Legislative Assembly: Messrs. Gordon Gibson, Sr., Bert Price, A. L. Passarell, Irvine Corbett and Ernest Hall, the Honourable John L. Farris, former Chief Justice of British Columbia, and Mr. Kenneth Morton, former Chief Electoral Officer.

Mr. *Weisgerber* moved, seconded by Mr. *Vant*—

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

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Provincial Secretary) tabled the following:

Thirty-first Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Legislative Assembly Allowances and Pension Act, Part 2*, year ended March 31, 1986.

Fifty-first Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Public Service) Act*, year ended March 31, 1986.

Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Teachers) Act*, year ended December 31, 1985.

Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Pension (Municipal) Act*, year ended December 31, 1985.

Tenth Annual Report of the Business Done in Pursuance of the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, year ended March 31, 1986.

British Columbia Lottery Corporation First Annual Report—1986.

Pacific National Exhibition Report and Financial Statements, March 31, 1986.

B.C. Public Gaming Control Branch Annual Report, 1985/86.

And then the House adjourned at 11.35 a.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* (Minister of Environment and Parks) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Environment, 1985–1986.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m. until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Wednesday, March 11, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *C. S. Rogers* (Minister of Intergovernmental Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Sechelt Indian Government District Enabling Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 10, 1987.

Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* (Minister of Environment and Parks) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Boundary Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 6, 1987.

Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *P. A. Dueck* (Minister of Health) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Dentists Amendment Act, 1987* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 6, 1987.

Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the following:

The 1986 Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report.

The British Columbia Educational Institutions Capital Financing Authority's Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1986.

The British Columbia Housing and Employment Development Financing Authority's Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1986.

Refunds/Remissions Made Under Section 23, *Taxation (Rural Area) Act* for the calendar year 1986.

Sixty-fifth Annual Report of the Liquor Distribution Branch for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1986.

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) tabled the Labour Relations Board of B.C. Annual Report, 1986.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. E. Reid* (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Culture) tabled the Annual Report of Tourism British Columbia, 1985/86.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 1987

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

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. *J. Davis*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* advised the House that, by agreement, the House would sit as follows: Monday at 2 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Wednesday at 2 p.m., Thursday afternoon and Friday at 10 a.m.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following:

Statement of Crown Proceeding Payments, 1985/86, pursuant to the *Crown Proceeding Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979.

Compensation Stabilization Program, Annual Report, 1986.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1986, pursuant to the *Unclaimed Money Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* (Minister of Social Services and Housing) made a ministerial statement relating to an agreement entered into between the Province of British Columbia and the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council representing Native Bands on western Vancouver Island regarding Native child welfare matters.

Mr. *Cashore* 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.

Mr. *Harcourt* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Boone*—

That the motion "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", be amended by adding the following:

"But this House regrets that the Speech of His Honour was silent on job creation, job training opportunities and the reduction of poverty with special emphasis on youth, women and visible minorities and therefore this House urges that these serious matters assume top priority consideration by the Select Standing Committees on Economic Development, Transportation and Municipal Affairs; and Health, Education and Social Services."

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—18

Clark
Jones
A. Hagen
Miller
Williams

Lovick
Harcourt
Smallwood
Cashore
Edwards

Blencoe
D'Arcy
Boone
Stupich

Rose
Marzari
Barnes
G. Hanson

NAYS—39

<i>Long</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Crandall</i>
<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Loenen</i>
<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>S. Hagen</i>	<i>Pelton</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>S. Smith</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Vant</i>	<i>B. R. D. Smith</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* announced the arrangement, by agreement, of the business of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 1987

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, Ms. *Marzari* made a personal statement.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* (Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services) tabled Absentee Voting Regulation (being Order in Council 1783/86), pursuant to section 196 of the *Election Act*.

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General) tabled the following:

The 15th Annual Report of the *Criminal Injury Compensation Act* of British Columbia, January 1, 1986–December 31, 1986.

Annual Report of the Legal Services Society of British Columbia, April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986.

Annual Report of the Ministry of Attorney General, April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986.

Annual Report of Justice Institute of British Columbia, 1985–1986.

