

Thursday, February 24, 1977

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)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.02 p.m.

Friday, February 25, 1977

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Father *E. H. Bulloch*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN

Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Islands Trust Amendment Act, 1977*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 24, 1977

By leave of the House, Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics 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.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1977* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Cocke, on behalf of Mr. Lea, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *British Columbia Payment to Canada of Federal Income Tax on Behalf of Natural Gas Producers Repeal Act* a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—23

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	

NAYS—12

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Cocke</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Barrett</i>

Bill read a second time.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1977*.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled *British Columbia Payment to Canada of Federal Income Tax on Behalf of Natural Gas Producers Repeal Act* was Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

Monday, February 28, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. D. E. F. Moulden.

Mr. Gibson rose on a matter of privilege relating to a letter from the Minister of Human Resources regarding Federal cost-sharing arrangements involving income assistance benefits.

Mr. Speaker reserved his opinion on the matter.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the procedure in oral question period raised by the Member for Revelstoke-Slocan on February 24, as follows:

Honourable Members,—In response to the request of both sides of the House, I have reviewed and considered the practices and procedure within oral question period, and their enforcement by the Chair.

Honourable Members will recall that the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills presented to the House on February 27, 1973, and adopted by the House, includes the following provisions:

1. Questions without notice must be *urgent and important*.
2. Supplementary questions *may* be allowed by permission of Mr. Speaker.
3. No debate shall be allowed during questions.
4. The decision of Mr. Speaker shall be final on allowing or disallowing any question.

Supplementary to these rules are those set out in May, 16th edition, at page 356, relating to questions in general.

Among these supplementary rules are the following:

1. The purpose of a question is to obtain information or to press for action, and it should not be in effect a short speech, or limited to giving information, or framed so as to suggest its own answer or convey a particular point of view.

2. The facts on which a question is based may be set out briefly, provided the member asking it makes himself responsible for their accuracy, but extracts from newspapers or books, quotations from speeches, etc., are not admissible.

3. Questions of excessive length have not been permitted.

4. Questions addressed to ministers should relate to the public affairs with which they are officially connected, to proceedings pending in Parliament, or to matters of administration for which they are responsible. Within these limits an explanation can be sought regarding the intentions of the Government, but not an expression of their opinion upon matters of policy.

5. Questions addressed to unofficial members must relate to a bill, motion, or other matter connected with the business of the House for which such members are responsible.

6. A question to an ex-minister with regard to transactions during his term of office is inadmissible.

7. An answer to a question cannot be insisted upon, if the answer be refused by a minister.

8. Questions may not be asked regarding statements made by members outside the House.

9. A question to the Prime Minister (Premier) whether a statement made by a minister represents the policy of the Government is in order.

Further examples of inadmissible questions are as follows:

1. Questions seeking an expression of opinion, or containing arguments, expressions of opinion, inferences, or imputations.

2. Containing epithets, or rhetorical, controversial, ironical, or offensive expressions.

3. Referring to debates or answers to questions in the current session.

4. Seeking information about matters which are in their nature secret, such as decisions, or proceedings of the Cabinet or Cabinet committees, advice given to the Crown by law officers, etc.

5. Dealing with matters referred to a Royal Commission, or with matters before a parliamentary committee before the House has received a report from the committee.

6. Putting to a minister a question for which another minister is more directly responsible, or asking one minister to influence the action of another.

7. Dealing with the action of a minister for which he is not responsible to Parliament.
8. Reflecting on the character or conduct of those persons whose conduct may only be challenged on a substantive motion.
9. Raising matters under the control of local authorities.
10. Seeking, for purposes of argument, information on matters of past history.
11. Raising questions of policy too large to be dealt with in the limits of an answer to a question.
12. Repeating in substance questions already answered or to which an answer has been refused.
13. Multiplied with slight variations on the same point.

Sir Erskine May's 16th edition, at page 363, makes the following observations about oral answers and supplementary questions, and I quote:

1. "An answer should be confined to the points contained in the question, with such explanation only as renders the answer intelligible, though a certain latitude is permitted to Ministers of the Crown";
2. "supplementary questions, without debate or comment, may, within due limits, be addressed to them, which are necessary for the elucidation of the answers that they have given."

It follows that as a proper supplementary question seeks clarification or explanation of an answer already given there cannot be a question supplementary to a question taken on notice.

The number of allowable supplementary questions is not fixed by any practice. So long as questions are properly supplemental and so long as other members are not unfairly deprived of an opportunity to participate in the question period, the Chair need not intervene to limit the number of supplementary questions.

It is my recommendation that wherever an honourable minister has a lengthy answer to any question taken on notice, that the minister concerned advise the House at the conclusion of oral question period that an answer has been tabled. In this way, neither the time of the House within oral question period nor time allocated for other business after oral question period, would be infringed upon.

My perusal of the Hansard reports of oral question period since its inception in this House clearly shows that very great latitude has been taken by honourable members both in the posing of questions and in the answers given thereto. The tenor of the points of order taken on Thursday last, when the Chair was asked to review oral questions, indicates to me that it is the view of many honourable members that there has been too much latitude and liberality of interpretation taken with reference to both questions and answers. Accordingly, the Chair can only respond by seeking the co-operation and adherence of honourable members to the numerous but explicit rules relating to oral question period.

It might be of interest to honourable members to know on the last occasion, in 1932, when this House intimated to the Chair a desire to have the practice clarified in regard to questions, the then Speaker did so and upon the rules found to be applicable he disallowed no less than ninety questions then appearing on the Order Paper.

It is my hope that all honourable members will familiarize themselves with the rules I have set forth and thereby assist the Chair in guiding the House in accordance with correct practices.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the Fifth Report of the Workers' Compensation Board, administering the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act*, for the period January 1, 1976, to December 31, 1976.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1977*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today, the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1977*.

On the motion of Mr. *Lockstead* that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negived on the following division:

YEAS—18

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

NAYS—29

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Cocke* that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negived on the following division:

YEAS—18

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

NAYS—28

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Nicolson* that the House do now adjourn, the House divided.

Motion negated on the following division:

YEAS—18

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

NAYS—29

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

The debate continued.

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

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

The Hon. *Jack Davis* (Minister of Energy, Transport and Communications) presented the Fourth Annual Report of the B.C. Energy Commission for the year ended December 31, 1976.

68 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Energy, Transport and Communications the following questions:

In view of the mandatory inspections of oil tankers by the United States Coast Guard, which were ordered following an explosion on an oil tanker in Los Angeles harbour in which nine persons were killed—

1. Does the Provincial Government have similar plans for inspection of oil tankers travelling along the British Columbia coast from Alaska?
2. Will the Minister be raising this matter with the Federal Minister with a view to developing a Federal-Provincial policy in regard to protection of our coastline?

The Hon. *Jack Davis* replied as follows:

"1. No, since such inspection practices fall within an area of Federal jurisdiction and responsibility.

"2. I intend, along with the Provincial Minister of the Environment, to raise this matter with the Federal Minister concerned."

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 28, 1977

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia Report on the Rule in *Hollington v. Hewthorn* (LRC 30).

On leave being requested by the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* that the House proceed to "Public Bills and Orders," leave was not granted.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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 Chairman further reported that, on the motion the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *King*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—26

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gardom</i>		

NAYS—15

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Stupich</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>King</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>Barrett</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Dailly</i>	

The House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1977*.

The debate continued.

The Speaker's attention was drawn to the clock.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House do stand adjourned.

His attention having been drawn to the clock, Mr. Speaker declared the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.01 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Smith*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *King* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the decision of Public Health nurses to serve strike notice on the Government.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today:

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Farm Income Assurance Amendment Act, 1977*.

Bill (No. 1) intituled *Survivorship and Presumption of Death Amendment Act, 1977*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Pollution Control (1967) Amendment Act, 1977*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—33

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>			

NAYS—16

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

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The following Bills were read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today:

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Change of Name Amendment Act, 1977*.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Liquor Distribution Amendment Act, 1977*.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Provincial Home-owner Grant Amendment Act, 1977* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Cocke*, on behalf of Mr. *Barber*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1977*.

The debate continued.

During the debate, by leave, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) tabled a schedule of total debt—direct and guaranteed *per capita*, for the various provinces.

The House divided.

The Speaker's attention was drawn to the clock.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—30

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

NAYS—19

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

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Mr. *Lauk* rose on a matter of privilege relating to the appointment of the Select Standing Committees of the Legislature pursuant to Standing Order 68 (1).

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

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the year ended December 31, 1975.

And then the House adjourned at 6.11 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1, 1977

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, Bill (No. 19) intituled *Supreme Court Amendment Act, 1977* 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. *G. B. Gardom*, on behalf of the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, Bill (No. 26) intituled *Registered Nurses Amendment Act, 1977* 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.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 10) intituled *British Columbia Payment to Canada of Federal Income Tax on Behalf of Natural Gas Producers Repeal Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Committee further reported that on the motion that the Committee rise and report the Bill complete without amendment, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Barrett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—29

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

NAYS—12

Wallace, B.
Brown
Lockstead

D'Arcy
Sanford
Levi

Lauk
Nicolson
Lea

Cocke
Dailly
Barrett

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Travel Agents Registration Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Levi, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Succession Duty Repeal Act* a debate arose.