Annual Report of the British Columbia Board of Parole for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1986.

Order called for “Oral Question Period.”

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m. until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Wednesday, March 18, 1987

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for “Oral Question Period.”

Mr. *Gabelmann* presented a petition relating to park boundary changes and industrial development within Strathcona Park.

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General) made a ministerial statement relating to log scaling and timber processing on Shoal Island and Crown revenues relating thereto, and tabled the Report of the Honourable Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia dated September 18, 1986.

Mr. *Williams* made a statement.

Mr. *Rose* raised a point of order relating to ministerial statements.

The Hon. *C. C. Michael* (Minister of Transportation and Highways) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways for the fiscal year 1985/86.

The Hon. *C. H. Richmond* (Minister of Social Services and Housing) tabled the 1985 Annual Report of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Long</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Loenen</i>
<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Pelton</i>
<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>S. Hagen</i>	<i>Kempf</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Jansen</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>S. Smith</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Vant</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>B. R. D. Smith</i>	<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Brummet</i>

NAYS—19

<i>Clark</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Barnes</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>
<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Boone</i>	

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* announced the arrangement, by agreement, of the business of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m. until 2.20 p.m. tomorrow.

Thursday, March 19, 1987

TWENTY PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *Walter Donald*.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance), it was *Ordered*—

That this House, at its next sitting, resolve itself for this Session into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance) presented the Public Accounts of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1986.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance) moved—

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1985/86 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance) presented:

The Report of the Comptroller General (Interim Financial Statements) for the ten months ended January 31, 1987, pursuant to the provisions of the *Financial Administration Act*, section 8 (4).

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1988;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 18, 1987.

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

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *W. B. Strachan* (Minister of Environment and Parks), "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. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bills (Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 17) intituled:

Assessment and Property Taxation Amendment Act, 1987;
Home Owner Grant Amendment Act, 1987;
Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1987;

Income Tax Amendment Act, 1987;
Insurance (Motor Vehicle) Amendment Act, 1987;
Insurance Premium Tax Amendment Act, 1987;
Social Service Tax Amendment Act, 1987;
Hotel Room Tax Amendment Act, 1987;
Motor Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 1987; and
Property Purchase Tax Act;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 19, 1987.

Bills introduced and read a first time.

Bills *Ordered* for second reading at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 4 p.m.

Friday, March 20, 1987

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, the House proceeded to consideration of Motion 10 on the Order Paper.

10 Mr. *Vant* to move—

Be it resolved that this Legislative Assembly recognize the great contribution made by Rick Hansen who, having begun his successful Man In Motion World Tour to raise funds for spinal cord injury research and rehabilitation, has created a world wide awareness of the potential of disabled people, the value of research, rehabilitation and sport, and the positive changes that can be made for all disabled people.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *C. S. Rogers*, the House proceeded to consideration of Motion 42 on the Order Paper.

42 Mr. *Mowat* to move—

Be it resolved that this House congratulate Rick Hansen, resident of Vancouver-Little Mountain, who is nearing the completion of his truly heroic journey around the world for the cause of spinal cord research, and that we extend to British Columbia's own "Man in Motion" our most sincere appreciation for his inspiration to all British Columbians and to all citizens of the world.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

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

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General) tabled The Report and Recommendations of the Compensation Advisory Committee and made a statement related thereto.

Mr. *Sihota* made a statement.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

On Wednesday last the Honourable Member for Coquitlam-Moody and Opposition House Leader raised a point of order relating to the scope and content of a ministerial statement made by the Honourable the Attorney General. The essence of the Honourable Member's point was that the statement was made without notice and that the statement was too detailed a reference to previous debate.

In some respects the point of order was well made by the Honourable Opposition House Leader.

I cannot, however, find that there is any requirement to give notice of a ministerial statement. Under some circumstances informal notice might be considered appropriate but this is not a judgement for the Chair to make. The Chair does, however, commend the developing practice of giving notice although notice may not be required under the rules.