During the debate, by leave, the Hon. E. M. Wolfe (Minister of Finance) tabled Schedule 1, Succession Duty Statistics based on actual filings, for the calendar year 1975.

On the motion of the Hon. G. B. Gardom the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered reserved decisions as follows:

Honourable Members,—Subsequent to oral question period today the Honourable Member for Revelstoke-Slocan sought to move adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order 35 on a matter of urgent public importance, namely, a decision of the Public Service nurses to serve strike notice on the Government as a result of the Government Employees Relations Bureau refusal to agree to binding arbitration. The Honourable Member proposed that a resolution of the House, seeking to instruct the Government Employees Relations Bureau, would remedy the problem.

It is not for the Chair to adjudicate upon the merits or efficacy of the proposed motion nor must I determine the urgency of the matter. I must, however, decide if the need for debate at this time is so urgent that all other business of the House should be immediately set aside. In accordance with the precedents by which I am bound, I am unable to conclude that there has occurred a sudden emergency in Provincial affairs as contemplated by Standing Order 35.

The matter raised fails on the further grounds that at the present time nothing more is involved than the ordinary administration of the law under the *Public Service Labour Relations Act*, the *Public Service Act*, and the *Labour Code of British Columbia*. I refer honourable members to a ruling of the Chair, 1976 Journals, at page 115, dealing with a strike vote and imminent strike of the employees of British Columbia Ferries, and to May, 17th edition, at pages 364 and 366.

Honourable Members,—The Member for North Vancouver-Capilano sought to raise a matter of privilege yesterday. As I understand the member, he alleges that the Minister of Human Resources has written a letter in response to inquiries regarding Federal/Provincial cost-sharing agreements which contains, *inter alia*, the following paragraph:

. . . Therefore, when income assistance increases were granted in October the budget for the handicapped was still \$128 million. It was not increased, because it *cannot* be increased without providing the Opposition the opportunity to scrutinize the expenditure in the Legislature during the budget debate . . .

The member claims that the breach of privilege lies in a reflection on the character or proceedings of the House by alleging a lack of action.

As I read this letter, the Minister alleges that an increase in benefits can only be done through the budgetary process and such could not take place in October 1976, as the House was not sitting.

This statement involves commentary on the Parliamentary procedures of this House. I cannot see that it casts any aspersions on this House or any member, regardless of whether or not the comments are concurred in by other members.

A further paragraph reads as follows:

. . . Again, I can only reiterate that to suggest that there ever has been the \$22.50 that could be "passed along" indicates a gross misunderstanding by Opposition critics . . .

In my opinion, this paragraph involves a comment on the position taken by certain members. This comment does not infringe on the rights of those members, nor does it constitute a comment on the character or proceedings of the House.

In dealing with the letter as a whole, I find that neither the dignity of the House nor the rights of the members are infringed upon. Accordingly, I rule that no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has been raised.

D. E. SMITH, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 10.52 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. Pendray*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Medical Services Amendment Act, 1977*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 2, 1977

By leave of the House, 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 House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 4) intituled *British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (1964) Amendment Act, 1977* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—32

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

NAYS—17

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Farm Income Assurance Amendment Act, 1977* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Change of Name Amendment Act, 1977* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Committee further reported that, in consideration of Mr. *Gibson's* proposed amendment to section 2, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—12

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Nicolson</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Lea</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cocke</i>

NAYS—32

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Lauk</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Waterland</i>

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Liquor Distribution Amendment Act, 1977* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *G. B. Gardom*, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Chairman's attention was drawn to the clock.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

72 Mr. *King* asked the Hon. the Minister of Forests the following questions:

1. What was the total volume of log export for the years 1975 and 1976?

2. What was the total volume of (a) cypress, (b) spruce, and (c) pulp-grade logs exported in 1975 and 1976?

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

"1. 1975, 150,126 cunits; 1976, 208,239 cunits.

"2. (a) 1975, 29,395 cunits; 1976, 13,377 cunits; (b) 1975, 62,942 cunits; 1976, 70,963 cunits; and (c) There is no official pulp grade. Pulp logs form the major portion of No. 3 grade, which was exported as follows: 1975, 98,398 cunits; 1976, 133,443 cunits."

And then the House adjourned at 6.03 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2, 1977

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following report:

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 2, 1977

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed January 13 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees for the present Session be as follows:

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Messrs. *Mussallem* (Convener), *Davidson*, *Haddad*, *Rogers*, *Schroeder*, *Strongman*, the Hon. *Sam Bawlf*, the Hon. *K. R. Mair*, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, Messrs. *Lauk*, *Levi*, *Macdonald*, *Gibson*, and *Wallace*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Convener), Messrs. *Calder, Kahl, Kerster, Loewen, Veitch*, the Hon. *Sam Bawlf*, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser*, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer*, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips*, the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, Messrs. *King, Lauk, Skelly, Stupich, Gibson*, and *Wallace*.

AGRICULTURE—Messrs. *Bawtree* (Convener), *Davidson, Schroeder, Shelford, Strongman*, the Hon. *J. J. Hewitt*, the Hon. *D. M. Phillips*, Messrs. *D'Arcy, Stupich*, and Mrs. *Wallace*.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING—Messrs. *Lloyd* (Convener), *Haddad, Mrs. Jordan, Mr. Schroeder*, the Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, the Hon. *H. A. Curtis*, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser*, Messrs. *Barber, Barnes, Nicolson*, and *Gibson*.

LABOUR AND JUSTICE—Messrs. *Loewen* (Convener), *Bawtree, Veitch*, the Hon. *K. R. Mair*, the Hon. *L. A. Williams*, the Hon. *E. M. Wolfe*, Mr. *Macdonald*, Ms. *Brown* and *Sanford*.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES—Mrs. *Jordan* (Convener), Messrs. *Kahl, Kerster, Mussallem*, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer*, the Hon. *W. N. Vander Zalm*, Mr. *Cocke*, Ms. *Brown*, Messrs. *D'Arcy* and *Wallace*.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS—Messrs. *Kempf* (Convener), *Calder, Kahl, Rogers, Shelford*, the Hon. *Jack Davis*, the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, Messrs. *Barnes, Lea*, and *Lockstead*.

ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES—The Hon. *J. A. Nielsen* (Convener), Mrs. *Jordan*, Messrs. *Kempf, Kerster, Lloyd, Schroeder, Strongman*, the Hon. *J. R. Chabot*, the Hon. *Jack Davis*, the Hon. *T. M. Waterland*, Mr. *Lea*, Mrs. *Dailly*, Messrs. *Skelly, King, Gibson*, and *Wallace*.

Respectfully submitted.

GRACE M. MCCARTHY, *Chairman*

By leave of the House, the report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The Hon. *J. J. Hewitt* (Minister of Agriculture) presented the Thirty-first Annual Report of the Milk Board for the year ended December 31, 1976.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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 Committee further reported that, on the motion the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Cocke*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—17

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

NAYS—28

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

The Committee further reported that, on the motion the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *King*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—17

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

NAYS—28

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

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

Mr. *King* rose on a point of order relating to proceedings in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker stated he would review the matter raised.

And then the House adjourned at 11.07 p.m.

Thursday, March 3, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *F. Nelson*.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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.

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

By leave, the Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) tabled the Report of the Committee on Continuing and Community Education in British Columbia, dated December 1976.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, March 3, 1977

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) presented the Seventh Annual Report of the Law Reform Commission of British Columbia for the year 1976.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) made a statement relating to the work of Professor Leon Getz, the retiring Chairman of the Law Reform Commission.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$124,088 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

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

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of Vote 84 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Cocke*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—30

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

NAYS—19

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

Friday, March 4, 1977

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Brig. *T. Smith*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,201,513 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, General Administration, to 31st March 1978.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,535,823 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Land and Water Management, to 31st March 1978.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,676,795 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Environmental and Engineering Services, to 31st March 1978.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,022,355 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Protection, to 31st March 1978.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,114,830 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Environment and Land Use Committee Secretariat, to 31st March 1978.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$667,830 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Provincial Land Commission, to 31st March 1978.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,294,118 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$726,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of the Environment, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* (Minister of Education) presented the following: Second Annual Report of the British Columbia Institute of Technology, 1975/76.

Simon Fraser University: *Public Bodies Financial Information Act* Return, 1975/76.

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) tabled a report intituled *A Study of Community Law Offices and Legal Aid Society Offices in British Columbia*.

63 Mr. *Cocke* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:

1. Have any commissions or committees been set up to provide input on the subject of post-secondary education and training?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the commissions or committees, (b) which ones have completed their reports, (c) will the reports be made public, and (d) what was the cost of each report?

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) A committee for Continuing and Community Education (Faris Committee); a commission on University Programs in Non-metropolitan Areas (Winegard Commission); a commission on Vocational, Technical and Trades-training in British Columbia (Goard Commission); and a special consultant to the Government on the State of Research and Research Funding in British Columbia (Gaudry Report).

(b) All committees have completed their reports, (c) yes, and (d) cost of each report as at January 31, 1977 was as follows: Faris Report, \$15,550.46; Winegard Report, \$30,095.96; Goard Report was a public inquiry and not the responsibility of the Ministry of Education; and Gaudry Report, \$22,747.96."