I have now had an opportunity to examine *Hansard* in relation to the content of the statement in question. It is my opinion that while the content of the statement was clearly within the proper bounds of a matter of ministerial administration arising from an alleged misrepresentation or an alleged inaccurate recitation of events, it is also clear, upon review, that some parts of the statement, contrary to permissible limits, alluded too precisely to previous debate in an argumentative manner rather than being limited to concise statements of fact surrounding ministerial administration.

On the subject of ministerial statements, Mr. Speaker *Schroeder* adopted with approval the following statement of practice from Dawson's *Procedure in the Canadian House of Commons*, at page 165:

"These announcements are not made by the consent of the House, nor are they recognized by any rule; but at least one Speaker has ruled that the practice is one of such long standing that a Minister may make such a statement by right. This right may not be exercised without restraint, for although there is no set limit on the length or content of the statements, a Minister who persisted in long and argumentative recitals would soon find himself in trouble with the Opposition."

Under the practices of this House, and in accordance with Speakers' rulings previously made, ministerial statements should generally be brief, be factual and be specific. General arguments or observations beyond the fair bounds of explanation, or too

distinct a reference to previous debate, are out of order and will result in appropriate intervention by the Chair. There are, of course, similar limits to replies made to ministerial statements.

J. REYNOLDS, *Speaker*

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) tabled the following:

Annual Report, 1985–1986, Ministry of Labour and Consumer Services.

Trade Practice Act, Annual Report, 1986.

Travel Assurance Board Annual Report, 1984–85.

Travel Assurance Board Annual Report, 1985–86.

Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Annual Report, 1985–86.

Debtor Assistance Branch Annual Report, 1986.

And then the House adjourned at 11.35 a.m.

Monday, March 23, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

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

Applications Pertaining to the *Public Service Labour Relations Act* Dealt With by the Labour Relations Board of B.C. in 1986.

Public Service Commission Annual Report, 1984–85.

Public Service Commission Annual Report, 1985–86.

The Hon. *R. M. Johnston* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the Annual Report of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for the fiscal year 1985–86.

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

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the Annual Report of British Columbia Systems Corporation, 1985/86.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24, 1987

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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. *Harcourt*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, March 24, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1987* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 24, 1987.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess for distribution of the Bill.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 1987*, a debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 18) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. B. Couvelier*, Bill (No. 18) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 18) was committed and reported complete without amendment.

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of a proposed amendment to Warrant 1, Schedule 1, of Bill (No. 18) the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—22

<i>Clark</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Marzari</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Barnes</i>
<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Edwards</i>		

NAYS—36

<i>Long</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Crandall</i>
<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>S. Hagen</i>	<i>Loenen</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Kempf</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>S. Smith</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
<i>Vant</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	<i>Brummet</i>

Bill (No. 18) read a third time and passed.

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. *W. B. Strachan*, the debate was adjourned until later today.

Mr. Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Ian D. Izard, Esq., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Bill:

(No. 18) *Supply Act (No. 1), 1987*.

His Honour was pleased in Her Majesty’s name to give assent to the said Bill.

The said assent was announced by *E. George MacMinn*, Q.C., Deputy Clerk, in the following words:

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. M. Johnston*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *J. Savage* (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and Acting Minister of Forests and Lands) tabled the following:

Five Year Forest and Range Resource Program, 1987–1992.

Ministry of Forests Annual Report, 1985/86.

Annual Report of the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing, 1985–1986.

British Columbia Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries, 1985–1986.

The Milk Board Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1985.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m. until Thursday at 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 26, 1987

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Pelton*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Special Committee of Selection to meet while the House is in session this afternoon.

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.

Mrs. *Hagen* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Boone*—

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 words: "but this House regrets that in the opinion of this House, the Honourable Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations has sought to reduce the provincial deficit by loading dramatic property tax increases on the backs of the elderly, and by imposing Pharmacare dispensing fees and user fees for each visit to physiotherapists, chiropractors and podiatrists, thereby threatening the basic universality principle of Medicare."

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Boone*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Thursday, March 26, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Irving H. Hare*.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* (Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations) tabled the Annual Report of the Critical Industries Commission for the period January 1 to December 31, 1986.