64 Mr. *Cocke* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:

How many foreign students with university student visas are enrolled at each of British Columbia's universities and other institutions of higher learning?

The Hon. *P. L. McGeer* replied as follows:

"The Ministry of Education does not maintain records of foreign students with university student visas enrolled in British Columbia universities or other institutions of higher learning."

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

Monday, March 7, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. W. MacQuarrie*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Agricultural Produce Grading Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 3, 1977

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Wallace* asked leave to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, under Standing Order 35, relating to the administration of justice in the City of Vancouver.

Mr. Speaker disallowed the motion on the grounds that the Attorney-General was presently holding discussions on the subject-matter and that there would be an opportunity of further discussion under the Estimates of the Attorney-General.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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.

By leave, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) tabled a telegram from G. D. McKinnon, Crown Counsel, Region 2 (Vancouver), to the Premier, dated March 4, 1977.

By leave, Mr. *Wallace* tabled a Crown Counsel Brief to the Attorney-General, dated March 12, 1976.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *W. O'Brien*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. R. Bennett* (Premier) made a statement relating to a meeting held today on the administration of justice.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Without the Committee rising, the Chairman reported that, during debate on Vote 18, the Member for Nelson-Creston had raised a matter not involved in the administrative responsibility of the Premier and was, accordingly, out of order.

The Chairman's ruling was challenged.

The Chairman's ruling was sustained on the following division:

YEAS—31

Veitch
Strongman
Rogers
Mussallem
Loewen
Wallace, G. S.
Jordan
Shelford

Calder
Fraser
Curtis
Chabot
McGeer
Wolfe
Bennett
Gardom

Phillips
McCarthy
Lloyd
Kerster
Kahl
Haddad
Davidson
Vander Zalm

Nielsen
Bawlf
Mair
Williams
McClelland
Hewitt
Waterland

NAYS—17

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

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

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

By leave, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy* (Provincial Secretary) tabled a copy letter to R. D. Higgins, dated January 20, 1977, referred to during question period today.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) presented the Annual Return for the calendar year 1976, submitted in accordance with section 53 of the *Administration Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8, 1977

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)

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$713,648 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Executive Council to 31st March 1978.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. K. Prior.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 9, 1977*

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$102,752 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,009,729 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, General Administration, to 31st March 1978.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$438,598 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Information and Education, to 31st March 1978.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$558,778 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Marine Resources, to 31st March 1978.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Fisheries Enhancement Program, to 31st March 1978.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,348,676 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Wildlife, to 31st March 1978.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$640,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Federal and Other Agency Programs, to 31st March 1978.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$129,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Creston Valley Wildlife Management, to 31st March 1978.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,501,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Parks Operations, to 31st March 1978.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Parks—Capital Program, to 31st March 1978.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,158,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, British Columbia National Parks (Pacific Rim), to 31st March 1978.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Youth Crew, to 31st March 1978.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,468,805 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Heritage Conservation Branch, to 31st March 1978.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Heritage Conservation Capital Program, to 31st March 1978.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,546,778 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Recreation and Fitness Branch, to 31st March 1978.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$446,588 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Recreation Facilities Program, to 31st March 1978.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Recreation Facilities Grants, to 31st March 1978.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,180,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Grants in Aid of Regional Park Development, to 31st March 1978.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$427,274 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Cultural Services Branch, to 31st March 1978.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,846,362 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Library Services Program, to 31st March 1978.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,076 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, British Columbia Arts Program, to 31st March 1978.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$470,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Capital Improvement District, to 31st March 1978.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,588,501 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$351,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Recreation and Conservation, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Thursday, March 10, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. Barner.

On the motion of the Hon. K. R. Mair, Bill (No. 28) intituled *Consumer Protection 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.

By leave, the Hon. J. A. Nielsen (Minister of the Environment) tabled the Summary Report, Joint Alberta-British Columbia Studies on Peace River Development, dated December 30, 1976.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Thursday, March 10, 1977

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)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Friday, March 11, 1977

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. E. Greenhalgh*.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 1) intituled *Survivorship and Presumption of Death Amendment Act, 1977* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1977* was committed, reported complete with amendment. Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Travel Agents Registration Act*.

On the motion of Mr. *Cocke*, on behalf of Mr. *Levi*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Home Purchase Assistance Amendment Act, 1977* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Supreme Court Amendment Act, 1977* was read a second time.

By leave, Bill *Ordered* committed forthwith.

Bill (No. 19) was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled *Agricultural Produce Grading Act* was read a second time.

By leave, Bill *Ordered* committed forthwith.

Bill (No. 23) was committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Medical Services Amendment Act, 1977* was read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Islands Trust Amendment Act, 1977* a debate arose.

Mr. *Gibson* moved an amendment as follows:

“That the motion be amended by deleting the word ‘now’ and substituting therefor the words ‘in six months hence’.”

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. A. Williams* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.01 p.m.

Monday, March 14, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. M. McPherson*.

Mr. Speaker made a statement relating to Commonwealth Day.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Department of Housing Amendment Act, 1977*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 9, 1977

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

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

Bareboat Charter between McLeod, Young, Weir Leasing (No. 1) Limited and The Province of British Columbia, dated July 6, 1976.

Bareboat Charter between McLeod, Young, Weir Leasing (No. 2) Limited and The Province of British Columbia, dated July 27, 1976.

Syndicate Agreement among Canada Trustco Mortgage Company, Montreal Trust Company, and The Canada Trust Company, dated November 22, 1976.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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.

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

The Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) presented the Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board for the year 1976.

By leave, the Hon. *L. A. Williams* (Minister of Labour) tabled a letter in reply to an oral question asked by the Member for Comox, relating to boards of review, *Workers' Compensation Act*.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. D. Holmes*.

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

WALTER S. OWEN
Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Motor-vehicle Amendment Act, 1977 (No. 1)*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 15, 1977

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

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, 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.

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

46 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Economic Development, as Minister responsible for the British Columbia Railway, the following questions:

In regard to the Box Car Manufacturing Company of Squamish—

1. Has the Minister spoken to the appropriate Minister in Ottawa about the exceptionally short time of two or three days allowed to submit bids on the most recent Federal Government call for tenders for the manufacture of box cars?
2. Was the Squamish plant able to complete and submit a bid in time to meet the Federal deadline?
3. Has the Minister ascertained whether or not manufacturers such as Hawker-Siddley and M.L.W.-Bombadier also had only two days to submit bids?
4. How many employees does the Squamish plant now have?
5. Is it operating at a profit or a loss at the present time?
6. What was the profit or loss for the last fiscal year?
7. Are there any plans for expansion of the plant at Squamish?
8. What is the plant's present yearly manufacturing capacity?
9. How many bids has the plant submitted in the last calendar year?
10. Has the plant received any orders in the preceding calendar year?
11. Does the Government have a policy of actively pursuing orders for the plant and, if so, what efforts have been made to obtain orders?
12. Does the Government plan to continue operation of the plant?

The Hon. *D. M. Phillips* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes, but was able only to respond to a portion of the invitation which was in four parts. The plant concentrated their efforts on the 100-ton steel version of the car, as recommended by Mr. Burgess and Mr. Churchor, at a meeting in Ottawa with L. L. Bingham, General Manager, Railwest Manufacturing Co., on Monday, January 10, 1977.

"3. It is my understanding the other manufacturers invited to tender were Hawker-Siddley Co., Trenton, Nova Scotia; Marine Industries, Sorel, Quebec; National Steel Car, and Procor Ltd., both of Hamilton, Ontario; and that the formal invitation to tender was sent to these companies January 5, 1977, as was that received by the British Columbia Railway.

"It is also my understanding, however, that while Procor Ltd. is not expected to submit a proposal, the other companies were probably aware of the specifications at a much earlier date than we were.

"In addition, all three builders had manufactured virtually identical vehicles during the past year and were therefore in possession of most construction engineering details.

"4. As of January 14, 1977, there were a total of 236 employees—comprised of 179 hourly and 57 nonscheduled, supervisory, and management employees.

"5. Railwest during 1976 manufactured exclusively for British Columbia Railway at cost. With all costs recovered, Railwest manufactured both chip cars and bulkhead flat cars at a cost to the railway approximately equal to what they would have paid eastern builders.

"6. As per No. 5.

"7. While the Railwest plant was designed and constructed with an expansion capability of 100 per cent, present plans do not call for the immediate expansion of the facility in as much as our productive capacity equals current demands of the British Columbia Railway.

"8. Depending upon vehicle type and the number of vehicles to be constructed in any one order, productive capacity ranges generally between 600 and 1,200 vehicles per year.

"9. Bids submitted were as follows:

"1976—White Pass & Yukon, 10 40-ton flat cars; Loram International Ltd., 100 100-ton ballast cars, 100 100-ton 60-ft. flat cars, 10 100-ton gondolas; Kimberley-Clark, 150 70-ton wraparound bulkhead flat cars; CP Rail, 45 cabooses; FMC of Canada, 48 chlorine tank cars (repainting); CP Rail, 353 100-ton covered hopper cars; and British Columbia Railway, 100 100-ton ballast cars.