By leave, the Hon. *W. B. Strachan* moved—

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Auditor General Act*, this Assembly recommends to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Mr. *Robert J. Hayward* be re-appointed as Acting Auditor General upon termination, pursuant to the said Act, of his present appointment to the Office of Auditor General.

Motion agreed to.

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.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

YEAS—17

<i>Clark</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Lovick</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>Gabelmann</i>	<i>Barnes</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>
<i>Sihota</i>			

Nays—29

<i>Long</i>	<i>Vant</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Loenen</i>
<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>S. Smith</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>De Jong</i>	<i>Savage</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Crandall</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Serwa</i>			

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* advised the House of the business of the House for the coming week.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Friday, March 27, 1987

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Clerk of the House informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Pelton*, Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 12.

Prayers by Mr. *Edward K. Jones*.

Order called for "Oral Question Period."

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *R. G. Fraser* presented the following report:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 27, 1987

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on March 9, 1987, to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report that the following are the lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session with the exception of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts which your Committee has yet to determine.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS—Messrs. *Mercier* (Convener) and *Loenen*, the Hon. *R. Johnston*, the Hon. *G. McCarthy*, the Hon. *C. Michael* and Mr. *Dirks* and Messrs. *Blencoe*, *Harcourt* and *Miller*.

LABOUR, JUSTICE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS—Ms. *Campbell* (Convener) and Mr. *Chalmers*, the Hon. *L. Hanson*, the Hon. *S. Rogers*, Messrs. *Jansen* and *Peterson* and Messrs. *Gabelmann*, *Sihota* and *Skelly*.

TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT—Messrs. *Bruce* (Convener) and *Messmer*, the Hon. *B. Reid*, the Hon. *B. Strachan*, Messrs. *Parker* and *Pelton*, Mmes. *Smallwood* and *Edwards* and Mr. *Barnes*.

FORESTS AND LANDS—Messrs. *Parker* (Convener), and *Vant*, the Hon. *J. Savage*, Messrs. *Bruce*, *Jacobsen* and *Long*, Mrs. *Boone* and Messrs. *Gabelmann* and *Williams*.

ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES—Messrs. *Weisgerber* (Convener) and *Ree*, the Hon. *A. Brummet*, the Hon. *J. Davis*, Messrs. *Bud Smith* and *Vant* and Messrs. *Clark*, *D'Arcy* and *Guno*.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES—Messrs. *Huberts* (Convener) and *De Jong*, the Hon. *S. Rogers*, the Hon. *J. Savage*, Messrs. *Serwa* and *Weisgerber* and Messrs. *Guno*, *Rose* and *Stupich*.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES—Mrs. *Gran* (Convener) and Mr. *Crandall*, the Hon. *A. Brummet*, the Hon. *P. Dueck*, Ms. *Campbell* and Mr. *Mowat* and Mrs. *Boone* and Messrs. *Cashore* and *Jones*.

FINANCE, CROWN CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Messrs. *Bud Smith* (Convener) and *Rabbitt*, the Hon. *M. Couvelier*, the Hon. *E. Veitch*, Messrs. *Jansen* and *Ree* and Messrs. *D'Arcy*, *Hanson* and *Stupich*.

STANDING ORDERS, PRIVATE BILLS AND MEMBERS' SERVICES—Messrs. *Crandall* (Convener) and *Mercier*, the Hon. *Brian Smith*, the Hon. *B. Strachan*, Messrs. *R. Fraser* and *Pelton* and Messrs. *Rose*, *Sihota* and *Williams*.

Respectfully submitted.

R. G. FRASER, *Chairman*

The report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Fraser* moved that the report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) tabled the 70th Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended December 31, 1986.

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

By leave, Mr. *Ree* moved that the report of the Special Committee of Selection presented earlier today be printed as an appendix to *Hansard*.

Motion agreed to.

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. *Blencoe*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

Monday, March 30, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm* (Premier) made a statement regarding the Ottawa Conference relating to Native Self-government.

Mr. *Skelly* made a statement.

Mr. *Kempf* made a statement regarding party affiliation.