"1977—CNR (on behalf of Ontario Hydro), 432 100-ton rotary dump coal gondolas; CP Rail (on behalf of Ontario Hydro), 368 100-ton rotary dump coal cars; CP-CN (on behalf of Government of Canada), 500, 1,000, 1,500, and 2,000 100-ton covered hopper cars; and Dominion Bridge, 18 100-ft. steel girders."

"10. None to date.

"11. All marketing efforts have to date been handled exclusively by Railwest personally; however, we have requested marketing assistance from time to time from both the Provincial and Federal Industry, Trade and Commerce Branches.

"12. We are well aware of social and economic impact of the plant in Squamish and will do everything reasonable to see its continuing operation."

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 1977

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)

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 1977

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. S. Clarke.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$146,516 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Minister's Office, to 31st March 1978.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Chairman further reported a division on an amendment moved by Ms. Brown as follows:

"That the salary of the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources, as provided for in Vote 184, be reduced by \$1."

The Committee recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Barrett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—18

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

NAYS—27

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>	

The Chairman further reported that in consideration of Vote 184 the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Cocke*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—25

<i>Veitch</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Hewitt</i>
<i>Jordan</i>			

NAYS—15

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

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

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Highways and Public Works) presented the following:

The Annual Report of the Department of Highways for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1976.

The Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1976.

By leave, the Hon. *A. V. Fraser* (Minister of Highways and Public Works) tabled a reply to a question asked by the Member for Oak Bay during oral question period, relating to lighting of Government buildings.

2 Mr. *Barnes* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following question:

What was the total number of employees of the Highways Ministry for each month of 1975/76 and to date in 1976/77?

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* replied as follows:

"The total number of employees of the Ministry of Highways and Public Works (Highways Division) was:

	1975/76	1976/77		1975/76	1976/77
April	5,615	5,512	October	5,663	6,329
May	5,991	5,820	November	5,631	6,361
June	6,268	6,078	December	5,712	6,279
July	6,497	6,460	January	5,640	6,190
August	6,348	6,840	February	5,574
September	6,010	6,384	March	5,543

Please note the above figures represent total of regular and additional auxiliary employees hired for project work, etc."

3 Mr. *Barnes* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

1. What are the average total costs including amortization of capital costs per passenger-mile on the British Columbia highway system?

2. What is the similar figure for the Second Narrows Bridge (Highway 1, Mile 85.4 to 86.5)?

3. What is the similar figure for the bridge across Okanagan Lake from Kelowna to Westbank (Highway 97, Mile 78.5 to 79.54)?

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* replied as follows:

"1. Answer is unavailable as (a) statistics concerning passenger-miles are not maintained; (b) under normal Government accounting practices, with the exception of bridges, there is no amortization of capital costs; and (c) the period of time is not defined.

"2. and 3. See No. 1."

45 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and Public Works the following questions:

With regard to the offices now occupied by the Premier and his staff—

1. What was the total cost of renovations?

2. What was the total cost of furnishings?

3. Was carpeting and furniture purchased from a Canadian manufacturer?

4. What was the cost per square yard of carpeting?

5. Were bids asked and tenders submitted for the purchase of furniture and carpeting?

6. If the answer to No. 5 is yes, what companies submitted tenders, what were the tender figures for each company, and which company obtained the contract?

The Hon. *A. V. Fraser* replied as follows:

"1. Approximately \$156,000.

"2. Approximately \$25,000.

“3. (a) Carpeting was purchased through a Canadian dealer from a United Kingdom manufacturer, and (b) with a few exceptions, all furniture was purchased from Canadian manufacturers.

“4. Carpeting cost \$22.89 per square yard.

“5. Yes. All items, whether new or refurbishing of existing, were tendered and awarded through the normal channels of a Purchasing Commission requisition, and awards were made to the low bidder.

“6. Thirty-seven requisitions were raised and 27 purchase orders were involved. In view of the number, they have not been attached to this question but are available for perusal, if required.

“In explanation, it should be noted that original orders for the occupancy of the West Annex were placed by the former Minister of Municipal Affairs and the office of the Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“The decision that the Premier and his staff would occupy the West Annex resulted in substitution and exchange of some of this furniture for furniture previously ordered under similar procedures for, or existing in, other parts of the building.”

And then the House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

Thursday, March 17, 1977

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *B. Hale*.

On the motion of Mr. *Shelford*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *British Columbia Petroleum Sales Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. H. McClelland*, Bill (No. 16) intituled *Psychologists 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.”

During oral question period, Mr. Speaker ruled that it was irregular to repeat a question which had a short time previously been taken on notice, and that it would be at the discretion of the Chair to determine at what time a question on notice might be repeated.