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.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—37

<i>Long</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>B. R. D. Smith</i>	<i>De Jong</i>
<i>Huberts</i>	<i>Chalmers</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	<i>Crandall</i>
<i>Messmer</i>	<i>Gran</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Loenen</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Pelton</i>
<i>S. Smith</i>	<i>Jansen</i>	<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Richmond</i>
<i>Ree</i>	<i>Weisgerber</i>	<i>Peterson</i>	<i>Dueck</i>
<i>Bruce</i>	<i>R. Fraser</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Reid</i>
<i>Serwa</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Dirks</i>	<i>L. Hanson</i>
<i>Vant</i>	<i>Couvelier</i>	<i>Rabbitt</i>	<i>Brummet</i>
<i>Campbell</i>			

NAYS—18

<i>Clark</i>	<i>Harcourt</i>	<i>Blencoe</i>	<i>Skelly</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Smallwood</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>A. Hagen</i>	<i>Guno</i>	<i>Boone</i>	<i>Marzari</i>
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Cashore</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>G. Hanson</i>
<i>Sihota</i>	<i>Edwards</i>		

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* announced that, by agreement, the Order for Committee of Supply would be called at the next sitting, 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 31.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m. until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Tuesday, March 31, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of Mr. *Sihota*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest 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. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General) tabled the British Columbia Steamship Company (1975) Ltd. Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, December 31, 1986.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *W. B. Strachan* advised the House of the business of the House for the remainder of the week.

2 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations the following questions:

1. For 1985/86, what was the breakdown of social service tax revenue between that paid by consumers and that paid by industry?

2. For fiscal year 1986/87, what is the estimated breakdown between that paid by consumers and that paid by industry?

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* replied as follows:

"1. For 1985/86, it is estimated that consumers paid 53.6 per cent and industry 46.4 per cent, of the total revenue of \$1,451,761,470.

"2. For 1986/87, it is estimated that consumers will pay approximately 56 per cent and industry 44 per cent of the forecast total revenue of \$1,580 million."

5 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations the following question:

What were the total surcharge payments by the Teck Corporation and Quintette Coal to B.C. Rail to help defray the capital cost of constructing the Tumbler Ridge branch line in the calendar years 1985 and 1986?

The Hon. *M. B. Couvelier* replied as follows:

"The total surcharge payments by Teck Corporation and Quintette Coal to B.C. Rail in the calendar years 1985 and 1986 amounted to \$21,824,122 and \$20,211,825, respectively."

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *A. J. Brummet* (Minister of Education) made a ministerial statement relating to an early retirement program for teachers in the Province.

Mr. *Jones* made a statement.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

1 Mr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries the following questions:

1. Does the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries plan to close its nematode laboratory in Cloverdale?

2. What is the future assignment of the nematode specialist?

3. What agency will undertake the soil testing for nematode infestation?

4. Will a charge be made to orchardists for testing services in future?

5. If the Cloverdale laboratory is to be closed down, has the soil testing service contract been offered by public tender?

6. Will Canadian private laboratories be given preference over foreign firms?

The Hon. *J. F. Savage* replied as follows:

"1. Not immediately.

"2. Not applicable.

"3. A private laboratory can provide this service.

"4. Any charge for testing services will be determined by the private laboratory.

"5. There is no soil testing service contract with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

"6. Not applicable."

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Thursday, April 2, 1987

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. *E. N. Veitch* tabled the First Annual Report of the Public Service Commission, January to March, 1987.

The Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Industrial Relations Reform Act, 1987* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1987.

Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *A. J. Brummet* (Minister of Education) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

ROBERT G. ROGERS

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Teaching Profession Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 2, 1987.

Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. *L. Hanson* (Minister of Labour and Consumer Services) tabled a Report of the Minister of Labour and Consumer Services to the Premier of British Columbia.

The Hon. *B. R. D. Smith* (Attorney General) made a statement relating to the decision of the British Columbia Court of Appeal in the case of *Delgoom Ukwa versus the Crown and the Registrar, Prince Rupert Land Title District*.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *W. B. Strachan*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Special Committee of Selection to meet while the House is in session this afternoon.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.