Ms. *Sanford* asked leave to continue the question period. Leave was not granted.

By leave, the Hon. *G. B. Gardom* (Attorney-General) made a statement in reply to a question asked by the Member for Oak Bay during oral question period on March 9, relating to alleged improprieties of the RCMP in obtaining evidence.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,660,388 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Administration and Community Services, to 31st March 1978.

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

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

87 Mrs. *Wallace* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:

Relative to Tent Island—

1. What were the terms of lease, which expired last year, to use this island as a marine park?
2. Were the owners of the island prepared to renew the lease?
3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, (a) what were the proposed terms, (b) were any counter offers made, and (c) if the answer to (b) is yes, what were those counter offers?
4. Is this island presently under consideration as a future marine park?

The Hon. *Sam Bawlf* replied as follows:

"1. There was no lease in 1976. This situation was brought about by the insistence of the Federal Government for a clause to indemnify the Crown Federal for any fire damage, and to protect them from any action for damages resulting from negligence.

"The last previous lease expired March 31, 1975. This was for a yearly rental of \$2,000. On June 23, 1976, the same rental was paid, without a lease, for the period April 1, 1975, to March 31, 1976, by treasury cheque 3639776.

"2. Yes.

"3. The rental remains the same. The disputed clause has been reworded, and the Crown Federal assumes all responsibility for the standing timber. The new lease is now being drafted for execution. There were no counter offers.

"4. No."

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, March 17, 1977

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,273,365 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Services for Families and Children, to 31st March 1978.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$167,023,863 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Services for Seniors and Handicapped, to 31st March 1978.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Health Services, to 31st March 1978.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,793,471 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Community Programs, to 31st March 1978.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$193,920,046 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Income Assistance Program, to 31st March 1978.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,407,911 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Special Programs for the Retarded, to 31st March 1978.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$206,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Burns Lake Community Development Association, to 31st March 1978.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,195,255 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Building Occupancy Charges, to 31st March 1978.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$599,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Human Resources, Computer and Consulting Charges, to 31st March 1978.

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

The House proceeded to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Mr. *Mussallem* presented the First, Second, and Third Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT NO. 1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 16, 1977

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

That the Standing Orders have been complied with relating to the respective petitions for leave to introduce the following Private Bills:

An Act to Amend the Vancouver Stock Exchange Act, 1907.

An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter.

Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia Amendment Act, 1977.

Your Committee recommends that the respective petitioners be allowed to proceed with the said Bills.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. MUSSALLEM, *Chairman*

REPORT NO. 2

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16, 1977

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

That the Standing Orders have been complied with relating to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate The Institute of Accredited Public Accountants of British Columbia*, except for late filing, but with respect thereto the petitioner has paid double fees in accordance with Standing Order 98 (3).

Your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the said Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. MUSSALLEM, *Chairman*

REPORT NO. 3

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16, 1977

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

That the Standing Orders have been complied with relating to the petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Trinity Western College Act*, except for late filing, but with respect thereto the petitioner has paid double fees in accordance with Standing Order 98 (3).

Your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the said Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. MUSSALLEM, *Chairman*

The reports were read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.52 p.m.

Friday, March 18, 1977

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Father *Bernard Hanley*.

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

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Minister of Finance) presented the Annual Report of the British Columbia Assessment Authority for the year ended December 31, 1975.

By leave, the House proceeded to "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1977* was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Home Purchase Assistance Amendment Act, 1977* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

The Committee further reported that, in consideration of Mr. *Barber's* proposed amendment to section 1, the Committee had divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *D'Arcy*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—18

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

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<i>Strongman</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Kerster</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Loewen</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Kahl</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>McClelland</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>		

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Medical Services Amendment Act, 1977* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Consumer Protection Act* was read a second time.

By leave, Bill *Ordered* committed forthwith.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report the Bill complete with amendment, the Committee divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gibson*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the said division be recorded as follows:

YEAS—37

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Kahl</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>			

Bill (No. 28) was committed, reported complete with amendment.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *K. R. Mair*, Bill *Ordered* to be read a third time now.

On the motion for third reading, the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—37

<i>Wallace, B.</i>	<i>Wallace, G. S.</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Kahl</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Curtis</i>	<i>Haddad</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Davidson</i>
<i>Barnes</i>	<i>Cocke</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Vander Zalm</i>
<i>Lockstead</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>
<i>D'Arcy</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bawlf</i>
<i>Skelly</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Mair</i>
<i>Sanford</i>	<i>Bawtree</i>	<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Kempf</i>	<i>Waterland</i>
<i>Mussallem</i>			

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters Act* a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Barber*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.55 p.m.